

**Statutory/Ex Officio Members:** Dr. Daniel Doz, Chair, Dr. Janis Goldie Vice-Chair, Arif Ansari, Dr. Alex Link, Scott Powell, Dr. Rob Stone

**Statutory/Elected Members**

**School of Communication Design:** Tivadar Bote, Nick Johnson

**School of Craft and Emerging Media:** Marty Kaufman, Kurtis Lesick, Paul Robert, Tyler Rock

**School of Visual Art:** Richard Clements, Megan Dyck

**School of Critical and Creative Studies:** Dr. Ghada Alatrash, Dr. Troy Patenaude

**By Degree Area:** Jamie Kroeger

**Statutory Student Members:** Abbey Leach, Tanya Mryglod

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

**Appointed Members:** Mackenzie Kelly-Frère

**Regrets:** Alana Bartol, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Naoko Masuda, Nicole Hamilton, Michelle Housley, Dr. Kara Stone, Laurel Johannesson, Anahita Mosayebi

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

**Guests:** Janalee Morris, Director Student Services and Wellness

**Observers:** Arryn Coman, Myka Der, Anna Kinderwater

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

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01pm and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the February 24, 2025 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

### 3. Approval of the January 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on January 20, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

### 4. Report from the President and CEO

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Daniel Doz included the following in his report:

- The Chair announced and congratulated Dr. Janis Goldie, who will be the next President and CEO of AUArts, starting on April 14, 2025.
- The provincial budget will be announced next week, more information will be shared at the next meeting.

### 5. Approval of Revisions to the Registration Policy and Undergraduate Registration Procedure and Creation of the Graduate Studies Registration Procedure

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. The Registrar and Associate Dean, Research, Internationalization and Graduate Studies (AD: RIGS) presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported that work commenced in the 2023-2024 academic year to align undergraduate and graduate policy where possible, and the updates presented are in line with these efforts creating an overarching Registration Policy, with procedures specific to undergraduate or graduate students.
- It was clarified that the consolidated graduate procedures will be retired once all of the pieces have been updated and relocated either in policy or the academic calendar, as such, the correction of 'ACAD' to 'AUArts' is not necessary.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the Undergraduate Registration Policy, the Undergraduate Registration Procedure, the creation of the Graduate Registration Procedure and rescind section 3.0 Registration, in the Consolidated Graduate Studies Procedures, as set out in the documents provided to the GFC, effective Fall Term 2025, as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.

**Carried**

### 6. Reports from the Deans

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

## **Academic**

- Curriculum updates
  - The draft of a new Undergraduate Degree program is nearing completion and will begin to move through governance channels soon.
  - Revision of 4<sup>th</sup> year courses for BDes Direct Entry model have been approved.
  - Animation has been revised from a minor to a concentration, with plan to offer in Fall 2025, pending approval from the Academic Planning and Oversight Committee.
  - A Game Design concentration is currently moving through governance channels, with plan to offer in Fall 2025.
- Faculty Hiring update: applications are currently being reviewed and shortlisted by hiring committees.
- Upcoming talks and events
  - Dr. Tunstall will be at AUArts on Feb 26, 2025 at 6pm for a talk, "Decolonizing Design: A Cultural Justice Guidebook".
  - The Tech Show opening reception is today from 5pm-7pm.
  - The IKG Memorial Lecture Series will be held on March 1, 2025 at 1pm.
  - The Research Soiree will be on March 3, 2025, 4pm-6pm.

## **Students**

- It was reported that applications are down by 12%, stemming from the changes to international students in Canada. Excluding international applications, the numbers are slightly down by 3%.
- Conversion activities are effective and 213 conditional offers have been sent out with 130 confirmation deposits paid, which is higher than at this time last year.
- The ShowOff! High School Art Competition remains popular with 266 submissions.
- There were 14 students that graduated after the Fall term.
- January was busy for Counselling services with a record number of 51 students accessing services.

## **Canadian Campus Wellbeing Survey**

- The Director Student Services and Wellness provided an overview of the survey results from the Canadian Campus Wellbeing Survey, highlighting areas that AUArts is doing well or where improvements/attention could be focused. It was reported that while there was not a high response rate that the results are consistent with findings from across the post-secondary sector in Canada.
- AUArts will work on developing a mental health strategy, peer support programs and training, developing a strong sense of community, increased mental health literacy, academic supports including universal design for learning and accessibility services, physical activity, and food security.

## **7. Students' Association (SA) Report**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Tanya Mryglod presented this item.

Highlights:

- Anna Kinderwater, AUArts Students' Association's new Executive Director, was introduced to GFC.
- The Student Legislative Council (SLC) has approved Bylaw changes to establish new roles that better reflect the composition of the student body - there are 4 new roles as follows: Advertisement Representative, an additional BDes General Studies Representative, additional Undergraduate First Year Studies Representative, and a Graduate First Year Studies Representative.
- The SLC created an ad hoc School of Communication Design (SCD) Engagement Committee that is tasked with discussing ways of improving professional opportunities and campus culture for SCD Students.
- Annual elections will be held from February 24, 2025 to March 28, 2025.
- AUArts SA Annual General Meeting will be on March 26, 2025 and is open to the public.

## **8. Student Records Policy**

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. The Registrar and University Secretary presented this item.

- The presenters reported that the existing Student Records Procedure was outdated and contained duplicate and tangential information contained in other policies and procedures. The revised version has been simplified to focus on how student records are managed and appropriate access to records and will align with the upcoming changes to access to information and protection of privacy legislation.

## **9. Report from the Dean, Innovation, Learning and Development**

## **10. School Council Minutes/Notes MFA, SCD, and SCCS**

## **11. APOC Approvals**

Documentation for these items 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. On this occasion of the last meeting of the academic year, the GFC members were thanked for their participation and service.

## **13. Adjournment**

The GFC adjourned the February 24, 2025 meeting by consensus at 3:06pm.