

Statutory/Ex Officio Members: Dr. Janis Goldie Vice-Chair, Arif Ansari, Nicole Hamilton, Michelle Housley, Dr. Alex Link, Scott Powell

Statutory/Elected Members

School of Communication Design: Tivadar Bote, Nick Johnson, Narges Rezaian

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

School of Visual Art: Alana Bartol, Megan Dyck

School of Critical and Creative Studies: Dr. Troy Patenaude

By Degree Area: Jamie Kroeger, Naoko Masuda, Dr. Kara Stone

Statutory Student Members: Evan Palmer

Other Members: Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Vice Chair, Wendy Harding

Appointed Members: Mackenzie Kelly-Frère

Regrets: Dr. Adam Carlson, Laurel Johannesson, Abbey Leach, Lisa Lipton, Anahita Mosayebi

Non-Voting Members: Cherie Tutt, University Secretary

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

Guests: Tanya Mryglod, Students' Association, President

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the September 29, 2025 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of the May 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on May 26, 2025 be approved.

Carried

4. Report from the President and CEO

Dr. Janis Goldie included the following in her report:

Highlights:

- Jessica O'Connell, Executive Director, External Relations, was welcomed to AUArts.
- Key Meetings and Engagements
 - Updates were provided on recent and upcoming meetings with:
 - Government representatives, including Ministers and the Mayor;
 - Post-secondary leaders, including APSN, ABIE, Calgary PSI Presidents, and UAD4;
 - Community partners, such as Jubilee, Contemporary Calgary, and the Banff Centre; and
 - Donors and supporters, with discussions focused on centennial planning celebrations, the centennial scholarship endowment, and engagement with past and prospective donors, including former AUArts Board members.
- Government Updates
 - Drafts of the Investment Management Agreement (IMA) and Mandate Letter have been received. The University is working collaboratively with Advanced Education and the Board to finalize these documents.
- Centennial Planning
 - Major centennial events and projects are in development. Members were encouraged to participate by sharing stories and connecting with alumni.
 - Inquiries and submissions can be directed to centennial@auarts.ca
- Upcoming Initiatives
 - AI at AUArts; presentations are scheduled for next Friday and will be open to the University community.
 - Updates on Indigenous Pathways and Government Relations initiatives will be provided in the near future.
- Reminders
 - Honorary Degree Nominations remain open. Faculty are encouraged to submit nominations.

5. Approval of Changes to the Admissions Procedure

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

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the updates made to the Admissions Procedure to address the outcome if an individual falsifies or fails to disclose information during the application process.
- The Admissions Procedure recently underwent a major revision in 2024. However, a gap in the procedure related to the submission of falsified documents and the failure of applicants to disclose their full academic history was identified last year through a case of Student Non-Academic Misconduct. To address this, a new clause (4.13) has been added. This clause outlines applicants' responsibility to submit true and complete information, defines types of falsifications that are not permitted, specifies the associated penalties, and provides information on the right to appeal.
- There were no questions.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the changes to the Admissions Procedure, effective October 1, 2025, in the form provided to the GFC, and as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.

Carried

6. Approval of Revisions to the Academic Misconduct and Non-Academic Misconduct Procedures

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Dr. Alex Link presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the updates to the Student Academic Misconduct and Non-Academic Misconduct procedures resulting from changes to the academic administrative structure and based on recommendations from the policy committee.
- These updates ensure that references to roles and responsibilities reflect the current administrative positions, particularly where previously existing roles, such as "Associate Dean, Academic Programs", are no longer active.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the changes to the Academic Misconduct Procedure and Non-Academic Misconduct Procedure in the forms provided to the GFC, effective immediately, and as recommended by the Academic Policy Committee.

