

Attendance

Ex-Officio Members (voting)			
President:	Annette Trimbee, Chair		
Provost:	Craig Monk		
VPs:	Maureen Lomas	Lara McClelland	
Deans:	David Danto	Karen Keiller	Richard Perlow
	Lisa Rochman	Christy Raymond	Melike Schalomon
Registrar and AVP, Strategic Enrollment	Julie Green		
Statutory Members (voting)			
Students:	Darcy Hoogers		
Faculty:	Dawn Sadoway GFC Vice-Chair	Katie Biittner	Francoise Cadigan
	Paul Chahal	Cristina Anton	Eric Legge
	Murli Muralidharan	Alain Beauclair	Chris Striemer
	Caroline Foster-Boucher	Melissa Hills	Tim Williams
	Kelly Morris	Kelsey Reed	Paul Kerr
Additional Appointed Members (voting)			
AVPs:	Craig Kuziemsky	Chandelle Rimmer (<i>Interim</i>)	
General Counsel:	Jason Fung		
Faculty:	Lucio Gelmini	Cristina Ruiz-Serrano	Robyn Hall
	Tiffany Kriz	Jim Head	Mary Asirifi
	Alison Pitcher	Martin Tucker	Kenneth Ristau
Resource Members (non-voting)			
Office of University Governance:	Sumiko Yip University Secretary	Marco Turlione Recording Secretary	Agata Biela
	Christian Zukowski	Leah Stock	
Absent, with Regrets:	Allan Gilliland	Gabriel Ambutong	Andrea Wagner
	Brendan Boyd	Josh Toth	Tina Bott
	Gregory Springate	Khalaf Al-jarrah	Rose Ginther
	Bob Graves	Bill Thompson	Lun Li
	Laura Gilmour		

PRESENTER / GUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM

Role	Name	Agenda Item
Guest	Jason Cobb	N/A
Guest	Steph Vasquez	N/A
Guest	Melissa Merrigan	N/A

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1.0	Call to Order
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm, noting that quorum was present.
1.1	Land Acknowledgement
	K. Biittner provided the land acknowledgement.
1.2	Agenda and Consent Items (MOTION)
	MOTION#GFC-01-05-06-2023/24: Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the open agenda and consent items as presented. Motion Carried.
	*The consent agenda included the minutes from the GFC meeting on March 24, 2024, for approval; and the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on March 18, 2024, for information.
2.0	Reports
2.1	President's Report
	The Chair reported on the followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The administration is monitoring Bill 18. While it seems that the government's focus is on municipalities and who sets priorities in federal agreements, it is a concern for post-secondary institutions. Discussions are ongoing on how best to negotiate an exemption for post-secondary institutions. The government is reaching out to stakeholders and will be conducting consultation with a planned implementation for early 2025. • Ongoing campus protests are being monitored and efforts are being made to learn from and communicate with other institutions about their experiences. The goal is to ensure the safety of those on campus and that MacEwan has policies and procedures to guide this. • School of Business Building groundbreaking is upcoming and are expected to have 100 to 150 guests in attendance.
2.2	Provost's Report
	C. Monk reported on the followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forty-four tenure track appointments will take effect on July 1, 2024, with five offers still outstanding. As many as 35 sessional positions are being hired. • Promotions have been announced, with 36 new promotions from 44 applicants. This indicates an 82% success rate. • Many cases were unanimous but where voting was close it was felt that an additional year or two of material would result in the candidate's success. • A broad plan for improvement of the exam centre has been created in advance of the full relaunch in January 2025. The status quo cannot continue for the Centre due to the physical space and staff complement not being able to provide services for everyone. An opportunity to provide feedback on services will be provided.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GFC will approve the 2025/26 academic schedule in the Fall. The schedule does include some Sunday exams and every effort was made to limit their use. GFC will have to consider priorities such as a fall reading break, grading time for faculty, and ensuring students receive grades with enough time to consider prerequisites. GFC will also need to review modality definitions as part of its regular cycle. Feedback on modality definitions has generally been positive but students have expressed that the amount of online content in face-to-face classes may be too high.
2.3	GFC Executive Committee Report
	D. Sadoway reported on the followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GFC Executive Committee had no items for recommendation or approval.
2.3.1	2023/24 Annual Report
	D. Sadoway presented the item. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Post-Secondary Learning Act requires that post-secondary institutions submit an annual report. The Report provides information on institutional goals and growth and research activities. Financial statements have not been approved. Once approved, the final report will be provided to the Auditor General to provide certification that the information is accurate produced. The year-end audit is in progress and no concerns have been identified. A \$10 million surplus was projected in the third quarter forecast about 3% of the budget. Due to the surplus, the collection of the Sports and Wellness mandatory non-instructional fee was paused for the Winter 2024 term.
2.4	Academic Planning & Quality Assurance Report
	P. Chahal reported on the followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved a proposal for a Cybersecurity Studies Minor. The minor responds to the demand for more cybersecurity professionals. The Committee approved the termination of the Nursing Refresher program. The program has had reduced enrolment and is succeeded by the Bridge to Canadian Nursing program. The Committee approved the termination of the Wound Management program. The program was suspended in July of 2023 and has had low enrolment for five years. The Committee approved a Childhood, Youth, and Family Studies Minor proposal. The Therapist Assistant Program Accreditation Review has been delayed as two members of the review team had to step down. New accreditation expiry and site review dates will be provided. The Bachelor of Social Work Program Review has been delayed to Fall 2024 due to personal circumstances of review team members.
2.4.1	Faculty of Nursing Department Restructuring Proposal (MOTION)

