

### Attendance

#### Ex-Officio Members (voting)

President:	Annette Trimbee, Chair		
Provost:	Craig Monk		
VPs:	Maureen Lomas	Lara McClelland	
Deans:	David Danto	Allan Gilliland	Karen Keiller
	Richard Perlow	Lisa Rochman	Christy Raymond
	Melike Schalomon		
AVP, Planning & Analysis & Registrar	David McLaughlin		

#### Statutory Members (voting)

Students:	Gabriel Ambutong	Steph Vasquez	
Faculty:	Dawn Sadoway GFC Vice-Chair	Katie Biittner	Eric Legge
	Brendan Boyd	Alain Beauclair	Chris Striemer
	Tina Bott	Melissa Hills	Tim Williams
	Paul Chahal	Kelsey Reed	Gregory Springate
	Etayankara Muralidharan	Khalaf Al-jarrah	Francoise Cadigan
	Caroline Foster-Boucher	Upinder Sarker	Paul Kerr
	Kelly Morris		

#### Additional Appointed Members (voting)

AVPs:	Craig Kuziemyky		
General Counsel:	Jason Fung		
GMUFA President:	Bob Graves		
Faculty:	Lucio Gemini	Cristina Ruiz-Serrano	Bill Thompson
	Tiffany Kriz	Jim Head	Lun Li
	Mary Asirifi (3:34 pm)	Martin Tucker	Alison Pitcher
	Robyn Hall	Kenneth Ristau	
Students:	Nhi Phan	Freja Cartujano	
Alumni:	Laura Gilmour		

**Quorum: 28**

#### Resource Members (non-voting)

Office of University Governance:	Sumiko Yip, University Secretary	Marco Turlione, Recording Secretary	Christian Zukowski, Lead Coordinator
	Agata Lewandowski		
<b>Absent, with Regrets:</b>	Chandelle Rimmer	Rose Ginther	Josh Toth
	Andrea Wagner	Cristina Anton	

**PRESENTER / GUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM**

Role	Name	Agenda Item
Presenter	Melissa Merrigan	2.5.1 – Academic Standing Policy

**AGENDA: OPEN SESSION**

#	Item
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm, noting that quorum was present.
1.1	Land Acknowledgement
	P. Kerr provided a land acknowledgement.
1.2	Approval of Agenda and Consent Items ( <b>MOTION</b> )
	<b>MOTION#GFC-01-11-06-2023/24:</b> Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the agenda and consent items, as presented. <b>Motion Carried.</b>
	*The consent agenda consistent of the approval of the minutes from the meeting on October 2, 2023; and the GFC EC minutes from September 11, 2023, and GFC Standing Committee Workplans for information.
	<b>Reports</b>
2.1	President's Report
	The Chair reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked faculty, students, and recent graduates for their work to make the Fall Open House a success.</li> <li>• Acknowledged the ongoing work to prepare for Fall Convocation, occurring on November 14, 2023.</li> <li>• The GFC Executive Committee attended a Board dinner with the intention to strengthen the understanding of bicameral governance.</li> <li>• The Speech from the Throne indicated that the government emphasized choice, talent, and seats for post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Important advocacy points moving forward include advocating for increases to MacEwan's base operating grant rather than targeted enrolment funding.</li> <li>• Edmonton was classified as a UNESCO Learning City and MacEwan's place in the city is linked to downtown vibrancy and the generation of research.</li> <li>• Tri-Council research funding and policies are important in the impact of international students attending MacEwan.</li> <li>• The second Chancellor Speaker Series is occurring on November 8, 2023, and members are encouraged to attend.</li> </ul>
2.2	Provost's Report
	C. Monk reported on the following:

**AGENDA: OPEN SESSION**

#	Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New IMA targets have been finalized and the result is consistent with previous updates provided to the GFC.</li> <li>• For the 2023/24 academic year, 25% of MacEwan's operating grant is at risk and is dependent on MacEwan meeting targets for work-integrated learning, enrollment quotas, and administrative costs. MacEwan has already reached or exceeded these targets.</li> <li>• A report on workload was received from the Higher Education Strategy Associates and will first be shared with Deans' Council and the GFC Executive Committee, who may recommend its submission to the GFC proper through the Teaching and Learning subcommittee.</li> <li>• New staff have been hired in the Office of Human Rights following a search run through an external firm. Will be looking to expand the EDI Accelerator Project.</li> </ul>
2.3	<b>GFC Executive Committee Report</b> D. Sadoway reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee approved the terms of reference for the Committee on Academic Planning and Quality Assurance; the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar; the Committee on Teaching and Learning; and the Council on Student Affairs.</li> <li>• Changes included updates to reflect current practices and policies; standardized and improved formatting and grammar; and the addition of appendices listing subsidiary bodies to each committee for ease of updating.</li> <li>• The Committee reviewed the Bachelor of Science Action Plan, School of Continuing Education Bylaw Revisions, and Academic Standing Policy.</li> <li>• The Committee approved the Graduands List as presented in the Closed Session.</li> </ul>
2.3.1	<b>GFC Standing Committees / Working Group Budgetary Process (MOTION)</b> <b>MOTION#GFC-02-11-06-2023/24:</b> Moved by M. Tucker and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the GFC Standing Committees and Working Group Budgetary Process, as presented. <b>Motion Carried.</b> D. Sadoway presented the item. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Office of University Governance does not have the budget to cover these expenditures and the Provost's Office has offered to cover them.</li> <li>• Standing Committees and working groups will be required to obtain GFC EC approval prior to beginning any work incurring expenses.</li> </ul>
2.4	<b>Academic Planning &amp; Quality Assurance Report</b> P. Chahal reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee approved and recommended revisions to its terms of reference to GFC EC for approval.</li> </ul>

