

The General Faculties Council (GFC) is responsible for the academic and student affairs of Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts), subject to the authority of the Board of Governors. GFC acts as the voice of the academic community, providing vision and leadership to the academic community and bringing expertise and academic perspective to the governance of AUArts.

In fulfilling this role, GFC shall promote AUArts' teaching and research consistent with its mandate. GFC makes recommendations to the Board of Governors on academic and student affairs. Furthermore, it provides a forum for the exchange of ideas that inform the development of AUArts' academic plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and practices.

GFC supports the tradition established in institutions of higher learning for debate, consultation, and collegiality.

As a member of the AUArts GFC or one of its Standing Committees, you are expected to:

- a) Advance and uphold the mission, vision, and values of the University.
- b) Act in good faith and in the best interests of the University, trying to foresee probable consequences of each proposed course of action.
- c) Act in a manner consistent with the general spirit and intent of the University [Code of Conduct Policy](#) while being courteous of others, including to treat others with respect and dignity.
- d) Attend and be well-prepared for meetings and participate fully and frankly in the deliberations and discussions of these meetings with thoughtful consideration.
- e) Maintain confidentiality of all information designated as such in all in-camera/ closed sessions of GFC and meetings of standing committees, disclosing only when appropriate.
- f) Communicate with your School or constituency about the issues before GFC and raise any issues of concern.
- g) Be knowledgeable of the GFC Bylaws and the Terms of Reference for its standing committees.
- h) Understand and respect the distinction between the role and responsibilities of the Board of Governors and the GFC.
- i) Be prepared to participate in GFC Standing Committees, Sub-Committees, or Work Groups as opportunities and scheduling permits.