

**Statutory/Ex Officio Members:** Dr. Daniel Doz, Chair, Dr. Janis Goldie, Vice Chair, Arif Ansari, Nicole Hamilton, Michelle Housley, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Dr. Alex Link, Scott Powell, Dr. Rob Stone

**Statutory/Elected Members**

**School of Communication Design:** Karl Geist, Nick Johnson, Silas Kaufman, Mike Kerr

**School of Craft and Emerging Media:** Marty Kaufman, Anahita Mosayebi, Paul Robert

**School of Visual Art:** Alana Bartol, Richard Brown, Lisa Lipton

**School of Critical and Creative Studies:** Vacant

**By Degree Area:** Laurel Johannesson, Jamie Kroeger, Suzanne Lemermeyer

**Statutory Student Members:** Quynn Covey, Juli Song

**Appointed Members:** John Gaucher

**Other Members:** Wendy Harding, Dr. Pablo Ortiz

**Non-Voting Members:** Cherie Tutt, University Secretary

**GFC Meeting Resource Members:** Su Soyer, Academic Coordinator, Undergraduate Studies

**Regrets:** Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Dr. Kara Stone

**Guests:** Sondra Meszaros, Colleen Mackell, Academic Coordinator

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The Chair acknowledged the land, called the meeting to order at 2:01 and confirmed quorum. The Chair then welcomed new and returning members to the new academic year.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the September 20, 2023 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**3. Approval of the May 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation included in the meeting materials.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on May 17, 2023 be approved.

**Carried**

#### 4. Report from the President and CEO

Dr. Daniel Doz provided updates on AUArts facilities projects/proposals, advocacy and government relations at the municipal and provincial levels, and community initiatives including the new student community pantry and faculty exhibitions.

#### 5. Approval of the Revisions to the Academic Date Setting Procedure

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Arif Ansari presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter outlined the revisions to the Academic Date Setting Procedure.
- In response to a question, it was explained that the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is not a statutory holiday, but it has been the university's practice to ensure there are no classes/activities scheduled on September 30 to allow students, faculty, and staff to attend relevant activities.
- The GFC recommended that September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation be added to the list of non-instructional days listed in Appendix A.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the Academic Date Setting Procedure, in the form provided to the GFC, effective immediately, and as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee with the requested amendment to Appendix A.

**Carried**

#### 6. Reports from the Deans

##### Academic Programs

Dr. Janis Goldie presented on:

- The Summer Residency Program.
- Undergraduate enrolment numbers, noting positive trends in terms of both full-load equivalents and seats filled.
- Enrolment in the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) program.
- Activities taking place this month, including:
  - The external review team site visit for the MFA program review.
  - Teaching + Learning Sessions: Enhancing Learner Engagement with Mosaic, Mental Health Session, and Learning Outcomes.
  - Gary Eitzen's MFA Summer Show in Gallery 371.
  - The Illingworth Kerr Gallery (IKG) Christina Battle exhibition.

## **Students**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

Dr. Pablo Ortiz-Hernandez highlighted the following from his report:

- The Curriculum, Advising, and Program Planning (CAPP) Degree Audit software was soft launched by the Registrar's Office in August, and tracks student progress for degree progression and has been positively received.
- The new Student Orientation was successful and well received.
- Overall enrollment numbers, including Indigenous and international numbers.

## **Innovation, Learning and Development**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Nicole Hamilton and Michelle Housley presented this item.

- The GFC received a presentation on the Library Learning Commons project, including:
  - The timing for construction of the Learning Commons has been delayed.
  - Current operational challenges.
  - What is hoped to be achieved with the creation of the Learning Commons.
  - Trends in library user metrics.
  - Feedback received to date and next steps.
- It was announced that a new librarian will start on September 25, 2023.

It was noted that there is a need for more conversations with faculty regarding the new Learning Commons prior to any construction/closure of the library. The presenters reported on plans to create a working group for the project and committed to gathering more input from faculty.

## **7. Student Association (SA) Report**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Quynn Covey and Juli Song highlighted the following:

- The student community pantry is open, and donations can be dropped at several locations around campus.
- By-election timelines and vacancies.
- In response to a question regarding graduate student participation with the SA, it was clarified that an Master of Fine Arts (MFA) student position is available and will hopefully be filled in the by-election.

## **8. School Council Reports: School of Craft + Emerging Media Council (SC+EM), School of Visual Art Council (SVA), MFA in Craft Media Program Committee (MFA in CM)**

Documentation was circulated with the meeting materials for information only.

**9. Good News Moment**

Members of the GFC shared information on positive happenings around campus, including upcoming student and faculty events.

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

The General Faculties Council adjourned the September 20, 2023 meeting by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.