**AGENDA: OPEN SESSION**

#	Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee also reviewed its 2023/24 workplan for information and recommended the Bachelor of Science Action Plan for approval at GFC.</li> </ul>
2.4.1	<p><b>Bachelor of Science Action Plan 2023 -2025 (MOTION)</b></p> <p><b>MOTION#GFC-03-11-06-2023/24:</b> Moved by C. Foster-Boucher and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the Bachelor of Science Program Review Action Plan as presented.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></p> <p>P. Chahal presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program review included three external reviewers and self-study committee.</li> <li>The 52 recommendations were grouped into 33 action items with 6 themes.</li> <li>Expected completion dates are provided and will be monitored by the Dean and Faculty Governance Administrator. The Committee heard that some items are already in-progress or ahead of schedule.</li> <li>Positive feedback was received from the external reviewers, faculty, and students, particularly regarding dedication of community and commitment to the strategic vision.</li> </ul>
2.5	<p><b>Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar Report</b></p> <p>P. Kerr reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee recommended approval of its Terms of Reference and reviewed the 2023-2024 committee workplan.</li> <li>The Committee recommended the Academic Standing Policy to GFC for approval.</li> <li>The Committee had a discussion on the Subsequent Baccalaureate Credential policy and the Subsequent Credentials Procedure, which is being brought forward for consultation. The intent is to create a flexible process to guide students on earning subsequent credentials. It will be brought back for recommendation at the committee meeting in January.</li> </ul>
2.5.1	<p><b>Academic Standing Policy (MOTION)</b></p> <p><b>MOTION#GFC-04-11-06-2023/24:</b> Moved by K. Biittner and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve revised Academic Standing policy.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></p> <p>P. Kerr presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the current policy, courses graded Credit Received/No Credit Received may create undesirable consequences for students.</li> <li>Credit Received/No Credit Received courses have the potential to impact the calculation of GPAs and cause them to not reflect students' academic work.</li> <li>For academic privileges such as Dean's or First-Class Standing, a result of NCR is treated as disqualifying.</li> </ul>

**AGENDA: OPEN SESSION**

#	Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office of the University Registrar seeks to establish a threshold of 12 out of 18 credits with grade point value to assess regular academic standing.</li> <li>If students fall under 18 credits, they would be considered no-ruling until at least 24 credits are taken.</li> </ul>
2.6	<b>Scholarly Activity Report</b> M. Muralidharan reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional changes are being worked on the committee Terms of Reference and will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.</li> <li>The Annual Report on Scholarship will now be released in the Fall.</li> <li>The Office of Research Services shared several events intended to stimulate scholarship in thematic areas and the opportunity for connection with community organizations.</li> <li>Student Research Day will be held on April 19, 2024, with applications opening in January 2024 and closing on March 8, 2024.</li> <li>Received a proposal for information on Community Research Ethics Board presenting an opportunity to engage community partners and position MacEwan as a trendsetter in community-based research.</li> <li>Received an overview of the updated Office of Research Services website.</li> </ul>
2.7	<b>Teaching &amp; Learning Report</b> E. Legge reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee recommended approval of its Terms of Reference and reviewed the 2023-2024 committee workplan.</li> <li>Work is being done to identify potential areas of focus for the Committee in the upcoming year.</li> <li>The Committee approved the Accessibility and Universal Design for Learning Working Group terms of reference and a one-year extension to their term.</li> <li>The Committee provided feedback on the draft report from the AI2 Working Group. The Final Report will be presented at the November 20, 2023, committee meeting.</li> <li>The Committee reviewed the work of the Teaching Awards Working Group and identified a plan to improve communication with nominees not selected for an award as well as new strategies to select working group members.</li> </ul>
2.8	<b>Council on Student Affairs Report</b> K. Biittner reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee recommended minor changes to its Terms of Reference to GFC Executive Committee for approval and reviewed its 2023/24 committee workplan.</li> <li>Changes included an increase in student representation and minor edits.</li> </ul>

AGENDA: OPEN SESSION	
#	Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee approved revised Terms of Reference for the Student Mental Health Working Group and the extension of its term to allow it to complete its work. An update from the working group is expected at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>
3.1	<b>School of Continuing Education Bylaw Revisions (MOTION)</b>  <b>MOTION#GFC-05-11-06-2023/24:</b> Moved by P. Kerr and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the revised bylaws for the School of Continuing Education, as amended. <b>Motion Carried.</b>  L. Rochman presented the item. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisions include adding sessional instructors and administrators as members of School Council updated definitions, and an EDI Statement was included.</li> <li>GFC expressed concern with quorum requirements and that valid meetings could be held in the absence of a faculty majority and recommended an amendment.</li> <li>Amendment to Article 7.5: Quorum for School Council shall be one-third of the number of voting members of the members entitled to vote as of September 1 of each year, provided at least 50% present are faculty.</li> <li>Provost encouraged faculties and schools to discuss “Honoring our Place in O’day-min” to provoke a broader discussion around EDI.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
	No further business was raised.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	The Chair adjourned at the meeting at 4:17 pm.