

**Voting Members 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, Sondra Meszaros, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Mike Kerr, Barbara Sutherland, Bryan Cera, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Gorenko, Justin Waddell, Dr. Chris Frey, Dr. Sarah Alford, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Suzanne Lemermeier, Lisa Blackwell, Kayla Gale, Dr. Mark Clintberg and Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong

**GFC Resource Members:** Andrea Power, Secretary to General Faculties Council; Carissa Matthews, Director, Office of the Provost; Su Soyer, Recording Secretary

**Guest:** Dr. Alex Link, Associate Vice-President, Academic Affairs

**Observers:** Kim Neutens, Associate Vice-President, Student Affairs; Sarah Grodecki, Executive Director AUArts SA; Rickee-Lee Webster, President AUArts SA; Tammy Paul, E.A. to the President and CEO

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and confirmed quorum.

### **1. Acknowledgment of the Land**

The Chair read the AUArts Acknowledgement of the Land statement.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Dr. M. Clintberg moved / H. Huston seconded**

***THAT the General Faculties Council approve the March 24, 2021 agenda, as presented.***

***Carried***

### **3. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021**

**R. Martin moved / H. Huston seconded**

***THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting, as amended.***

***Carried***

In discussion of the February 24, 2021 draft minutes, a few members of GFC noted concerns with the word 'bias' in the January 6, 2021 SVA/SC+EM Approved School Council Meeting Minutes, #5. Discussion/open Q&A. GFC agreed that the wording of the amendments to the February 24, 2021 minutes would take place outside the meeting and be confirmed by those who requested the amendments. Accordingly, the February 24, 2021 draft minutes were approved, as amended. The amendments to the approved February 24, 2021 meeting minutes are below.

**Addition #1: "A few members of GFC noted concerns with the word 'bias' in the January 6, 2021 SVA/SC+EM Approved School Council Meeting Minutes, #5. Discussion/open Q&A and asked that it be noted that students also have concerns regarding racism occurring in the classroom."**

**Addition #2: "With respect to a query regarding who a student should go to when they have a concern for racism, it was noted that students should go to the School Council Chair."**

Following the discussion of the edits to the draft minutes, it was confirmed the GFC Steering Committee should review the use of MS Teams Chat, particularly with its use in GFC draft minutes. This discussion will come back to GFC at the April 28, 2021 meeting under Business Arising.

#### **4. Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

#### **5. Report from the President and CEO**

- The Minister of Advanced Education made an announcement regarding return to campus in Fall 2021; however, issues remaining include room and building capacity, and social distancing. The Ministry of Advanced Education is waiting on guidelines from Public Health.
- After 2 years of suspending the public art program, the City of Calgary has put out a call and plans to re-launch – CADA will manage the process, AUArts is the education partner. More information to follow. Please connect with J. Leong-Huxley regarding opportunities for faculty who want to participate.
- AUArts' upcoming centennial: The Chair asked that all GFC members start thinking about how AUArts want to approach the centennial and what AUArts should develop.
- Watch for the Aug. or Sept. National Geographic which will include an article from an AUArts alumni. More information to follow.

#### **6. Report from VP Academic and Provost**

- Ongoing discussions of the Calgary WIL consortium between universities and colleges for a common platform.
- Undergraduate Degree Review workgroup update to come from H. Huston, a sub-committee has been formed to review the graduate program as well.
- The potential Fall-break consultation was held on March 22, 2021 and the recording was sent out along with a survey for feedback - deadline to complete the survey is April 1.
- Work Integrated Learning (WIL): The Minister of Advanced Education would like the Alberta Post Secondary Institutions in Alberta to be the first province to require all students to have a WIL experience in their university experience. The current criteria is a percentage/ratio (how many WIL over all programs). There are currently no core courses in the undergraduate program which qualify as WIL and in the MFA there are T.A.s. More details to come. The UDRW is reviewing how WIL could be integrated into undergraduate programming.

