

Voting Members present with Dr. Daniel Doz in the chair were the following: Dr. Alex Link, Jill Brown, Jamie Leong-Huxley, René Martin, Nicole Hamilton, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Paul Hudson, Sarah Alford, Martina Lantin, Suzanne Lernermeier, Barbara Sutherland, Bryan Cera, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Brown, Justin Waddell, Dr. Christopher Frey, Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong, Portia Scabar, Rickee-Lee Webster, Ian FitzGerald, Rita McKeough

Regrets: Susie Kennedy

GFC Resource Members: Carissa Cameron Matthews, Director, Academic Resources; Tammy Paul, GFC Resource; Andrea Power, Secretary, General Faculties Council; Kanwal Baluch, GFC Resource

Observers: Sarah Grodecki, AUArts SA Executive Director; Lisa Cerny, AUPE Chapter006/Local071; Joel Farris, SA Program Manager

Guest: Heather Huston, Chair, Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup (UDRW); Kim Neutens, Dean of Students

The Chair read the acknowledgement of the Land, called the meeting to order at 2:06pm and confirmed quorum. The Chair then welcomed GFC members, guests, and observers to the GFC meeting.

1. Approval of the GFC October 20, 2021 Agenda

moved / seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the October 20, 2021 agenda, as presented.

Carried

2. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2021

There was one typo on a date which should have read Winter 2022.

moved / seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft General Faculties Council minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting, as amended.

Carried

3. Business Arising from the September 15, 2021 General Faculties Council approved minutes

3.1 MS Teams Chat

On October 6, 2021 the GFC Steering Committee reconsidered the decision to remove the MS Teams Chat at GFC meeting and provided guidance, which is now contained in the GFC online meeting protocol. Thanks to Bryan Cera, Portia Scabar and Andrea Power on their efforts. In discussion of the new Teams chat guidance, the following was noted:

- A request to ensure quantitative data was made available before any decisions are made to remove chat again. It was noted that it would not be appropriate for GFC to contemplate or discuss respectful workplace matters and, accordingly, quantitative data would not be reported to GFC. The new Teams Chat protocol could be incorporated into other Teams meetings at the university, if desired.

3.2 Election Results: Vice Chair of GFC

On September 27, 2021 the new GFC Vice Chair was announced, René Martin, Director, Learning & Instructional Services. Congratulations were extended to René Martin. The call noted that the term for the

Vice-Chair is for the length of their GFC term or 3 years, whichever comes first. Accordingly, René Martin will serve as the GFC Vice Chair for 3 years, provided René Martin is an ex-officio member of GFC. Thank you to the other nominees, Dr. Alex Link and Richard Brown, for allowing their names to stand.

No GFC members had any further business arising from the September 15, 2021 meeting.

4. Report from the President

The President provided a verbal report, and the following was noted:

- The Alberta municipal elections took place recently and congratulations letters to the elected counselors were sent. The Mayor elect met with the President and CEO early in the election and they have a good understanding of AUArts. The Japanese and US consulates each have recent appointments in Calgary, and it is hoped they can be invited soon to campus.
- AUArts are starting the process of preparing the 2022-2023 budget by building a set of assumptions which includes enrollment, cost increases, utilities etc. In a few weeks, these assumptions will be reviewed with the President's Cabinet and GFC members will be kept informed on the progress.
- A big thank you to the School of Creative and Emerging Media for re-activating the main mall with a new exhibit.
- There is a new Deputy Minister for Advanced Education, Laura Pillipow, and they will be visiting the campus next week.
- The second round of interviews are being scheduled for the Dean, Academic Programs and the first round of interviews for the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, Research, and Internalization has concluded. BIPOC Search has been engaged for these searches and they will confirm if these searches will be closed or open. There is a desire to have these individuals hired by early 2022. With respect to the positions being faculty hires, this is yet to be confirmed.

5. Report from the Associate Vice President Academic Affairs

The Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs verbally reported, and the following was noted:

- The undergraduate degree review workgroup has been working on the recommendations for degree restructuring. A meeting has been called for next to week to discuss the recommendations and faculty are encouraged to attend.
- School Councils have been presented with a revised School Plan that was generated by School Councils a year ago. Two of the School Councils have already endorsed the Plan.
- The Associate VP Academic and Dean of Innovation met with the Calgary Board of Education representative about future possibilities with respect to work integrated learning opportunities.
- The Academic Policy Committee is discussing and preparing a proposal for a potential fall break for the next academic year. Consultation will follow in November, including School Councils.
- The Academic Planning and Oversight Committee is preparing a chart to track activity in relation to the progress of the academic plan.

6. AUArts Students' Association Report

The Student Association Vice President, Academic provided a written report and the following was noted:

- A new Administrative Assistant was hired, Rene Co, who is an AUArts Alumni.
- The group structure for students has changed and community grants have been introduced. The SA is moving away from student groups on campus.
- Cache packs are available for students on campus and they each contain a variety of items which are non-food related.
- Fill your cup month is happening in October and there is a table in the main mall with snacks, teas, and different items. The faculty, staff and students are welcome to take a couple of things from there and it will be slowly refilled over the month.
- An international student pancake breakfast was held where attendees heard the history of maple syrup and indigenous cultures.
- Regarding PRIDE, the SA joined forces with SAITSA and painted the plus 15 LRT walkway. One side is SAITSA, and the other side is AUArts.

