

Attendance
Ex-Officio Members (voting)

President:	Annette Trimbee, Chair		
Provost:	Craig Monk		
VPs:	Maureen Lomas	Myrna Khan	
Deans:	Melike Schalomon	Allan Gilliland	Richard Perlow
	Heather McRae	Christy Raymond	Karen Keiller
AVP, Planning & Analysis & Registrar	David McLaughlin		

Statutory Members (voting)

Students:	Myles Dykes	Steph Vasquez	
Faculty:	Katie Biittner	Cristina Anton	Eric Legge
	Kimberley Harcombe, GFC Vice-Chair	Chris Striemer	Josh Toth
	Tim Williams	Gregory Springate	Rene Wells
	Brendan Cavanagh	Bob Graves	Rose Ginther
	Fernando Angulo-Ruiz	Kathy Miller	Lucille Mazo
	Caroline Foster-Boucher	Kelly Morris	Dawn Sadoway

Additional Appointed Members (voting)

AVPs:	Tim Tang	Craig Kuziemsky	
General Counsel:	Jason Fung		
GMUFA President:	Rafat Alam		
Faculty:	Lucio Gemini	Tiffany Kriz	Jim Head
	Lee Makovichuk	Martin Tucker	Mary Asirifi
	Tory Pino	Tara Stieglitz	
Students:	Joseph La Torre	Thomas Cline	
Alumni:	Laura Gilmour		

Resource Members (non-voting)

Office of University Governance:	Sumiko Yip, University Secretary	Marco Turlione	Kyla Krysko
	Bronwyn Sneffjella, Recording Secretary	Ginikachi Ugwuegbu	

Regrets:

David Danto	Ion Bica	Bill Thompson	Andrea Wagner
Brendan Boyd	Vahid Rezania	Eva Revitt	Erin Gray
Emily Khalema	Cynthia Zutter		

Guests

Marg Leathem	Theresa Vladicka	Sherriff Elbarrad	
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1.0	Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s)
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15pm, noting that quorum is present.
1.1	Land Acknowledgement
	The Vice- Chair acknowledged the traditional lands of the Indigenous peoples.
1.2	Approval of Agenda and Consent Items (MOTION)
	MOTION#GFC-01-12-05-2022/23: Moved by M. Tucker and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the agenda and consent items as presented. Motion Carried.
	* Note that consent items include the GFC minutes from October 24,2022, for approval and the GFC Executive Minutes from October 11, 2022, and the GFC Forward Agenda for information.
2.0	Reports
2.1	President's Report
	The President offered the following report (in addition to the written report provided with the meeting package): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to VP External Relations, Myrna Khan, who is leaving MacEwan for the Edmonton Oilers organization. • Convocation was spectacular this year. Honorary Doctorate was awarded to Jackie Rae Greening. Lots of participation from volunteers and whole community. • Open House in November 2022 was a huge success, with approximately 5,000 prospective students attending. • Continued push to promote MacEwan as a special place in the community while developing support for planned School of Business building. • Awaiting signals from government until the new Premier is in place. • Two new Canada Research Chairs will be announced, following a number of internal submissions.
2.2	Provost's Report
	The Provost offered the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary Doctorates – MacEwan has had several fantastic early recipients. It is desirable to have more academic recipients and so Provost encourages faculty to nominate. In addition, the Academic Planning and Quality Assurance Committee will work on developing potential nominees focusing on Western Canada in the next 6-8 months. Provost's office will provide administrative support for nominations. • Sessional Extended members hired into tenure-track positions - Under the newly ratified Faculty Collective Agreement, a new category of employment which would allow people in sessional-extended contracts to be considered for tenure-track appointments. Work will continue to develop a pool of eligible sessional extended faculty.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal research support – While it is difficult to count all funding supporting research; direct internal awards and grants are estimated at \$240,000. Discussion at last GFC has set research funding as a budgetary priority for 2023/24. <p>Discussion occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process to become a sessional extended is to apply to the call-out with a teaching dossier to show performance in teaching. All recruitment is driven by department needs. The funding distribution approach for research will be developed by the AVP, Research, with a focus on complementing existing approaches in faculties and schools and grant structure. Concerns about cost of course releases and transparency in awarding them. Course release provisions at MacEwan reflect the sector in Alberta. Deans were given discretion in how to award them in response to concerns they were too limited – perhaps a future iteration looks at some criteria to strike a balance. The new money for research is not primarily aimed at course release. Provost welcomes any thoughts or feedback on how to manage the approach for some colleagues teaching six courses, per normal, versus others teaching five. As the institution is not currently in bargaining negotiations, a general discussion can be held.
2.3	<p>GFC Executive Committee Report</p> <p>K. Harcombe provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee last met November 21. Two major items were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Advisory Committee Procedures for the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications were approved. GFC Bylaws – which will come forward for approval in the new year.
2.4	<p>Academic Planning & Quality Assurance Report</p> <p>D. Sadoway provided the following report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met on October 31, 2022. Two major items were presented to the committee.
2.4.1	<p>Termination of the Cardiac Care Certificate Program</p> <p>The committee reviewed the recommendation brought forward to terminate this program effective June 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program was suspended July 1, 2021. There has been a decline in students' interest, and currently, there are no active students in the program. The committee unanimously approved the motion to terminate.
2.4.2	<p>Strategic Vision Metrics: Work Integrated Learning</p> <p>The committee was given a presentation by G. Kemp on Work Integrated Learning.</p> <p>Discussion Occurred:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Province sets targets for programs with work opportunities. Board of Governors is interested in how many students graduate with work experience. Suggest minor wording changes on related to Directed Filed Study to remove “applied degree.”
2.5	<p>Academic Standards, Curriculum, & the Calendar Report</p> <p>F. Angulo-Ruiz provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met on October 31, 2022. The committee passed two Motions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustment of the admission requirements for Business Management Diplomas (all Majors), Human Resources Diploma, and the Accounting & Strategic Measurement Diploma, effective Fall 2023. Appointment of a faculty member from Academic Standard committee to the Calendar Advisory Group. Two policy items were brought forward for consultation: 1) a new Death of a student standard, and 2) Awarding Posthumous Credential Procedure. <p>Discussion Occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies are approved by GFC while standards are approved by GFC Executive Committee, as with procedures.
2.6	<p>Scholarly Activity Report</p> <p>J. Toth provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met on November 7, 2022. An introductory discussion item on “thought leadership” in the MacEwan context was part of the agenda. The committee was the first to be part of this conversation. Other items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel policy revisions – Item was for discussion. The revisions made to remove the additional reporting requirements for travel within Canada. Indirect costs of research policy – Pertains to Tri-Agency funding, to identify indirect institutional administrative and infrastructure costs associated with research. Three policies with motions for approval.
2.6.1	<p>Titled Chairs Policy revisions (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-02-12-05-2022/23: Moved by J. Toth and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve revisions to the Titled Chairs policy to include deans’ consultation with the faculties as amended.</p> <p>Motion carried as amended.</p> <p>(Request to record two votes against: E. Legge and B. Graves).</p> <p>The main change is the removal of GFC and Faculty Councils as a middleman in the process of determining titled Chairs. Process goes from Dean directly to the Provost.</p>