Carried

7. Approval of Revisions to the General Faculties Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Janis Goldie and Cherie Tutt presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the updates to the General Faculties Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference, which result from changes to the academic administration, reflect current practices in relation to non-voting membership and add directions about what to do when a chair is absent.
- A review of the GFC Standing Committee ToRs was undertaken by the University Secretary and President and CEO in response to a change to the Academic administrative and position structure resulting in the proposed changes to composition.
- Amendments:
 - It was noted that the Committee Chair position should be included in all ToRs. The absence of the Chair will be added to the Student Affairs Committee.
 - It was suggested that the sections regarding delegated authority from GFC be made consistent across the ToR and deleted if not applicable.
 - A question was raised regarding the representative for sessional faculty for School Councils, including how this position is determined. To allow for further thought on this process, it was suggested that approval of the School Council ToR be postponed and that it will be brought back once this is determined following further consultation.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the changes to the General Faculties Council Standing Committee Terms of Reference for the:

- Academic Policy Committee
- Academic Planning and Oversight Committee
- Curriculum Subcommittee
- Student Affairs Committee
- Research Committee
- Research Ethics Board
- MFA in Craft Media Committee

, in the forms provided to the (GFC), effective immediately and as recommended by the Steering Committee with the requested amendments.

Carried

8. Academic Misconduct Report

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

Highlights:

- It was noted that this is a new report, effective Fall 2024, and that annual reporting to the General Faculties Council is a requirement set out in the Academic Integrity Policy and Academic Misconduct Procedure.
- An overview of the report was provided, and an anomaly was highlighted in which 37 instances of academic misconduct originated from two sections of a multiple-section course taught by the same instructor. Three appeals were submitted as grade appeals, as the cases involved an overlap between grading of a specific assignment and the application of academic conduct procedures.
- There were no questions.

9. Reports from the Deans

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Alex Link, Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Michelle Housley and Keltie Ross presented these items.

Academic

A. Link provided a presentation to the Council.

Highlights:

- BFA Studio Art: A working group has been established to develop panel critique guidelines for ARTS 404.
- BCIS Program: Feedback from the sector survey was reported as almost unanimously positive.
- Faculty and Staff updates:
 - New Faculty Appointments:
 - Adam Carlson – SCCS
 - Christine Tran – SCS
 - Jamie Kroeger – SCEM
 - New Glass EAT: Nick Baldock
 - New Research and Graduate Studies Appointments:
 - Research Coordinator – Yoke-Sum Wong
 - Graduate Studies Coordinator – Kurtis Lesick
 - Departures: Zimra Beiner, Ben Fullalove, and Lisa Cerny
 - Faculty Hiring 2025–26: Recruitment for permanent faculty positions is underway, with specializations in Ceramics, Object Design and Fabrication, and Painting.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Open House – October 25
 - Teaching & Learning Day – November 13 (proposal submissions open until October 3)
 - Faces and Places Exhibition – open until November 22
 - Creative Industries Presentation – October 10

Students

- New Student Orientation was successful this year.
 - An international student welcome session was held on September 17.
- Indigenous Initiatives: A report on the Lodgepole Center was provided, along with updates on upcoming programming.
- Registrar's Office / AIR Project:
 - The soft launch of Fall 2026 applications was temporarily paused due to a technical issue between the University's payment portal providers, TouchNet and Global Payments, which affected the processing of application fees and confirmation deposits. The issue

has been resolved, and the soft launch successfully resumed on September 9. To date, 39 applicants have initiated their applications.

- A demonstration was provided showcasing the applicant user experience within the web-based application service, Slate.

Innovation

- To date, micro-credential programs have recorded 22 registrations, with ongoing marketing efforts underway.
- Art Launch: Updates forthcoming.
- Work continues on data integration related to programs and student tracking.

10. Students' Association (SA) Report

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

Highlights:

- Fall meetings scheduled biweekly; staff/faculty may attend by request.
- Fall Byelections: Running until October 10, 2025, with Popcorn Politics info sessions; results to be shared in November.
- Decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students: Process underway with legal support; expected to span the academic year.
- Student Supports and Initiatives: Show + Sale restructuring underway for Winter Market (Nov 14–15); Micro Grants open Fall 2025; Community Pantry stocked weekly.

11. GFC and GFC Standing Committee Annual Reports

12. School Council Minutes/Notes MFA, SCD, SVA, SCEM, SCCS

13. APOC Approvals

- a. Approval of a change to the Academic Calendar – Undergraduate Admissions

Documentation for these items 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.

Adjournment

The GFC adjourned the September 29, 2025 meeting by consensus at 3:21p.m.