



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #576

Approved Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2023

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** D. Jayas, (Chair), A. Akbary, S. Alam, B. Allen, K. Anderson-Bain, L. Barrett, V. Baulkaran, N. Buis Deering (virtually), J. Burke, C. Burton, C. Carnaghan, J. Cunningham, H. Davis-Fisch, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, A. Dymond, S. Findlay, P. Ghazalian (virtually), K. Godfrey, K. Greenwood, K. Haight, M. Helstein, C. Hosgood, B. Hughes, K. Ito, H. Jansen, S. Johnsrude, O. Kovalchuk (virtually), M. Letts, R. Marynowski, K. Massey, J. Mather, D. McMartin, D. McNeill (virtually), A. Mukherjee, L. Ochieng, D. Olsen, R. Patel, N. Rebry, J. Reiter (virtually), J. Sadr, K. Schwarz, E. Scott (virtually), D. Slomp, D. Smither, L. Spencer, L. Starr, R. Sutherland (virtually), N. Thakor (virtually), M. Thomas (virtually), G. Tian (virtually), S. Urquhart, P. Visentin (virtually), L. Vogelsang, A. von Heyking, N. Walker, P. Wilson (virtually), J. Youngdahl
- Regrets:** A. Ebenmelu, M. Hill, S. Malla, C. Mattatall, D. McIntyre, J. Oldfield, N. Patel, R. Preston, J. Rice, Y. Sackey-Forson, R. Williams, F. Wright, Y. Zheng, A. Zovoilis
- Other:** K. Fuglerud, J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Mathurin-Moe, R. Westlund, M. Whipple (virtually)
(other guests were present on Zoom)

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

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the November 6, 2023 Meeting #577 Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the GFC Meeting #576 – October 2, 2023 Minutes

INFORMATION

- 1.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – October 30, 2023
- 1.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – #559 – September 25, 2023

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.01

Mather/Starr

That the General Faculties Council approve the November 6, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas referred to the President's Report that was included in the agenda package. No questions were sent in advance. He noted that at the last meeting there was a question from J. Mather regarding access to rooms in the Science Commons. We are still gathering information as there was a request for more information at the last GFC Executive meeting. The Chair asked for any questions from the floor.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

- S. Findlay – In the CCC report – Happy to see the item to improve the visibility of grade submission deadline. Could we get an update on the work that CCC is doing in terms of trying to come up with a more humane way of calculating the grade submission deadlines. For example, there will be an issue this year in Spring session when the last day of exams is Friday and grades are due on Monday at noon even if your exam was on Friday. K. Massey responded that CCC held a working group to discuss the upcoming recommendations which will come forward to next GFC. We are trying to introduce more flexibility for grade submission deadline.
- J. Mather – The midterm break is very late this year. M. Helstein commented that this is another timing issue. This is another part on the discussion of the academic timetable which was raised by the working group and will be discussed at the next GFC meeting. K. Massey reported that CCC talked about the pros and cons of reading breaking in November vs October. M. Helstein added that the discussion was to link the break to Thanksgiving or Remembrance Day which, depending on where the day falls, could be too early or too late. This will be discussed further by the working group.
- P. Wilson – Regarding the UCP Convention aftermath – specifically the shuttering of EDI offices. How do you approach the risk of this moving forward and affecting post secondary. It was reported that we will continue to support EDI initiatives on campus. We are meeting with our counter parts across the province. We are thinking of the impact to the four CARU institutions and will give a collective response.
- C. Burton – many troubling items came out of the convention such as the resolution that affirmative action is dismantled. What will we do? D. Jayas responded that the resolutions are not necessarily enacted by the government but will be looked at further to see which ones they decide to pursue. The question is valid if it is enacted. N. Buis Deering commented that we currently reserve seats for indigenous applicants who meet the admission requirements. Indigenous success cohort is a certificate program as well as also a pathway. There are other pathways available – it looks at a wholistic admission pathway for students. M. Mathurin-Moe added that we must be cognisant on what is American legislation vs Canadian legislation. We need to wait to see what happens and that we strategically mobilize with research and data on how we are addressing it. We will see more of this coming forward. It is a very American approach. It was noted that we need to educate on the importance of what EDI offices do as it creates a level playing field for all and benefits everyone. We need to be strategic in our conversations. We need to move in lockstep with our colleagues and to go with evidence to the people who are making the decisions.
- C. Burton – Any news on Navitas? M. Helstein reported that we are working on implementation. Committees are working and putting things into place for Fall 2024.

Information on employment status and structure is coming in the near future. The Website (UICC) is live for recruitment of students.