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	<p>Discussion Occurred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern about removing academic governance from the process. Reference to “faculty or school” is vague – the reference to academic governance (Faculty Council) or academic administration is not clear. The purpose of the changes is to make the process more efficient. Revised wording for 5.1.2 includes “Deans are responsible for managing the nomination and selection process for Titled Chairs in consultation with their respective Faculty or School Council and for making recommendations to the Provost & Vice-President, Academic.”
2.6.2	<p>Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Scholars Policy combined (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-03-12-05-2022/23: Moved by J. Toth and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the new policy document “Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Scholars” and rescind the existing separate policy documents “Adjunct Faculty” and “Visiting Scholars.”</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>(Request to record two votes against: E. Legge and B. Graves).</p> <p>J. Toth noted the policy “cleans up” two similar documents by combining them and makes some clarification about what is mean by “adjunct.”</p> <p>Discussion occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambiguity in reference to “faculties and schools” with respect to academic governance vs. academic administration. References to “faculty / school” should be construed as meaning academic governance. Many MacEwan policies include references to “faculty/school,” and it should be confirmed that those references are to academic governance.
2.6.3	<p>Distinguished Research Award Policy rescission (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-04-12-05-2022/23: Moved by J. Toth and seconded that the General Faculties Council rescind the Distinguished Research Award policy.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Toth noted that the rescission is in line with comparators where such a policy is unusual. As part of recommending the rescission, Scholarly Activity Committee provided instruction to the Adjudication committee to cover any policy gap and set them up to develop awards and criteria.
2.7	Teaching & Learning Report

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	<p>L. Mazo provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met on November 7, 2022, focusing on teaching awards. In addition, upcoming work will focus on universal design for learning. A working group has been formed and GFC will be updated. There will be a Symposium on January 26th – look for the invite and please attend.
	<p>2.7.1 Teaching Awards Criteria and Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to S. Bratt and K. Keiller for their work. Detailed information on Teaching Awards is up on the website (Centre for Teaching and Learning website). Next steps will be a call out for the committee membership. Nominations may be made by students and faculty members, or Alumni. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-nomination is accepted in all categories except the Distinguished Teaching Award nomination.
2.8	<p>Council on Student Affairs Report</p> <p>K. Biittner provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council met on November 14, 2022. Main discussion was providing feedback on the Death of a Student Standard and Posthumous Award Procedures.
3.0	Other Business
	No other business was raised.
4.0	Adjournment
	The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:01pm.