

# General Faculties Council (GFC) Approved Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 22, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Room 532

**Statutory/Ex Officio Members:** Dr. Daniel Doz, Chair, Dr. Janis Goldie, Vice Chair, Nicole Hamilton – arrived during Item 6, Michelle Housley, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Dr. Alex Link, Scott Powell, Dr. Rob Stone

**Statutory/Elected Members** 

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

School of Craft and Emerging Media: 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

Regrets: Arif Ansari, Quynn Covey, John Gaucher, Karl Geist, Wendy Harding, Anahita Mosayebi, Dr.

Pablo Ortiz, Juli Song

Non-Voting Members: Cherie Tutt, University Secretary

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

Guests: Gitz Derange, Manager Indigenous Initiatives – present for Item 6

The Chair acknowledged the land, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

# 1. Approval of the Agenda

# Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the November 22, 2023 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

Carried

#### 2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

# 3. Approval of the October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

#### Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on October 18, 2023 be approved.

Carried

# 4. Report from the President and CEO

Dr. Daniel Doz included the following in his report:

- An update on the Alberta Post-secondary Network (ASPN) and a copy of its 2024-2025 Budget Submission to government was circulated as a table document.
- Proposals and relations with the City of Calgary regarding downtown vacancies.
- The Student Community Pantry is open and non-perishable donations can be dropped off at the AUArts S.A. Resource Table in the Main Mall.

# 5. Revisions to the GFC Standing Committee Terms of Reference

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

# Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the revisions to the terms of reference (ToR) for the Steering Committee, the Academic Policy Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee, highlighting that the changes aim to clarify each standing committee's responsibilities and ensure alignment with the Post-Secondary Learning Act for student judiciary matters.
- There were no questions.

#### Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council approve the revisions to the terms of reference for the:

- Steering Committee
- Student Affairs Committee
- Academic Policy Committee

in the forms provided to the Committee, effective immediately, and as recommended by the Steering Committee.

Carried

# 6. Indigenous Pathways

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

- The presenter reported that the AUArts Indigenous Pathways Soksipaitapiiwahsin (Good Living Ways) was created through a consultative process led by the Elder Council and was formally endorsed by the Board of Governors in October. The Indigenous Pathways Reconcili-Actions and were reviewed.
- Gitz Derange, the new Manager of Indigenous Initiatives was introduced. He then provided a brief
  overview of how the *Indigenous Pathways* document will serve to create a bridge between traditional
  colonial education and Indigenous ways of knowing and being and that he is looking forward to
  working with the community on its journey.

# 7. Reports from the Deans

# **Academic Programs**

Dr. Janis Goldie presented on the following:

- The success and growth of the Gallery Crawl event
- Teaching and Learning Day was on November 16, 2023 and was well attended and it is likely this will become an annual event.
- Seven of the BFA concentrations were recommended by the School Councils and will now proceed to Curriculum Committee for approval.
- Block Courses will be offered in Spring 2024.
- The Research Soiree will be on November 29, 2023.

#### **Students**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. There were no questions.

# **Innovation, Learning and Development**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. There were no questions.

# 8. Students' Association Report

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

#### 9. Board Report to GFC for the October 24, 2023 Meeting

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

#### 10. School Council Minutes: SCCS September 27, 2023 and SVA/SCEM October 4, 2023 Meetings

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

# 11. BDes Program Revisions

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

# 12. AUArts Good News Moment

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

# 13. Motion to Adjourn

The General Faculties Council adjourned the November 22, 2023 meeting by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.