7. GFC representative to the Board of Governors Report

The GFC representative to the Board of Governors provided a verbal report and the following was noted:

- The Board retreat was held on September 25th. It was an introductory session for the Board and the GFC joined in the afternoon. The discussions included highlights of Alberta 2030, IMA, WIL, Strategic Plan Accomplishments, and Strategic Plan Priorities. The Board will next meet on November 3, 2021. There were no questions.

8. Recovery Management Update

The Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs verbally provided an update on the Recovery Management Team (RMT) and the following was noted:

- RMT has continued to meet weekly but there have been discussions to meet less frequently.
- Since the return to campus on September 22, the security and campus operations have maintained integrity of access to campus by ensuring rapid tests or proof of vaccination for Covid. The Vaccination Policy will come into effect on November 15, 2021.
- RMT reviewed their terms of reference and noted public access, for now, will be restricted. This will be reconsidered in the future.
- Students who do not comply with the vaccination policy will receive a WR on their transcript. RMT has a continued priority focus on health and safety. Only courses that have been approved to be taught online will remain online in Fall 2021 and all other courses will be taught in person. Previously, online courses were added out of necessity.

9. Update: AUArts Indigenous Framework

The Dean of Students verbally provided an update and shared a PowerPoint presentation report on the AUArts Indigenous Framework. The following was noted:

- AUArts had engaged an external consulting group to support drafting the document and they worked on it during Winter/Spring of 2021. They had conversations with staff, faculty, alumni, and the Elders

Council and submitted a draft document in June 2021.

- The plan now provides five pillars: Relationships & Engagement, Administration, Training & development, Co-curricular Environment, and Curriculum & Teaching.
- The draft framework was presented to the Elders Council and Elder Casey identified opportunities for enrichment.
- AUArts is seeking Universities Canada membership in future and their 13 principles on indigenous education were shared.
- With respect to the timeline, it is anticipated GFC will continue to receive future updates and the Board of Governors will receive the Framework for endorsement in late 2021 or early 2022. Elder Casey will provide further direction on the timeline.
- The design of the final document will include indigenous student artwork.
- The PowerPoint provided today will be shared with members of GFC.

10. Presentation: Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup (UDRW)

The Chair of the UDRW provided an update on the work group and the following was noted:

- New Curriculum Structure PowerPoint presentation was shared, which included the time of the new BFA program launch in Fall 2023.
- The committee included the chair, directors, faculty members from four schools and advisors from ORAA, Registrar's Office, Cabinet, and the curriculum committee.
- The work being done needs to align with the strategic and academic plan to advance quality sustainable programming that prepares students for life and work beyond graduation. In addition, it will ensure reliable curricular quality and planning and build on program quality assessment and review to develop innovative, in-demand program opportunities.
- The program will need to balance the relationship between enrollment and costs as this is a requirement from CAQC.
- Incorporating and surfacing a WIL component that not just meets the government's requirement but also answers students' questions about how they will gain certain skills is critical. There is a need for this one course that is a requirement for all BFA students and has a WIL component, which needs to be finalised by the end of this calendar year.
- Faculty members were encouraged to think about things they would like to do in their classes or change in the syllabi as the proposal moves forward.
- There is a plan to reach out to external influencers, particularly in the private sector, in relation to the content and it is a part of the future discussion. The learning and innovation portfolio is working on a pathway and framework for external engagement opportunities.
- The PowerPoint provided today will be shared with members of GFC.

11. Other Business

Time was provided on the agenda for items of other business. The Chair requested GFC members to send items of other business for the next GFC meeting two weeks before the next GFC meeting.

12. School Council Report

The Associate Vice President, Academic noted the approved meeting minutes for the School of Craft + Emerging Media Council (SC+EM), School of Critical + Creative Studies Council (SCCS), School of Communication Design Council (SCD), and School of Visual Art Council (SVA) were enclosed in the meeting package

13. Deans' Council

There was one meeting which took place and that was in preparation for the Board retreat, which focused on the strategic plan accomplishments and priority items. The terms of reference were also revised due to the change in the academic structure. The chair will keep GFC abreast of the discussions from the next Deans' Council meeting.

14. Student Affairs Committee (SAC): Student Complaint Guide and Form

The Chair of the Student Affairs Committee verbally provided an update on the Student Complaint Guide and Form. The following was noted:

- The SAC worked on this based on the request from the SA to give students clarity on where to go for complaints. The Form is posted on the student success centre and experience with the Guide and Form will be evaluated in a year.

15. 2020-2021 GFC and GFC Standing Committee Annual Reports

The GFC Chair provided a brief outline of the 2020-2021 GFC and GFC Standing Committee Annual Reports noting they will next be placed on the GFC website and then received for information by the Board of Governors.

16. Adjournment

The GFC meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next GFC meeting will be held on November 17, 2021.