- C. Burton – Regarding the future of the rural medicine program – what thoughts have come to the staffing of the program and the shortage of doctors. M. Helstein reported that there was an open session a couple of weeks ago. We are in early stages, but this could move quickly. We are hoping to have the MOU in the next month with the University of Calgary to commit to working together to get a southern based program. Models have been looked at but no decisions have been made. The affiliation agreement is where the staffing part will be addressed. It will be a University of Calgary degree, but this has to be good for University of Lethbridge, the University of Calgary as well as the region. The beginning of a dialogue of the preceptorship part – how do we get the drs engaged. There was discussion on bringing local doctors together along with the number needed to do the training. It was emphasized that this program won't happen if the money doesn't come from the province but so far, they have shown interest. It is an expensive program but no more expensive than adding more seats to an established program. Research shows that 65%-75% of doctors stay in the area that they train in.
- D. Olson – curious if there is anything known of the impact of the doctors already coming into the area. Is that 30 on top of what is already coming? D. Jayas responded that 30 is the original number. If we can get more doctors engaged, then we can ask to increase that number.
- D. Jayas noted that in the President's Report we mentioned that the launch of Strategic plan process would be on November 6th. That date has been moved to November 9th.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. GFC Nominations Committee Membership

M. Helstein gave background on the needs of the GFC Nominations Committee. She noted that the two-year term date was incorrect and should be 2025.

The floor was then open to nominations.

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.02

Helstein/Marynowski

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

The following nominations were received:

One-year term:

- Academic Staff Member, (immediately to Nov. 4, 2024) C. Burton

Two-year term:

- Academic Staff Member, (immediately to Nov. 3, 2025) P. Visentin
- Academic Staff Member, (immediately to Nov. 3, 2025) J. Sadr

Thank you to all those who volunteered for the committee.

4.2. Associate Vice-President Human Resources Search Committee GFC Appointment
MOTION: gfc.2023.11.03

Marynowski/Findlay

That GFC Nominations Committee recommends to GFC for approval the following slate of nominees:

*Associate Vice-President (Human Resources) Search Committee
Two (2) Academic Staff Members (one alternate)*

- *Nehal Thakor*
- *Mary Runte*
- *Alternate – Brenda Nguyen*

Motion: Carried

R. Marynowski thanked those who volunteered.

4.3. GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Reports

Implementation May 1, 2024

Dhillon School of Business

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.04

Godfrey/Marynowski

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 - #4 from the Dhillon School of Business from the CCC Report for implementation May 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Education

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.05

Starr/Slomp

That General Faculties Council approve the revisions to the Faculty of Education Standards of Professional Conduct in the academic calendar for implementation May 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.06

Doan/Allen

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #6 - #9 from the Faculty of Health Sciences from the CCC Report for implementation May 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Arts & Science

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.07

Letts/Findlay

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #10 - #11 from the Faculty of Arts & Science from the CCC Report for implementation May 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried

Student Enrolment & Registrar Services

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.08

Buis Deering/Dymond

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #12 - #15 from Student Enrolment & Registrar Services from the CCC Report for implementation May 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried

The benefit of a student taking a leave of absence was discussed. N. Buis Deering noted that it already exists at a graduate level and we are now doing it at the undergraduate level. At present students are required to reapply when they come back which accentuates that they have quit. This will allow us to communicate with the students while they are on the leave. There was further discussion surrounding faculty timelines for practicum placements. It was noted that we should know when they are returning before the student goes on the leave.

Implementation May 1, 2025

Dhillon School of Business

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.09

Godfrey/Marynowski

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Required Withdrawal policy for the Dhillon School of Business from the CCC Report for implementation May 1, 2025.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Education

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.10

Starr/Slomp

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #2 & #3 from the Faculty of Education from the CCC Report for implementation May 1, 2025.

Motion: Carried

Pending Ministerial Approval

Faculty of Education

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.11

Starr/von Heyking

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 & #2 from the Faculty of Education from the CCC Report pending ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Fine Arts

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.12

Davis-Fisch/Dobbie

That General Faculties Council approve the updates to the proposed B.A. Art History and Museum Studies pending ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.13

Doan/Findlay

That General Faculties Council approve the name change of the B.H.Sc. Aboriginal Health major to B.H.Sc. Indigenous Health major, pending ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

4.4. GFC Admission Standards Committee Report

Dhillon School of Business

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.14

Godfrey/Marynowski

That GFC approve Recommendations #1 & #2 for the Dhillon School of Business from the GFC Admission Standards Committee Report, effectively immediately.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Science

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.15

Doan/Godfrey

That GFC approve Recommendations #3 & #4 for the Faculty of Health Sciences from the GFC Admission Standards Committee Report, effectively immediately.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Arts & Science

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.16

Letts/Mather

That GFC approve the Combined Degree Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Arts in Addictions Counselling/Psychology.

Motion: Carried

Student Enrolment & Registrar Services

MOTION: gfc.2023.11.17

Buis Deering/Massey

That GFC approve Recommendations #6 & #7 for the Student Enrolment & Registrar Services from the GFC Admission Standards Committee Report, effectively immediately.

Motion: Carried

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

gfc.2023.11.18

Marynowski/Massey

That the GFC meeting of November 6, 2023 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried