

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: Anahita Mosayebi, Paul Robert, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère

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, Dr. Kara Stone

Statutory Student Members: Quynn Covey, Juli Song

Appointed Members: John Gaucher

Other Members: Wendy Harding, Dr. Pablo Ortiz

Regrets: Marty Kaufman

Non-Voting Members: Cherie Tutt, University Secretary

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

The Chair acknowledged the land, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the October 18, 2023 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of the September 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on September 20, 2023 be approved.

Carried

4. Report from the President and CEO

Dr. Daniel Doz provided updates on the Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women's visit on October 17. Planning and messaging for the Minister of Advanced Education's upcoming visit on October 19. The report also included updates on the progress of the Indigenous Pathways and on government relations with the City of Calgary regarding downtown building vacancies and planning.

5. Death of a Student Policy and Procedure, Approval

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

Highlights:

- The presenter introduced the new Death of a Student Policy and Procedure (DSP&P) explaining that the new DSP&P will ensure the university has a clear process if there is a death of a student.
- In response to a question, it was clarified that the formal notification of the death of a student would go to the Dean of Academic Programs, who would then disseminate the information to faculty as appropriate.
- The General Faculties Council (GFC) discussed other policies and procedures that intersect with the DSP&P including the Graduation Procedure, the Honorary Degree Procedure, and the Naming Policy. It was suggested that it be considered if a process for dealing with the awarding of posthumous degrees be included in the Convocation manual.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the Death of a Student Policy and Procedure, in the forms provided to the GFC, effective immediately and as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.

Carried

6. Revisions to the GFC Bylaws

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Daniel Doz and Cherie Tutt presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported that the revisions being proposed to the GFC Bylaws are primarily editorial and add clarity or remove redundant information. A thorough review of all the governing documents is planned for 2025, as the University will have been operating with the current documents for five years at that point in time.
- The University Secretary reviewed the proposed changes. There were no questions.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the GFC Bylaws, in the form provided to the GFC, effective immediately and as recommended by the Steering Committee.

Carried

7. Board Honorary Degree Committee: Call for Nominations

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Daniel Doz presented this item.

It was reported that the Honorary Degree (HD) Committee is currently accepting nominations for 2024 until November 10, 2023. Members are encouraged to put forward names to be considered for an Honorary Degree.

It was noted that the nomination process and form have been simplified to encourage nominations. Nominations can be submitted to boardofgovernors@auarts.ca.

Secretary's Note: Following the GFC Meeting the University Secretary became aware that the boardofgovernors@auarts.ca email was decommissioned and that nominations should be sent to cherie.tutt@auarts.ca

8. Reports from the Deans

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Janis Goldie, Dr. Pablo Ortiz and Nicole Hamilton presented these items.

Academic Programs

Dr. Janis Goldie presented on the following:

- The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Program Review, updates on curriculum work associated with the program modifications to the Bachelor of Design (BDes) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), and the Designing for Work internship course in the BDes.
- The creation of a Program Advisory Council for the School of Communication Design (SCD).
- Continuing work towards partnership with the Calgary Arts Academy.
- Upcoming Events: Teaching and Learning Session on October 31, Gallery Crawl on November 10, and the Teaching and Learning Day on November 16, 2023.

Students

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

- AUArts' Open House will be held on October 28, 2023.
- The 2023 International Student Survey was implemented on October 17, 2023 for current international students and recent graduates.

- Accommodate was launched in mid-August. A 57% increase in students accessing accommodations was reported this year as compared to last year.
- The AUArts Indigenous Pathways is finished and is now with the Elder Council to present to the Board of Governors.
- ApplyAlberta and the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) replacement solution project is underway. The project steering committee and a working group will provide oversight of this project.

Innovation, Learning and Development

Nicole Hamilton and Michelle Housley presented this item. The GFC received a presentation on the following:

- The Library Learning Commons: construction will begin the first week of May and may take 6-8 weeks, pending contractor confirmations. Access to the Library circulation will be available throughout the duration. The proposed blueprints were shared. It was confirmed there will be a foot washing station in the washrooms.
- A Recap on the Centre for Career Innovation: it was noted that the purpose is to expand breadth of AUArts programming with a focus on education for employment, diversify revenue, and enhance outreach and access. First year objectives were reviewed along with the roadmap for achieving them.

9. Students' Association Report

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Quynn Covey and Juli Song presented this item.

- The Students' Association (SA) elections have been completed.
- The Puppy Room was a successful event on October 17, 2023.
- Show + Sale will be on November 17th and 18th, 2023.
- The Community Pantry is now open, located on the 2nd floor by the elevator. Non-perishable donations can be dropped off at the AUArts SA Resource Table in the Main Mall.

10. Program Advisory Council Terms of Reference

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

11. GFC and GFC Standing Committee 2022-2023 Annual Reports

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

12. School Council Reports

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

13. AUArts Good News Moment

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

14. Adjournment

The General Faculties Council adjourned the October 18, 2023 meeting by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.