

OPEN SESSION

Friday, June 7, 2019

1:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Room 9-201, CCC

Minutes

Chair:	Deborah Saucier	Vice-Chair:	Raymond Baril
Present:	Wanda Costen Debbie Couves Nancy Digdon Randi Ziorio Dunlop Rickard Enstroem Pam Farvolden Lucio Gelmini Allan Gilliland Bob Graves Emily Gryba Krista Hanscomb Kimberley Harcombe Catherine Hedlin Kevin Hood	Robert Irwin Shahidul Islam David Johnson Dave Kato Kari Krell Tamara Lane Annetta Latham Fred McGinn John McGrath Debbie McGugan David McLaughlin Heather McRae Kathleen Miller Susan Mills	Craig Monk Ryley Osadchuk Albena Pergelova Raina Rudko Melike Schalomom Masoud Shadnam Josh Toth Sean Waddingham Lindsey Whitson
Regrets:	Nina Bernstein Karen Buro Sarah Copland Shahidul Islam Andrea Wagner	Travis Hatt Kari Krell Rickard Enstroem Raina Rudko Peter Myhre	Tamara Lane Vince Salyers
Guests/ Speakers:	Kathy Hamelon, kihêw waciston Sumiko Yip Marg Latheam		
Resources:	Gina DeVeaux, Director, University Governance Salvatrice (Salli) Bruno, Governance Assistant		

Deb Saucier, Chair, General Faculties Council, presented ceremony protocol to Kathy Hamelon, kihêw waciston, and requested a blessing for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Agenda

GFC-01-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: D. Kato/F. McGinn

THAT THE General Faculties Council approves the June 7, 2019 open meeting agenda as amended.

Carried

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

GFC-02-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: D. McGugan/D. Kato

THAT THE General Faculties Council approves the items on the consent agenda as presented. The following items were included in the consent agenda:

- 4.1 FFAC Programs of Study 2020-2021
- 4.2 FFAC Course Approvals Fall 2020

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1. Minutes of May 9, 2019 OPEN Session

GFC-03-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: L. Gelmini/H. McRae

THAT THE General Faculties Council approves the open session minutes of the meeting held on May 9, 2019 as amended.

Carried

6. New Business

6.1 GFC Governance (D. Saucier)

Motion 1: Marshall Report

D. Saucier asked the GFC to discuss and adopt the Marshall Report recommendations. The following items were identified in discussion:

- Establishing the GFC Executive Committee as the task force to work on bylaws, quorum, parameters, etc. and conducting this work partially over the summer
- Concerns raised by Library about lack of formal involvement with the GFC as they are not formally included membership under the *Act*
- Indication that in next 14 months work will continue on GFC implementation including representation and membership of campus constituencies

Motion 2: Acclaiming a Slate of New Members to the GFC

The following discussion took place:

- Members shared concerns regarding acclaiming a slate of new members to the GFC
- Presidential decision to appoint C. Monk as the incoming chair for the GFC to assure academic oversight, and allocate GFC responsibilities to C. Monk effective July 4, 2019

Motion 3: Committees

The discussion took place and the following items were approved:

- Dissolving the current GFC standing committees, and approving, as a starting point, the four committees as per the Marshall Report.
- Charging the GFC Executive Committee with assessing and proposing new standing committees
- Clarify the status of the Research Ethics and Animal Research Ethics Committees

Motion 4: 2019/2020 GFC Meeting Schedule

The members had questions over the timing of the schedule, for example, the ISP, Research Ethics Work, GFC Orientation, etc.

GFC-04-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: R. Irwin/D. McLaughlin (Revised Motion 1)

GFC-05-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: L. Gelmini/A. Gilliland (Revised Motions 2 & 3)

GFC-06-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: K. Miller/D. Kato (Revised Motion 4)

THAT THE General Faculties Council of MacEwan University approves the following:

1. Marshall Report recommendation in principal, subject to review and consideration of individual recommendations for implementation in the academic years 2019 through 2021 and outlined in Attachment 1.
2. Acclaiming a slate of members to the GFC with additional vacancies to be filled by faculty and school council elections for a duly constituted GFC, effective September 1, 2019, and as outlined in Attachment 2.
3. Committees
 - a. **Dissolve** the following Standing Committees of the General Faculties Council:
 - i. Academic Planning & Priorities Committee
 - ii. Academic Policy Committee
 - iii. Committee on Admissions & Transfers
 - iv. Executive Committee
 - v. Faculty Development Committee
 - vi. MacEwan Committee on Internationalization
 - vii. Student Services Committee
 - viii. Research Council
 - ix. Research Ethics Board
 - b. **Establish** the following Standing Committees of General Faculties Council:
 - i. Executive Committee
 - ii. Program and Curriculum Committee
 - iii. Research Ethics Committee
 - iv. Admissions and Transfer Committee
 - v. Faculty Development Committee

4. The 2019/2020 GFC Meeting Schedule outlined in Attachment 3.

Carried

6.2 GFC Survey (D. Saucier)

GFC-07-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: A. Gilliland/ D. Kato

THAT THE General Faculties Council of MacEwan University moves that the GFC Executive Committee acts as the task force for the implementation of the changes to the Post-secondary Learning Act (PSLA).

Carried

6.3 GFC Communication Framework (D. Saucier/ M. Khan)

M. Khan addressed the following items:

- New communication approach coming out of the PSLA Taskforce
- Communications subcommittee taskforce was created
- Direction for GFC items that require communication
- OCM would work with the Governance office and M. Khan would work with the Provost Office for the direction of communication
- High priority items would be communicated as soon as possible

Suggested to send a communication thanking the faculty members who would no longer be part of the committees for their hard work. M. Khan would work on that item.

6.4 Academic Calendar (D. McLaughlin)

D. McLaughlin withdrew motion #1 from the agenda.

D. McLaughlin spoke to the academic calendar distributed to the GFC, including the following:

- The revised regulations for the academic schedule
- The current academic schedule
- The seven potential calendars with information including start/end dates, holidays and reading breaks, and submissions of grades
- 2019/20 academic schedule with motions presented a month ago. For the proposal, the discussion would be brought forward in September
- Challenges like inclusion of theatre production schedule and the academic schedule

The discussion of the distributed documents took place. The following items were pointed out:

- Concerns with inconsistencies of the minimum hours
- Recommendation to bring this discussion back in the fall

GFC-08-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: B. Graves/ R. Ziorio Dunlop

THAT THE General Faculties Council of MacEwan University amends the due date for grades for Fall term 2019-2020 Academic Schedule from January 3 to December 24.

Carried

6.5 New Student Code of Conduct (D. Saucier/ C. Monk/ L. Wells)

N.B. Three interrelated documents were presented under agenda items 6.5, 6.6. and 6.7. After a defeated motion for item 6.5, the latter two documents were discussed with no vote held on the draft motions provided under 6.6 and 6.7, as those documents reflected the Code of Conduct which had been voted down. It was anticipated consultative feedback would be integrated and the policy suite brought back to GFC at a future date.

GFC-09-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: M. Schalomom/ E. Gryba

THAT THE General Faculties Council approves the new Student Code of Conduct.

Defeated

6.6 Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures (D. Saucier/C. Monk/L. Wells)

THAT THE General Faculties Council approve the revised Student Academic Integrity policy and its associated procedure, Student Academic Misconduct.

Deferred to future meeting

6.7 Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy (D. Saucier/C. Monk/L. Wells)

THAT THE General Faculties Council approve the new Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and its associated procedure.

Deferred to future meeting

6.8 Freedom of Expression (D. Saucier)

The Provost was charged with responsibility for a Freedom of Expression policy. There was a 90-day turn-around time frame from the government.

C. Monk would work on a statement on freedom of expression with the stakeholders and bring it back in the fall for further discussion. This Statement would be a precursor element for the Demonstration on Campus policy to be developed over the next year.

SAMU expressed interest in being involved in the development of the statement/policy.

GFC-10-06-07-2019

Mover/Seconder: R. Irwin/ K. Hood

THAT THE General Faculties Council approves the submission of Freedom of Expression for endorsement and recommends approval to the Board of Governors.

Carried

7 President's Report (D. Saucier)

Deborah Saucier, President of MacEwan University, provided her report.

8 Committee Reports

The following reports were provided:

8.1 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

8.2 Academic Policy Committee

8.3 Committee on Admissions & Transfers

8.4 MacEwan Committee on Internationalization

8.5 Student Services Committee

9 Question Period

10 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 30, 2019.

11 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Reference Items

1. Membership List
2. Attendance Record