



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #562

### Approved Minutes

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**1:00 p.m. Zoom**

**Present:** M. Mahon, (Chair), K. Alexander, B. Badiuk, L. Barrett, J. Blum, G. Bonifacio, R. Bright, N. Buis Deering, C. Carnaghan, B. Cummins, J. Cunningham, C. Currie, S. Dauncey, C. Devoy, J. Dobbie, A. Dymond, A. Ebenmelu, P. Ghazalian, K. Godfrey, K. Greenwood, T. Harrison, M. Helstein, H. Jansen, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, P. Kellett, L. Kennedy, M. Kildaw, H. Kletke, O. Kovalchuk, M. Letts, Y. Li, R. Lindblad, R. Marynowski, M. Magnuson, S. Malla, K. Massey, J. Mather, C. Mattatall, D. McIntyre, D. McMartin, D. O'Donnell, G. Ogilvie, E. Okine, T. Oosterbroek, B. Parker, R. Parkkari, T. Patel, N. Rebry, J. Rice, A. Schultz, M. Serebryansky, J. Sheriff, L. Spencer, C. Steinke, D. St. Georges, A. Taylor, S. Urquhart, N. Walker, P. Wilson, S. Wismath, R. Yalamova, L. Zink

**Regrets:** A. Dodd, I. McAdam, M. Nixon, D. Scott, S. Scott, P. Shao, A. Zovoilis

**Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Mathurin-Moe, M. Whipple, (397 guests in total)

*Oki. The President opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2022.03.01

Massey/Rice

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #562 held Tuesday, March 22, 2022 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. ITEMS FOR ACTION

#### 2.1. Academic Schedule (Post-Strike Revised)

MOTION: gfc.2022.03.02

Massey/Marynowski

*That General Faculties Council approve the attached revised Academic Schedule for Spring and Summer 2022, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

K. Massey stated the dates are before you and the date of end of session is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to K. Fuglerud and N. Buis-Deering for their work on this. Understanding that students have complex lives and they need to work, have job offers and leases were things we kept in mind while figuring out the new dates. With the proposed schedule, we end May 5<sup>th</sup> with no formal exam dates. Exams will occur within class time to facilitate the end of term. There is a one-week delay to the summer term beginning May 9<sup>th</sup>. We tried to keep as much normalcy as possible. M. Helstein discussed the flexibility in alteration was included in the return to work plan. The flexibility must not inconvenience students. There was discussion by members surrounding laboratory exams, grade appeals, and student commitments for end of April including employment that may prevent them from attending classes. There was robust discussion on what accommodations and flexibility would be available to students such as asking for synchronous course work to be done by the end of April, recording lectures, creativity in assessing student work as well as a request for letters on the student's behalf to the potential employer from the university explaining the delay for the student. M. Mahon stated that the last request is a great suggestion. We will make sure that it is a smooth process for students whether on the faculty or university level. There was discussion on the return the work plan for faculty, sessional contracts and the possibility of changing the way we do convocation to accommodate students not completing practicum/clinical hours before convocation. M. Mahon commented that these pieces are being looked at next as the things start to fall into place. It is important for us to look at convocation differently and whether students need a parchment for them to cross the stage but those decisions will be forthcoming.

## 2.2. Credit/No Credit Designation

MOTION:

gfc.2022.03.03

Massey/Buis Deering

*That General Faculties Council re-open the opportunity to request to use the Credit/No Credit Designation after students have received their final grades. The opportunity will re-open beginning May 5, 2022 and will be available until May 17, 2022. The University may approve the use of Credit/No Credit in limited circumstances in a broader range of situations, at the request of a student, with implementation details to follow.*

Motion: Carried

There have been overwhelming requests for the use of this credit/no-credit to give students more control in handling their academic situation. It was felt that this is a great option for students but there was discussion on how this instance compares to the 2020 option. The members talked about which grades are eligible and how the use of credit/no-credit would affect future education options. Senior administration will make sure students know that some programs may not accept this. There will be FAQs included. M. Helstein commented that we would make clear all implications so that the students are

aware of their suite of options and the flexibility available to them. The hope is that most students will not have to use this process.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

gfc.2022.03.04

Massey/McIntyre

*That the GFC meeting #562 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried