



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #569

Approved Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), L. Barrett, R. Bello, K. Bhatt, G. Bonifacio (virtually), R. Bright (virtually), N. Buis Deering, C. Carnaghan, G. DeSteur, J. Devos (virtually), J. Dobbie, A. Dymond, S. Findlay, K. Godfrey, K. Haight (virtually), M. Helstein, C. Hosgood, B. Hughes, H. Jansen, L. Kennedy, I. Kovalchuk (virtually), O. Kovalchuk (virtually), M. Letts, K. Massey, J. Mather, I. McAdam, D. McMartin, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, T. Oosterbroek, N. Patel, J. Pickle, R. Preston, N. Rebry (virtually), J. Rice, J. Sadr (virtually), K. Schwarz, D. Scott, Sh. Scott, C. Skiba, D. Slomp, L. Spencer (virtually), C. Steinke (virtually), N. Thakor, M. Thomas, S. Urquhart (virtually), A. von Heyking (virtually), N. Walker, P. Wilson (virtually), S. Wismath (virtually), J. Youngdahl, L. Zink, A. Zovoilis (virtually)
- Regrets:** Y. Belanger, R. Boon, L. Burckes, C. Devoy, A. Dodd, D. Fredrickson, P. Ghazalian, K. Greenwood, P. Kellett, E. Koo, S. Malla, R. Marynowski, D. McIntyre, Y. Raza, Sam Scott, D. St. Georges, M. Stingl, S. Thomas, H. Warraich
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Mathurin-Moe, M. Whipple
(other guests were present on Zoom)

Oki. The President opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement. G. DeSteur, Students' Union VP Academic, explained the Pass the Hat fundraiser. It was noted that if you click on Giving on the home page that the Students' Union Food Bank is one of the options. A bag was passed around for any cash donations as well as a QR code for those who wanted to do online donations.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the December 12, 2022 Meeting #569 Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the GFC Meeting #568 – November 14, 2022 Minutes

INFORMATION

- 1.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – December 5, 2022
- 1.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – #550 – October 31, 2022

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.01

Massey/Rice

That the General Faculties Council approve the December 12, 2022 Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion: Carried

The Chair went over the consent agenda process asking for any changes. Item 4.1 will be moved by E. Okine as R. Marynowski is unable to attend.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Chancellor Search – The committee met this morning, and a recommendation will go to the February Senate meeting which will be at the new Red Crow Community College.
- Senior Leadership Title changes; Vice Provosts – Students, Iniskim Indigenous Relations, Students, Calgary Campus & EDI; Deputy Provost. This has passed so the following titles are now in effect.
- Nominations – Speaker Research (VP Research website) is open for nominations; Excellence in Teaching recently closed on Dec 1st.
- APSN (formerly COPPOA) Fall Advocacy Days – Advanced Education Minister was in attendance. Mandate letter for our minister mentioned one involving the UofL to address physician shortage and medical education.
- Mastercard Foundation – national launch of the Elev program, a goal of supporting 100,000 Indigenous youth by 2030. Dr. L. Little Bear attended to represent the U of L, along with M. Mahon, S. Webber, as well as some students. Half a million dollars in support will be available.
- Dec 13th UofL Campus Holiday Celebration in the Science Commons. We respect that some people are uncomfortable attending these events. There are still many health challenges that we need to be aware of.
- Campus Shut down – Christmas Break Dec 24 – Jan 3.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

- S. Findlay – academic staff representation on committees. This doesn't allow for one from arts and from science. The member is asking for a change to get it to be one rep from arts/one from science. M. Mahon commented that we can take back to GFC Executive and seek advice on where best to consider this. The Chair understands the challenge to get diversity. It is not an easy issue.
- J. Mather – wanting to have people with disabilities represented but the difficulty is in that you are asking people to disclose disability. Also, there is the same issue with Indigenous representation. M. Mahon responded that this is a universal challenge to foster inclusion with the need to respect people's choices. How do we foster equity, diversity and inclusion within those parameters. We have lower numbers for people with disabilities, particularly because it is not an easy campus to get around.
- J. Mather – climate emergency. What will GFC do? M. Mahon replied that ESAC will provide a report to the next GFC meeting so they can hear what is going on and if there are other ideas that GFC can contribute to the discussion. It will come back to