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	<p>MOTION#GFC-02-05-06-2023/24: Moved by C. Raymond and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the proposed changes to the department structure of the Faculty of Nursing for implementation on September 1, 2024.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>P. Chalal presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Faculty is reducing the number of departments from five to four. • The structure was reviewed to ensure the effective organization and implementation of courses, maximize the use of department chairs and effective governance and decision-making. • The implementation date is September 1, 2024.
2.5	<p>Academic Standards, Curriculum, & the Calendar Report</p> <p>P. Kerr reported on the followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee approved changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Child and Youth Care and the Bachelor of Social Work. These changes were proposed to reduce barriers for students entering the programs. • The Committee approved the Faculty of Health and Community Studies' request for no changes to the Bachelor of Physical Education Transfer program. • The Committee approved a credit load change for the Massage Therapy program to accommodate the greater number of clinical hours required for accreditation. • The Committee approved credit load changes for the Investigative Studies, Policing Studies, and Correctional Service programs. The credit load was decreased from 61 to 60 because of curriculum development and streamlining efforts. • The Committee approved the name change of the Correctional Service program to Community Justice and Corrections to reflect curriculum and align with other programs in Canada. • The Committee approved a credit load change for the Psychiatric Nursing diploma that would reduce the required credits from 89 to 84. This change addresses recommendations made by external reviewers. • The Committee approved increasing the credit load for the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing program from 45 to 123 credits. This reflects changing the program to a standalone degree rather than feeding in from the diploma. • The Committee approved reducing the credit load of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing from 132 to 123. This is the result of reducing clinical hours and bringing the program in line with other programs across Canada. • The Committee approved changes to the admission criteria for the Bridge to Canadian Nursing program that modifies English Language Proficiency requirements in response to changes made by the College of Registered Nurses.
2.5.1	<p>Delegation of No Criteria Change (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-03-05-06-2023/24: Moved by M. Tucker and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the delegation of authority to</p>

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	<p>approve admission criteria with no changes to the Faculties and Schools that offer the programs.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>P. Kerr presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The admission policy requires that program-specific admission criteria be reviewed every five years and that the Academic Standards Committee provide approval. • Proposals would still undergo consultation with faculty and across the institution. Approvals of no changes would be captured by the relevant deans and provided in an annual report to the Provost. • Changes may also be proposed to the Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar Committee between review cycles.
2.6	<p>Scholarly Activity Report</p> <p>M. Muralidharan reported on the followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received an update from the Associate Vice-President, Research. • The Committee discussed aligning internal granting with the strategic vision and tactical plan for scholarship. Data shared indicates that early career researchers are currently above proposed targets. • The Committee reviewed a draft survey on internal grants. • The Committee received an update on the tactical plan for scholarship. Highlights included the review of the internal grant structure, collecting data to inform progress on metrics, and the formalization of scholarly areas of focus.
2.6.1	<p>Research Centre Renewal: Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-04-05-06-2023/24: Moved by K. Reed and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the renewal of the Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity for a second five-year term.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>M. Muralidharan presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre's work includes the Trans Youth Health Survey, establishing the Queer Horizons Speaker Series, and the creation of an interdisciplinary course on research in sexually and gender diverse communities. • The Centre has formed research connections with Concordia University and NorQuest College. • Future activities for the Centre would include exploring opportunities for cross-faculty appointments, expanding the Queer Horizons Speaker Series • This Proposal to renew the Centre's term is separate from process relating to the Director and the Canada Research Chair.
2.7	<p>Teaching & Learning Report</p>

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	<p>E. Legge reported on the followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received an update on the 3M Teaching Fellowship Incubator program. MacEwan has only had one recipient and that a large administrative burden in the application process is a barrier. • The Deans' Council and the Provost's Office have supported the pilot program to encourage more applications for the award. • The program invites participating faculty members to meet for a year to prepare applications to make MacEwan more competitive. • The program is intended to expand or continue in the future if it is successful. • The Committee approved the creation of a subcommittee related to emerging technologies. The mandate allows the consideration of any emerging technology.
2.8	<p>Council on Student Affairs Report</p> <p>K. Biittner reported on the followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council received an update from the Student Mental Health Working Group. The working group provided a review of the draft Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide. The goal is to embody the vision of being grand as a griffin. • The Students' Association shared results from a survey relating to supports for students experiencing grief. • The Council received a presentation on Flightpath, which is a series of student life and academic readiness programs. The project emphasizes first year transition, community-building, and peer deliverables. • The Council also received information on a textbook affordability program proposal. The program may include support faculty in the use of Open Educational Resources and textbooks included in the library collection.
3.0	GFC Elections and Appointments
3.1	<p>2024/25 GFC Vice-Chair Appointment (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-05-05-06-2023/24: Moved by M. Hills and seconded that the General Faculties Council appoint by acclamation, Paul Chahal as vice-chair of the General Faculties Council for the 2024/25 academic year.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>
3.2	<p>Additional Appointed GFC Members (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#GFC-06-05-06-2023/24: Moved by J. Head and seconded that the General Faculties Council appoint the following names as additional appointed members of the General Faculties Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Arts and Science: Cristina Anton for a 3-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027) and Katie Biittner for a 2-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026); • Faculty of Business: Subhadip Ghosh for a 3-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); • Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications: John McMillan for a 3-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027);

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of Nursing: Sharon Johnston for a 3-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027); and, • Alumni Association: Kyra Droog for a 1-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Motion Carried.
4.0	Other Business
	<i>(Used for announcement, general questions)</i>
	No other business was discussed.
5.0	Adjournment
	The Chair thanked members for their service on the General Faculties Council. The Chair adjourned the Open Session at 4:53 pm.