

**Voting Members** Present with Dr. Daniel Doz in the chair were the following: Dr. Alex Link, Jill Brown, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Scott Cressman, Paul Robert, Dr. Benedict Fullalove, Heather Huston, René Martin, Nicole Hamilton, Susie Kennedy, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Gorenko, Justin Waddell, Dr. Chris Frey, Dr. Sarah Alford, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Suzanne Lerner Meyer, Kayla Gale, Dr. Mark Clintberg and Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong, Portia Scabar, India Dmytriev

**GFC Resource Members:** Andrea Power, Secretary to General Faculties Council; Tammy Paul, E.A. President + CEO; Carissa Matthews, Director, Office of the Provost; Su Soyer, Coordinator of Research + Academic Affairs  
*recording*

**Guests:** Jolene Meyers-Jaekel, Manager, Student Life & Wellness, Charlene Bobyn, Academic Accommodation Coordinator, David Plamondon and Jayde Gravel, Pe Metawe Consultants.

**Observers:** Kim Neutens, Dean of Students; Sarah Grodecki, Executive Director AUArts SA; Dr. Ashley Scarlett, Rickee-Lee Webster, President AUArts SA; and Jillian Dolan, student

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm and confirmed quorum.

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

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

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

H. Huston moved / M. Clintberg seconded

*THAT the General Faculties Council approve the May 25, 2021 agenda, as presented.*

*Carried*

### **3. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021**

H. Huston moved / M. Clintberg seconded

*THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting as presented.*

*Carried*

### **4. Business Arising**

#### **4.1 Updated Organization Chart: Academic Leadership Structure**

At the April 28, 2021 meeting there was a motion that stated: *THAT at the May 26, 2021 GFC meeting, the President provide an updated Organization Chart for the new structure including Deans, Chairs and other positions impacted by this changed structure.*

Dr. Doz presented the updated organization chart that was included in the meeting package. There was no further business arising.

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

Nothing further to report.

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

Report included in the meeting package. Convocation is coming up and the SA is holding an event and have invited everyone to attend.

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

M. Clintberg provided a verbal report on the May 18<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting:

- Amanda Hu has resigned from the Board, before the end of her term.
- The BoG voted to approve the 2021-2022 Budget.
- The President's Shawl was presented.
- There was a brief presentation by Pe Metawe Consultants.
- BoG also discussed WIL, and the Honorary Degree recipient for 2021, Chris Cran, was announced.
- MS Teams Chat has been removed from Board meetings.

## **8. Academic Policy Committee:**

### **8.1 Draft Student Academic Accommodations Policy**

### **8.2 Draft Student Academic Accommodations Procedure**

As recommended by the GFC Academic Planning and Oversight Committee:

**Moved / Seconded**

***THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft Student Accommodations Policy, and Procedure, as presented, to be effective July 1, 2021.***

***Carried***

GFC Members noted the great work by Student Affairs, and it was noted the sample name on the form be amended. No further questions.

## **9. University Continuity**

Dr. Link provided an update:

- RMT and its subcommittees have been planning for the Fall semester given the current public health restrictions. AUArts is preparing for a full return to campus next September while preparing that it may not be a full return on the first day of class.
- The timetable is being published with a full roster of room allocations with reasonable expectations that before the end of the Fall semester it will be a full return.
- If by September 8<sup>th</sup>, we haven't been able to do a full return, 3 categories of courses have been created:
  - 1) Courses that will run on campus under health restrictions (33 courses to this effect)
  - 2) 5 courses that will run fully online

3) Courses that can run online if necessary but prefer to be on-campus. If health restrictions do not allow a September 8<sup>th</sup> return but a full return is possible later in the Fall term, these in-between courses will gradually return to campus as facilities and faculty are prepared.

- An invitation to an all-faculty meeting for June 7 will be sent soon to discuss these details.

#### **10. AUArts Indigenous Plan/Strategy: Introduction to Pe Metawe Consultants**

D. Plamondon and J. Gravel from Pe Metawe Consultants provided an introduction and an update on the work being done on draft initiatives. There have been 2 webinars; one for students and 1 for faculty/staff, as well as surveys. There is room to engage further, and members of the AUArts Community are asked to reach out. The position description for the Indigenous Coordinator has been completed with additional recommendations on the role. More work is being done on refining and improving the elder's protocol to better incorporate and engage with the Elders Council.

Questions on the Indigenous Plan/Strategy included:

- There has been follow up on engagement for undergraduate academic programming with the UDRW, the consultant, and what is happening at the university. Broader discussion on the curriculum has been underway.
- Training facilities have been contacted for direct support for indigenous students attending the university.
- It was noted that the indigenous students are very keen on the work being done for indigenous students.

#### **11. GFC and GFC Standing Committee Feedback Survey Results**

Dr. Doz summarized the GFC and GFC Standing Committee feedback survey results noting the feedback was positive and, for a first year of operating, the Standing Committees are doing great work.

#### **12. Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup (UDRW) Update**

H. Huston gave a presentation on the UDRW noting a June update will come to GFC in September. The work of the UDRW is foundational for the application to CAQC and WIL. Met with the Indigenous consultants on the substance of the curriculum.

#### **13. Other Business**

This was a new agenda item added to the GFC meeting. Members voiced concerns regarding the removal of the MS Teams Chat function for GFC meetings.

#### **M. Clintberg moved / I. Dmytriev seconded**

***THAT the General Faculties Council ask Steering Committee to have another discussion regarding MS Teams Chat at future GFC meetings.***

***Carried***

There were also questions on:

- The meeting format for GFC meetings in 2021-2022 will be discussed by the Steering Committee on June 2, 2021.

- A Call for Nominations for the Vice Chair of GFC will be held in September 2021.

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

Minutes included in meeting package.

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

Minutes included in meeting package.

**16. School of Communication Design Council (SCD)**

Minutes included in meeting package.

**17. School of Visual Art Council (SVA)**

Minutes included in meeting package.

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

Minutes included in meeting package.

**19. Deans' Council**

Dr. Doz noted that the Deans' Council had not met due to the restructuring and the work being done on the unit plans.

**20. Steering Committee: Approved Student Conduct Work Group Terms of Reference**

The approved Student Conduct Work Group Terms of Reference has been provided in the GFC package.

**21. Adjournment**

Dr. Doz congratulated members on the work of GFC and the GFC standing committees. The May 26, 2021 General Faculties Council was adjourned at 3:42pm.