#### **7. AUArts Students' Association (SA) Report**

Report included in the meeting package. K. Gale also provided a verbal report:

- Elections are ongoing, will continue until end of March
- Started federal advocacy group
- Applied for funding to further inclusion initiatives
- Furthering international student advocacy
- S.A. successfully held Megaphone Series
- Clarity on reform for student loans: for the federal government to review the interest rate on loans to make it more manageable for students.
- S.A. has noticed that the AUArts Mission, Vision, and Values need to be emphasized more in institutional work.

### **8. GFC representative to the Board Report**

M. Clintberg provided a verbal report:

- The 2021 Honorary Degree recipient announcement will come soon from the President and CEO.
- A successful meeting was held with the Minister of Advanced Education at the start of the March 19, 2021 Board retreat. The Board retreat was productive and focused on setting priorities and generating skills.

### **9. University Continuity**

A. Plante provided an update.

- Discussions are being held at APOC regarding a return to in person classes in Fall 2021. For the current Winter 2021 semester, students going back to campus has been working well.
- The Ministry indicated that return to campus, as much as possible, is expected for the Fall semester. On March 18<sup>th</sup> a follow-up from the Ministry was received, encouraging PSIs to prepare for a full return to campus for Fall. The challenges include physical distancing and APOC is working on different scenarios. The return needs to be done safely and in certain spaces it will be difficult to maintain current health guidelines. Further announcements to come.
- It was noted, anecdotally, there are many F grades for Fall 2021. It was confirmed, after a review of all grades for Fall 2021, that the F grades were almost the same as Fall 2019.

### **10. Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup (UDRW): Draft program-level outcomes**

H. Huston provided a presentation on the work of the UDRW. In discussion, the following was noted:

- A short feedback survey will go out to GFC members on the program outcomes in the coming days. All feedback will go to the UDRW for review at their April 19 meeting.
- The learning objectives are being revised hand-in-hand with this and will align with the work.

### **11. GFC and GFC Standing Committee Feedback Form**

Dr. Doz announced that feedback surveys will be distributed on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Steering Committee will discuss the feedback on May 5 and a verbal update will come to GFC at the May 26 meeting. The Steering Committee will discuss any potential changes at its June 2 meeting.

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

Minutes included in meeting package. P. Robert noted that learning outcomes are being revised and will come to the Curriculum Committee in due course.

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

Minutes included in meeting package. It was noted that the elder honoraria is a process question. With respect to visiting speakers, it was noted there have been discussions on scheduling and the appropriate types of compensation.

### **14. School of Communication Design Council (SCD)**

Chair provided a brief verbal report. Last meeting devoted to looking at the 2021-22 timetable and refining the unit plan based on the budget. Time has allotted in meetings for a 'committee of the whole discussion' which allows for open discussion by all.

### **15. School of Visual Art Council (SVA)**

Minutes included in meeting package.

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

Minutes included in meeting package. It was noted that an announcement of the Fall 2021 hires would come from the School Chairs, in due course.

**17. Dean's Council**

The last meeting focused on unit plans and one main task was to narrow the actions in each unit plan. The vision, mission, and values are in the background of the work and all unit plans align with the Academic and Strategic Plans.

In response to a question regarding Fall 2021 faculty hires and if these are strategic BIPOC hires or hires that simply happen to be Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour, A. Plante noted that the faculty hires are a responsibility of the search committee of a School and strategic EDI conversations would take place at that level.

**18. Steering Committee:**

**18.1 Approved IKG Advisory Sub-Committee Terms of Reference**

The approved terms of reference were attached for information.

- Members noted the need for a curator. J. Brown noted that the current organization chart does not contain a curator position and it is therefore not in the budget.
- It was noted that Advancement should be consulted on grants to accurately represent the institution.
- Regarding membership, it should be further clarification is needed to confirm whether the Librarian or the Director of Learning Services should be the voting member on this committee.

**19. Adjournment**

The March 24, 2021 General Faculties Council meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.