

**Statutory/Ex Officio Members:** Dr. Daniel Doz, Chair, Dr. Janis Goldie, Vice Chair, Arif Ansari, Nicole Hamilton, Michelle Housley, 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:** Jamie Kroeger, Suzanne Lemermeyer, Dr. Kara Stone

**Statutory Student Members:** Quynn Covey

**Appointed Members:** vacant

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

**Regrets:** Jamie Leong-Huxley, Laurel Johannesson

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

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

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The Chair 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 January 17, 2024 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**3. Approval of the November 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on November 22, 2023 be approved.

**Carried**

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

Dr. Daniel Doz included the following in his report:

- More information on the budget will become known once the provincial budget is released, which is anticipated to be at the end of February.
- The federal government is planning on making changes to the international student program in Canada, any impacts to the university will be shared as information is learned.
- Proposals and ongoing relations with the City of Calgary regarding downtown vacancies.

#### 5. Approval of the University Research Centres Procedure

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Rob Stone, Associate Dean Research, Internationalization and Graduate Studies presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the purpose of research centres, the intent for creating them at AUArts and emerging research areas that a centre may be developed around, such as femininity, diaspora, and health.
- In response to a question, the expected time to develop and launch a research centre was provided.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the University Research Centres Procedure, in the form provided to the GFC, as recommended by the Research Committee.

**Carried**

#### 6. Approval of Revisions to the Registration Policy and Procedure

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

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that a substantive update is being made to the university's Registration Policy and Procedure that focuses on changes intended to enhance student retention.
- The No Show Procedure to be retired as the updated Undergraduate Registration Procedure includes guidance on this matter.
- The Policy includes an updated policy statement, clarifies that the scope is on undergraduate courses and not graduate level or non-credit courses, and streamlines the principles to be higher level.
- There were no questions.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the Registration Policy and Procedure and the retirement of the No Show Procedure, in the forms provided to the GFC, effective for Fall 2024 and as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee (APC).

**Carried**

**7. Approval of Revisions to the Final Grading Procedure and Approval of Revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Standing and Graduation Policy and Procedure**

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

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the Office of the Registrar is reviewing several core policies and procedures with a focus on enhancing student retention.
- The Registrar highlighted some key changes, including:
  - That the Final Grading Procedure now encompasses information for both undergraduate and graduate students.
  - Unused, historical notations have been removed as they are referenced on the back of the transcript.
  - The calculation method for repeated courses has been changed. If a course is repeated, only the highest grade will be calculated towards cumulative GPA.
  - The Grade Appeal Procedure has been brought into this procedure and has been streamlined.
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**Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the changes to the Undergraduate Final Grading Procedure, including a name change to the Final Grading Procedure and the retirement of the Undergraduate Final Grade Appeal Procedure and related sections of the Consolidated Graduate Procedure, in the form provided to the GFC, effective Fall Term 2024, as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the creation of a new Undergraduate Academic Standing and Graduation Policy and Procedure, in the forms provided to the GFC, effective Fall Term 2024 and as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.

**Carried**

## 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 noted the following:

- The MFA Program Review has been completed successfully.
- The BFA Curriculum has been recommended by the School Councils to the Curriculum Committee.
- The opening reception of *From SkyWorld to Cyberspace Skawennati* is on Thursday, January 18, 2024 5-8pm.
- There are two upcoming Teaching and Learning Sessions: Learning Collaboration Case Studies at the IKG on January 31, 2024 and The Library Instruction Sample on February 6, 2024.

### Students

A written report was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Pablo Ortiz noted the following:

- Domestic, international, and Indigenous applications are up 8% compared to last year.
- Canadian Campus Wellbeing Survey for students (CCWS) to be launched last week of January.
- Land Based Yoga with Lunch and a Talking Circle will be held every Tuesday.

### Innovation, Learning and Development

A written report was included in the meeting materials. Nicole Hamilton noted the following:

- The Library is working with faculty to elevate library literacy with students.
- A work readiness course is being developed.
- A draft of the Non-Credit portion of an Institutional Credential Framework is underway.
- Nine (9) micro credentials are pending approval to be launched as early as Spring 2024, depending on approvals.

## 9. Students' Association Report

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

Highlights:

- The Association has begun the initial phases of 2024-2027 strategic planning.
- The Show + Sale team is preparing for the upcoming Spring Virtual Market. Applications are open until February 1, 2024.
- Juli Song's exhibition 'This is what I hear' is open until February 9th at the Marion Nicoll Gallery.

## 10. School Council Minutes: SVA/SCEM and MFA Craft Committee Meetings

### 11. APC: Academic Schedule for 2024-2025

### 12. APOC: MFA Program Review Executive Summary and Action Plan

### 13. SC: Illingworth Kerr Gallery (IKG) Advisory Committee Dissolution

Documentation was included in the meeting materials for information only.

#### **14. AUArts Good News Moment**

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

#### **15. Motion to Adjourn**

The General Faculties Council adjourned the January 17, 2024 meeting by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.