
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, Susie Kennedy, Mitch Kern, Sarah Alford, Martina Lantin, Suzanne Lermeyer, Barbara Sutherland, Bryan Cera, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Brown, Rita McKeough, Justin Waddell, Dr. Christopher Frey, Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong, Portia Scabar, Rickee-Lee Webster, Ian FitzGerald

Regrets: John Gaucher

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

Guests: Heather Huston, Chair, UDRW; Kim Neutens, Dean of Students

Observers: Graham Boyd, SA Vice President, External Relations, Sarah Grodecki, SA Executive Director

The Chair read the acknowledgement of the Land, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm and confirmed quorum. The Chair then welcomed GFC members, guests, and observers to the GFC meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved / Seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the November 17, 2021 agenda, as presented.

Carried

2. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2021

It was noted there were three typos in the draft minutes.

Moved / Seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting, as amended.

Carried

3. Business Arising from the October 20, 2021 GFC approved minutes

The Chair did not have any items noted for Business Arising from the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes. The new Deputy Minister had not visited the campus as earlier indicated. The visit was canceled last minute and has not been rescheduled yet.

4. Report from the President and CEO

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

- Monday was the first day of the implementation of the vaccination policy and 97% of all three groups - faculty, staff and students - are fully vaccinated. The chair thanked all the members and recognized the work CMT and then RMT has done during the pandemic.
- He noted it is Jill Brown's last GFC meeting and thanked her for her work.
- Senior Administration and Academic Searches update: The second round of interviews for the Dean, Academic Programs have concluded. But the second round of interviews for the Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, Research, and Internalization has not been scheduled yet. The interviews for VP Finance and Operations have started. The position has changed due to restructuring modifications.

- The government released a list of proposed draft IMA Performance Measures. The 5 proposed measurements are: Administrative Expense Ratio, Strengthen internationalization, Graduate Survey Metric, Total domestic enrollment, and Recent Graduates. Feedback from each institution is currently underway and is due by the end of November. For this academic year, the first IMA performance measurement is related to Work Integrated Learning (WIL), which could impact 5% of funding.
- The chair noted that the province of Saskatchewan provides Post-Secondary Institutions with a menu for performance measurements and each PSI selects from the measurements.
- The Tech Show is running in Room 371 until 26th Nov.
- The Student Association Virtual show and sale will begin on 27th Nov.

5. Report from AVP Academic Affairs

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

- The curriculum development work is being finalized and will be approved through the GFC standing committee structure. A suite of course changes has been recommended by SCEM, SVA, SCD School Councils and MFA in Craft Media Committee.
- The work is continuing on the development of 1) Direct entry to the BDes degree in the first year and 2) UDRW recommendation for the revisions to the BFA program.

6. AUArts Students' Association Report

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

- Sarah Grodecki, Executive Director of Student's Association, is moving on to new adventures. She has worked with the association for the past 9 years. She has been an extraordinary leader and the SA are thankful for all the work she has done. This position has been advertised and interviews will begin soon.
- The Virtual Show and Sale will run from November 27 - December 4 and can be accessed via the link provided in the written report in the package. The SA professional jury has accepted 42 applicants for this event.

7. GFC representative to the Board Report

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

- The first formal meeting took place on November 3rd and it was preparatory in nature. It had to do more with reports and forms.
- Some time was spent discussing Government relations and potential revisions to the Post Secondary Learning Act.
- The Board of Governors meetings are open to the public and they would like to invite faculty and students to attend.
- It was confirmed that the Board Chair does do a roll call for members, guests and observers at each meeting.

8. Steering Committee: Draft Expectations of GFC and GFC Standing Committee Members

As recommended by the GFC Steering Committee:

Moved / Seconded
THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft expectations of GFC and GFC Standing Committee members, as presented.

Carried

A. Power spoke to the motion and noted that the expectations of GFC and GFC standing Committee members is a standard document consistent with GFC in Alberta provides a high-level understanding of established

expectations. The document will be provided to all members that serve on GFC and the associated GFC standing committees. The AUArts mission, vision and values are integral to the document.