- GFC Executive before coming back to GFC for the future meetings. GFC is one body that has interest in climate change but so do other constituent groups such as students.
- O. Kovalchuk – We need to address disabilities. We overlook what is referred to as ableism. How can we address issues with certain types of disabilities that are not visible? There was a short conversation surrounding the Accommodated Learning Center along with training and education opportunities on how to accommodate invisible disabilities.
 - D. O'Donnell – Regarding the committee looking at climate emergency, where is that coming out of? It was noted that this is an advisory committee to the president. There was a robust discussion at GFC Executive on how to engage GFC with this topic. It was decided to have a presentation by ESAC at the February meeting and then a discussion at GFC of the role of a possible standing committee and GFC's role in this issue.
 - L. Spencer – ESAC will present at the next meeting? Yes, the Vice-President Research will present a report at the February meeting.
 - There was a follow-up discussion to the gathering of information regarding the environmental concerns questions. It was noted that we have experts on campus however they do not have access to the financial information that is being requested. The Chair noted that GFC will try to come up with a framework and use GFC Executive to discuss how to address it. There will also be a Strategic Plan discussion in the near future which we also needed to take into account.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. GFC Bylaws Revisions

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.02

Okine/Massey

That GFC Executive recommend to GFC for approval the revised GFC Bylaws, effective immediately.

Motion: Defeated (needs 2/3 approval)

J. Gallais introduced the enclosure that has been presented at the last two meetings. We are trying to make sure that we are addressing diversity. There is some wording such as shall or should in order to be flexible in diversity on some committees. M. Mathurin Moe's position is there to help us with diversity. There is some clean up in language as well as some changes to a couple of committee structure. The members had a robust discussion on diversity and best practices on how to address diversity as well as definitions of academic staff (full and part time). There was a request to table this item until February as the definition is important. M. Helstein responded that there are pieces in the Bylaws that need to move forward. There were concerns on the AQA and the Iniskim piece getting caught up in the tabling of the other parts and not being put into practice. One member suggested that we needed to have a broader set of people involved in the process as an ad hoc committee. The fixes are easily done, and it could be brought back in two months. J. Gallais responded that GFC Executive was involved

in the review and that GFC was asked for feedback, but none was received. Several members spoke against tabling the entire package as there are some very important fundamental changes to transform what we do into practice.

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.03

Haight/O'Donnell

That GFC table the Bylaws until the February meeting.

Motion: Defeated

After the tabling of the motion was defeated the main question was voted on and was defeated as 2/3 approval was needed. The Bylaws will be taken back to GFC Executive for further discussion – particularly the EDI issue. There may be some items that come back sooner as there are things that are required by the government such as the Quality Assurance piece.

4.2. GFC Admission Standards Committee Reports

Report 1 for immediate implementation

Student Enrolment and Registrar Services

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.04

Buis Deering/Massey

That GFC approve changes to Misrepresentation/Falsified Documents in the undergraduate academic calendar.

Motion: Carried

This is intended to provide clarity to language for applicants as they start in APAS and transfer into our application process which is confusing for some. This is for immediate implementation and not retroactive.

Report 2 for immediate implementation

Faculty of Arts & Science

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.05

Letts/Rice

That GFC approve the M.A. and Ph.D. (Cultural, Social, and Political Thought) change to a single Fall yearly intake.

Motion: Carried

This was approved by Grad Council on December 1, 2022. The change is for student experience as students who don't start in the fall do not have the same experience. Changing to one intake so they get the same experience. There was a discussion on visa

issues and how this affects them. Visas have been challenging this year. M. Mahon commented that we have challenges but continue to lobby to have the government to get the visa process moving.

4.3. GFC Curriculum Coordinating Reports

K. Massey introduced the recommendations.

Implementation May 1, 2023

Dhillon School of Business

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.06

Godfrey/DeSteur

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Finance major requirements in the B.Mgt; Post-Diploma; B.Mgt. as a second degree; Finance Diploma; Certificate in Management; BA/B.Mgt; BSc/BMgt programs.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.07

Hosgood/Buis Deering

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the required courses for the Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program.

Motion: Carried

This is the last piece of the new nursing programming. It deals with the sequencing issues that we encountered and has been approved by all levels in the nursing program.

Faculty of Fine Arts

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.08

Scott/Jansen

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Music electives list in the Bachelor of Music program.

Motion: Carried

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. GFC Nominations Committee – Request for Nominations

D. Scott reported that a call has gone out for three academic staff members from 3 different faculties and schools for the new programming review committee. The deadline is next Tuesday, December 21st. M. Helstein will chair the committee and the work should not be too onerous. The government has handed this over to us, so we need to make this work.

5.2. Meeting Format Guidelines

J. Gallais noted that GFC Executive has approved the wording as included in the agenda package.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

M. Mahon added a thank you to those who are attending their last meeting and wished everyone a wonderful holiday break.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2022.12.09

Massey/DeSteur

That the GFC meeting of December 12, 2022 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried