

**Attendance**
**Ex-Officio Members (voting)**

Provost:	Craig Monk		
VPs:	Lara McClelland		
Deans:	David Danto	Deric Olsen	Eva Revitt ( <i>interim</i> )
	Richard Perlow	Lisa Rochman	Christy Raymond
	Melike Schalomon		
Registrar and AVP, Strategic Enrollment	Julie Green		

**Statutory Members (voting)**

Students:	Gabriel Ambutong	Darcy Hoogers	
Faculty:	Paul Chahal GFC Vice-Chair	Ion Bica	Treena Swanston
	Robert Woznura	Eric Legge	Josh Toth
	Alain Beauclair	Chris Striemer	Tina Bott
	Melissa Hills	Tim Williams	Gregory Springate
	Murli Muralidharan	Khalaf Al-jarrah	Francoise Cadigan
	Caroline Foster-Boucher	Emilene Reisdorfer	Paul Kerr
	David Laing	Dawn Sadoway	Travis Hatt
	Kelly Morris		

**Additional Appointed Members (voting)**

GMUFA President:	Bob Graves		
Faculty:	Katie Biittner	Cristina Anton	Bill Thompson
	Subhadip Ghosh	John McMillan	Lun Li
	Sharon Johnston	Martin Tucker ( <i>arr. 3:31 pm</i> )	Alison Pitcher
	Kenneth Ristau		
Students	Olade Ayodeji	Layal Zidan	

**Resource Members (non-voting)**

Office of University Governance:	Sumiko Yip University Secretary	Marco Turlione Recording Secretary	Christian Zukowski
	Leah Stock		
<b>Absent, with Regrets:</b>	Annette Trimbee	Maureen Lomas	Brendan Boyd
	Craig Kuziemy	Chandelle Rimmer	Jason Fung
	Kyra Droog		

**GUESTS**

Name	Agenda Item
Breanne Kruger	N/A
Laura Gilmour	N/A

MINUTES: OPEN SESSION	
#	Item
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm, noting that quorum was present.
	The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the 2024-25 academic year.
1.1	Land Acknowledgement
	P. Chahal provided the land acknowledgement.
1.2	Open and Consent Agenda ( <b>MOTION</b> )
	<b>MOTION#GFC-01-09-16-2024/25:</b> Moved by D. Sadoway and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the open and consent agenda as presented. <b>Motion Carried.</b>
	*The consent agenda included the minutes from the May 6, 2024, meeting and the Appointment of Additional GFC Members, for approval; and the 2024/25 GFC Membership for information.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Reports</b>
2.1	President's Report
	<p>The Chair reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolment results have been submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education and were just under the 19,000-student target. This is a 7.4% increase to Full Load Equivalents (FLEs). Over 2,900 students completed programs, which is a 3.7% increase from last year.</li> <li>It is expected that the University will reach 20,000 students in the current academic year and that international enrolment is growing from 5% to 5.5%.</li> <li>Progress has been made on the School of Business Building which is scheduled for completion for the 2026/27 academic year.</li> <li>A multi-year facilities plan will accommodate the opening of the School of Business building, which will serve primarily as academic but will have opportunities for ancillary services and expansion.</li> <li>The University has received a funding commitment from the Government of Alberta and the MacEwan Means Business fundraising campaign is approaching \$4 million.</li> <li>There is ongoing advocacy related to Bill 18 and potential limitations on research funding. The Minister of Advanced Education confirmed that an exemption for tri-council funding will be sought.</li> </ul>
2.2	Provost's Report
	<p>The Chair reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Provost is attending the first faculty/school council meetings for 2024/25 to answer questions and share Provost's goals.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deans have submitted 54 requests for faculty appointments and additional requests to hire non-academic support staff. Current budgeting is expected to support approximately 30 new hires.</li> <li>The proportion of courses taught by tenure or tenure-track faculty has fallen from 59% to around 56%. This is still an increase from 40% eleven years ago, but there is a need to ensure that strategic goals are met while growth is pursued.</li> <li>There is a small delay in approving the 2025/26 Academic Schedule. The Registrar will present two options to the Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar for analysis. One option would retain the Fall Reading Break and the other option would remove the Fall Reading Break. The schedule will be brought to the GFC next meeting for approval.</li> <li>Strategic enrolment management has been modelled until 2029. The Strategic Vision and a new academic building will allow the University to attract more students.</li> </ul>
2.3	GFC Executive Committee Report	
	P. Chahal reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GFC Executive Committee met on September 9, 2024.</li> <li>The Committee approved the appointment of faculty at large members to four standings committees.</li> <li>The Committee reviewed items for inclusion on the General Faculties Council agenda and approved the agenda without change.</li> </ul>	
2.3.1	Chancellor Joint Committee Appointments ( <b>MOTION</b> ) <p><b>MOTION#GFC-02-09-16-2024/25:</b> Moved by P. Chahal and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve Ion Bica and Paul Kerr to serve on the Chancellor Joint Committee as members of the General Faculties Council.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></p> <p>P. Chahal presented the item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Trimbee will fill one seat on the Chancellor Joint Committee. The remaining seats were offered to standing committee co-chairs.</li> </ul>	
2.3.2	GFC Bylaws ( <b>MOTION</b> ) <p><b>MOTION#GFC-03-09-16-2024/25:</b> Moved by P. Chahal and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the proposed revisions to the GFC Bylaws, as amended.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried as amended.</b></p> <p>P. Chahal presented the item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amendment strikes out “Provost &amp; Vice-Provost, Academic” and adds “Acting President” to section 7.2.4.</li> <li>The revisions clarify that when the Chair is absent, the Provost will assume the powers of the Chair. This aligns with the practice of the Provost being designated as Acting President.</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The membership was updated to include the Deputy Provost and Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Initiatives and Engagement, as additional members.</li><li>• Reapportionment will be reviewed to ensure that an appropriate ratio between admin and academic members is maintained.</li><li>• Administration in anticipating one additional academic Associate Vice-President in the coming year, but no other additions to academic leadership.</li></ul>
3.0	New Business		
	3.1	GFC Orientation	
		S. Yip provided an orientation presentation on university governance to the membership.	
		The presentation deck was uploaded to the GFC SharePoint Site following the meeting.	
4.0	Other Business		
	(Used for announcements and general questions)		
	No other business was discussed.		
5.0	Adjournment of Open Session		
	The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm.		