

To: University Community

Agenda Item	Important Notice of Changes to GFC Standing Committees
Overview	Please find a summary of the changes approved by GFC on May 6, 2019 to become effective July 1, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

Standing Committees:

Executive Committee

Academic Appeals Committee (NEW)

Academic Quality Assurance Committee

Academic Timetable Committee (NEW)

Admission Standards Committee

Convocation Committee

Curriculum Coordinating Committee

~~Grade Appeal Committee~~(Dissolved and powers delegated to Academic Appeals)

Inskim Committee

Library Committee

Nominations Committee (NEW – Effective November 1, 2019))

Strategic Planning Committee

Student Awards Committee

~~Student Discipline Committees~~(Dissolved and powers delegated to Academic Appeals)

Research Planning Committee

~~Travel Committee~~(Dissolved and powers delegated to Research Planning)

Overview of the approved changes to Part 3. GFC Standing Committees:

General (3.A and 3.B)

- Added that GFC can also “temporarily suspend” standing committees.
- Added information about committee agenda and minute distribution along with clarifying who retains the official copies.
- Moved wording from being included in only a few individual committees, for clarity, to ensure that each committee may establish working groups or sub-committees to assist in fulfilling their powers and duties.
- Clarified alternate members for specified nominating bodies. Also added alternates for all students to ensure maximum representation.
- Clarified election procedures to indicate that the newly established Nominations Committee shall also be elected from the floor of GFC. Also identified that requirements for diversity or specific skill sets may now be required and will be addressed by the newly formed Nominations Committee.
- Added annually review powers and duties and report findings to the Executive Committee to all Committees.

GFC Executive Committee

- Added that Council shall try and ensure diversity of Faculty or School representation of the 4 Academic Staff Members where possible.
- Added powers that that are currently being done by the Committee: reporting to Council at each meeting; preparing meeting schedule; and reviewing and making recommendations on matters not assigned to other committees.
- Added ensuring completion of the annual powers and duties for all standing committees and making recommendations to Council where changes may be required.
- Removed that Council may designate to the Executive Committee during the summer. The Executive Committee would prefer to call Council together if required, and could act on immediate matters if quorum was not reached.
- Removed the committee nominations and assigned them to the newly established Nominations Committee, **effective November 1, 2019**.

GFC Academic Appeals Committee.

- Establishment of a new committee to hear academic appeals of graduate and undergraduate students.
- Delegated powers and duties from former GFC Grade Appeal and GFC Discipline Committees.

GFC Academic Quality Assurance Committee

- Transferred academic staff member from ULFA selection to main composition, selected by Nominations Committee to ensure maximum diversity in membership.
- Added powers and duties to clarify review process.

GFC Academic Timetable Committee

- Establish a new committee to make recommendations to Council on institutional timetable and examination scheduling policies and procedures.

Admissions Standards Committee

- Clean up of the powers and duties.

Convocation Committee

- Added the oversight of the graduation section of the calendar in coordination with Curriculum Coordinating Committee.
- Added that they ensure coordination between other standing committees who have responsibilities with other sections of the University Calendar.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee

- Clarified what Faculty or Schools are included in the committee membership.
- Added taking into account recommendations from quality assurance process within powers and duties.

Grade Appeal Committee

- Dissolve the committee and delegate all responsibilities to the Academic Appeals Committee.

Iniskim Education Committee

- Membership changes: added Provost or designate as chair, identified the elder as being one of our on-campus elders, added a student to ensure undergraduate and graduate representation, identified Red Crow College President or designate as a required resource member. .

Library Committee

- No significant changes.

Nominations Committee (effective November 1, 2019)

- Establish a new committee to be effective November 1, 2019 to recommend to Council approval of slates of members for standing and other committees.

Research Committee

- Renamed Research Planning Committee.
- Membership changes: added Vice-President (Research) or designate as chair, added Dean of School of Graduate Studies and Post Doctoral Affairs as an ex-officio position, added an additional academic staff member, introduced membership criteria to ensure appropriate research knowledge and expertise.
- Significant revisions to powers and duties to have the committee responsible for funding and awards and to serve as the main advisory body to provide advice and recommendations to the Vice-President (Research).
- Delegated powers and duties from the Travel Committee.

Strategic Planning Committee

- Membership changes: added the Distinguished Niitsitapi Scholar as an ex-officio position; removed 9 ex-officio positions; transferred Professional Librarian and ULFA academic staff selections to main composition, consequently there is no reduction in academic staff positions compared to the current committee; delegated the selection of all 7 academic staff members to the Nominations Committee to try and ensure broadest possible diversity; also added requirement that no more than one can be selected from each faculty or school; removed 2 staff positions and amalgamated all staff selections.
- Clarified the Strategic Plan is Board of Governors approved.
- Clarified that the committee must engage and facilitate with each stakeholder group.

Student Awards Committee

- No significant changes.

Student Discipline Undergraduate and Graduate Committee

- Dissolve the committees and delegate all responsibilities to the Academic Appeals Committee.

Travel Committee

- Dissolve the committee and delegate all responsibilities to the Research Planning Committee.