9. Academic Policy Committee (APC): Fall Break

S. Kennedy provided an update on the work that APC has been doing in relation to the Fall Break and the academic date setting procedure. The APC is looking at adding:

- the addition of fall break that coincides with Remembrance Day in November
- aligning the current term length of all the schools to minimum of 12 meeting times
- the opportunity for a make up day at the end of term, if needed
- aligning the final assessment period for the four schools at the end of the term - 5 days and a Saturday

The implementation steps and timelines are shared in the document in the package. The motion for recommendation of a Fall Break will be brought forward to GFC at the next meeting with the draft 2021-2022 academic schedule.

In discussion of the documents, the following was noted:

- A. Power met with the students and each school council. There was discussion about October or November for the fall break. The APC can have another look at that, but the surveys were conclusive for November.
- A. Link mentioned that if this were to be approved, a clear communication would be needed around the day in lieu and clear definition of what constitutes final exam or final assessment period.

GFC members noted the following:

- During the student leadership council meeting a desire for 6-hour instructional classes was presented. Students would like more time in studios with their instructors.
- The SA health and dental has been moved to Oct 1 and that will need to be adjusted on the document. With respect to September 30th, there has been discussion with the Elders about how to recognise that day. The Chair confirmed that conversations will continue with Elder Casey and September 30th will be revisited after the Indigenous framework has been finalised.
- It was confirmed there will be a minimum of 12 meeting instances.
- The technicians have been present at the school councils so they are aware of the proposal, but S. Kennedy will reach out for additional consultation.
- A query with respect to having two classes in one day as a make up is not possible as there would be concerns with space; students may already have other classes on the same day and the collective agreement does restrict faculty from teaching a certain number of classes/hrs per day.

The chair requested members to email any further questions, concerns, or suggestions directly to Susie Kennedy.

10. Recovery Management Update

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

- 97% vaccination rate for all three groups at the university.
- The campus is as safe as regards to COVID as it could be at this time.
- RMT is winding down and this may be the last RMT update to GFC.

11. Update: AUArts Indigenous Framework

The Dean of Students verbally provided an update, and the following was noted:

- Met with Elder Casey and the Board of Governors with respect to update on the Indigenous strategy. The recent direction from Elder Casey is to call this framework a Strategy.
- Focal point is Black Foot Tipi as representatives of the AUArts indigenous strategy and its relationship with the Lodgepole Centre.
- On Friday, 26 Nov from 9:30-12 Elder Casey will be doing a Tipi teaching for anyone who is interested.
- Next Elder Council meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

12. Update: Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup (UDRW)

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

- BFA structure timeline was shared and once approved will launch in 2023.
- Meetings were held with the Ministry and CAQC, Faculty, UDRW, Library, Directors, Registrar's Office, Dean's Council and MFA Curriculum for consultation and feedback.
- The submission to GFC will include a motion briefing, degree-level outcomes, draft planning guide and the CAQC submission.

13. Steering Committee: Draft GFC E-Voting Protocol

The GFC Steering Committee are responsible for preparing governance rules and procedural oversight, which would include a protocol for e-voting. Several GFC in Alberta and Senate's across Canada have prepared e-voting protocols to increase efficiency and minimize members time at extra meetings. The GFC Steering Committee reviewed the Draft GFC E-Voting Protocol at the November meeting for discussion only and now the Steering Committee is seeking feedback from GFC before the protocol returns to Steering for a recommendation to GFC. There were no questions.

14. Other Business

The chair noted that no other business was received in advance. He encouraged members to submit any questions in advance to the GFC Secretary.

15. School Council Report

Approved meeting minutes included in meeting package for:

- School of Craft + Emerging Media Council (SC+EM)
- School of Critical + Creative Studies Council (SCCS)
- School of Communication Design Council (SCD)
- School of Visual Art Council (SVA)
- MFA in Craft Media Program Committee (MFA in CM)

A query regarding SCEM/SVA joint meetings and what needs to happen for the schools to meet separately was presented. It was noted if the members of the school councils want to discuss meeting separately, a request should be sent to A. Link.

16. Deans' Council

The chair noted that the Dean's Council met on 4th Nov and there was discussion on the Fall Break. Also, the library produces an annual report, and it will be coming forward to GFC in January 2022. The council also discussed the pending IMAs.

17. Adjournment

The November 17, 2021 General Faculties Council meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. The next GFC meeting will be held on December 15, 2021.