
Present with Dr. Daniel Doz in the chair were the following: Dr. André Plante, Jill Brown, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Scott Cressman, Paul Robert, Dr. Benedict Fullalove, Heather Huston, René Martin, Nicole Hamilton, Susie Kennedy, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Mike Kerr, Barbara Sutherland, Bryan Cera, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Gorenko, Sondra Meszaros, Dr. Chris Frey, Dr. Sarah Alford, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Suzanne Lemermeyer, Lisa Blackwell, Kayla Gale, Dr. Mark Clintberg and Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong.

Guests: Richard Brown; Dr. Alex Link, Associate Vice-President, Academic Affairs; Andrea Power, Secretary to General Faculties Council; Carissa Matthews, Director, Office of the Provost and Morgan Scully, Recording Secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00pm, confirmed quorum and then welcomed newest GFC member, Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong to their first meeting.

1. Acknowledgment of the Land

The Chair read the AUArts Acknowledgement of the Land statement to members and guests.

2. Approval of the Agenda

There was a request to add a new agenda item for information – revision to the 2020-2021 academic schedule from the Academic Policy Committee. The information item was added as #20.

M Clintberg moved / B Sutherland seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the November 18, 2020 agenda, as revised.

Carried

3. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2020

H Huston moved / T Rock seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft minutes of the October 18, 2020 meeting, as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from October 18, 2020 GFC approved minutes

There was no business arising.

5. Report from the President

Update on the Post-Secondary Institution provincial system review. After first round of consulting, four emerging goals were identified:

1. Improving access and strengthen the student experience
2. Developing skills for jobs
3. Strengthening innovation and commercialization
4. Improving internationalization

- IMAs likely won't be released until the new year.
- Budget task force has been constituted.
- Launched "Boost a Student" fundraising initiative.

6. Report from the Vice President and Provost

- The Vice President and Provost noted that they attended Alberta Council of Senior Academic Officers meeting and discussed covid and the PSI system review.
- Two new faculty joining us in September 2021. Three positions will be posted in January 2021. AVP Research and Academic and 2 Chair positions will also be posted.
- Lodgepole Centre has moved under the responsibility of Student Affairs
- Update on the Indigenous framework.

7. AUArts Students' Association Report

Student Affairs have confirmed the chosen name initiative is moving forward and there is now a form on the website to facilitate the change for students.

8. GFC representative to the Board Report

The Board of Governors met to approve the 2019-2020 annual financial statements. Also approved a motion to allocate internally restricted funds for the matching campaign for the fundraising program, "Boost-A-Student".

9. Steering Committee: Revised Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference

Original design of the GFC committee structure didn't include a clear path for revisions to graduate programming and GFC. The proposed revision to the terms of reference creates consistency in the way undergraduate and graduate curriculum revisions are approved and/or recommended to GFC.

As recommended by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the revised Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference, as presented.

Carried

10. Academic Policy Committee

10.1. Revised Consolidated Graduate Studies Procedure

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the revised Consolidated Graduate Studies Procedure to accept Duolingo as an English Language Proficiency test option beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Carried

10.2. Revised Undergraduate Grading Procedure

There was a request that gender pronouns be removed from the procedure.

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

That the General Faculties Committee approve the revised Undergraduate Final Grading Procedure, with an effective date of September 1, 2021 in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, as revised.

Carried

10.3. Revised Registration Procedure

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

That the General Faculties Council approve the revised Registration Procedure with an effective date of September 1, 2021 in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, as presented.

Carried

10.4. Revised Transfer Credit Procedure

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

That the General Faculties Council approve the revised Transfer Credit Procedure, to be effective September 1, 2021 in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, as presented.

Carried

11. University Continuity

- The GFC meeting package included three course modifications to Winter 2021 semester.
- AUArts are scheduled for an institutional review from CAQC and will be working on this over the Winter. In parallel AUArts will be drafting a Universities Canada application.
- As AUArts continue online delivery over Winter 2021, faculty were encouraged to use resources that have been developed to support faculty online teaching. The check-in is no longer mandatory to get a Mosaic shell, but it is mandatory if you need support.

12. School of Craft + Emerging Media Council (SC+EM)

Approved Council minutes attached.

13. School of Critical + Creative Studies Council (SCCS)

Approved Council minutes attached.

14. School of Communication Design Council (SCD)

Approved Council minutes attached.

15. School of Visual Art Council (SVA)

Approved Council minutes attached. H Huston thanked Associate Chairs and everyone who has added to the work that the Chairs do.

16. MFA in Craft Media Program Committee (MFA in CM)

Approved Program minutes attached. Questions by members of GFC about target enrollment for MFA program.

17. Graduate Studies Standing Committee (GSSC)

No report.

18. Deans' Council

Variety of updates and presentations at the last meeting including:

- J Leong-Huxley and N Hamilton regarding the EDI framework
- Update from A Plante and A Link regarding Academic Plan, programs and curriculum.
- Unit plans timeframe
- J Brown introduced the budget process for the University

19. Steering Committee - updates received for information only

19.1. Academic Planning and Oversight Committee: Terms of Reference for the Articulation and Transfer Sub-Committee

The Steering Committee approved a new sub-committee of APOC to review all Transfer and Articulation Agreements.

19.2. Research Committee: Terms of Reference for the ad hoc committee on Illingworth Kerr Gallery (IKG)/Research Committee (RC) Coordination

The Steering Committee approved a new sub-committee of the Research Committee whose primary purpose is to make a recommendation to the Research Committee on how to best coordinate the strategic direction of the IKG.

**20. Academic Policy Committee – update received for Information only
Revised 2020-2021 Academic Schedule**

GFC had previously approved a revised 2020-2021 academic schedule with an additional spring semester. There has been a request to revert to the previous term structure for Spring 2021. The Academic Policy Committee (APC) will be reviewing the request at their next meeting. If the new schedule is approved, the APC will bring this forward to GFC for information at the next meeting.

21. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.