

ATTENDANCE

- Members** Annettee Trimbee; Craig Monk; Maureen Powers-Lomas; Lara McClelland;
Kevin Friesen; Deric Olsen; David Danto; Christy Raymond; Richard Perlow;
Lisa Rochman; Karen Keiller; Julie Green; Chioma Uzor; Alem Tesfay; Ion Bica;
Treena Swanston; Shannon Digweed; Robert Woznura; Eric Legge; Joshua Toth;
Alain Beauclair; Lynne Honey; Tina Bott; Melissa Hills; Aimee Skye; Tim Williams;
Paul Chahal; Hellen Gateri; Murli Muralidharan; Khalaf Al-Jarrah; Francoise Cadigan;
Paul Kerr; Melanie Gates; David Laing; Wayne Williams; Travis Hatt; Scott Spidell;
Debbie Lenton; Ed Lorkovic; Chandelle Rimmer; Craig Kuziemyky; Terri Cardinal;
Allison Drew-Hassling; Jason Fung; Cristina Ruiz Serrano; Mohamad El-Hajj;
Stefan Cartledge; Katie Biittner; Cristina Anton; Andrew Patterson; Barry Williams;
Bruce Thomson; Vivian Giang; John McMillan; Anna Rissanen; Lun Li;
Sharon Johnston; Martin Tucker; Robyn Hall; Michael Brundin; Kenneth Ristau;
Darren Tellier; Vincent Trinh; Olad Ayodeji; Manojna Tumma; Milan Regmi;
Kyra Droog.
- Secretariat** Sumiko Yip; Leah Stock; Christian Zukowski; Ginikachi Ugwuegbu
- Presenters**
- Regrets** Annettee Trimbee; Sharon Johnston; Martin Tucker; Lun Li; Terri Cardinal;
Chandelle Rimmer; Francoise Cadigan
- Guests** Meagan Auer; Larissa Williams; Zoey Shaw; Parvin Sedighi; Amanda Erickson;
Mark Beliveau; Jillian Pratt; Raynesh Ram

1.0 Call to Order

C. Monk, as Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm, noting that quorum was present.

1.1 Indigenous Invocation

Knowledge Keeper Dr. Lillian Gadwa-Crier provided blessings

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

T. Hatt provided the land acknowledgment.

1.2 Open and Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the adoption of the following motions:

- That the General Faculties Council approve the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2025, as presented.

The Consent Agenda included the following items for information:

- GFC Executive Committee Minutes: June 2, 2025
- GFC Bylaws
- 2025/26 GFC Membership

MOTION#GFC-01-09-15-2025/26:

Moved by C. Raymond and seconded by that the General Faculties Council approve the open and consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

2.0 Reports

2.1 President and Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Acting Chair reported on the following:

- Members were welcomed to the first GFC meeting of the 2025/26 governance cycle. The Council now has 67 members, including ex-officio, elected, and appointed seats under the Post-Secondary Learning Act.
- The Acting Chair emphasized the importance of active participation through voting, noting that abstentions are handled differently depending on bylaws and that not all faculty are members of GFC.
- The GFC and its standing committees play a central role in bicameral governance. Recent approvals include new programs such as the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Behaviour Analysis, the Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice, the Bachelor of Science majors in Environmental Science and Data Science, and a minor in Indigegegogy.

2.2 Provost's Report

The Provost reported on the following:

- Fall 2025 launched successfully with about 70,000 enrolments, including over 18,000 students on campus. Headcount grew by 1,100 year-over-year, with an institutional fill rate of 92% (up to 97% in some areas), aligning with *Teaching Greatness* goals.

- Recruitment remains a priority. Budgeting supports 23 academic hires, with 52 requests submitted by faculties and schools. Rankings have been completed, with final confirmation expected by the end of September, subject to budget approval.
- Leadership updates included welcoming A. Drew-Hassling as AVP, Student Support and Accountability, and K. Keiller returning as Dean of Library. Processes are underway for the reappointment of C. Raymond as Dean of Nursing, the Deputy Provost search, and a Fall launch of the AVP, Student Experience and Development search.
- An update on scheduled teaching reductions and their distribution will be provided to the GFC for transparency and in alignment with the Collective Agreement. 110 reductions have been allocated for 2026/27, not including department chairs, Canada Research Chairs, and Chancellor Research Chairs. Distribution across faculties and schools can be determined using a variety of methods, including TRS appointments, relative size, and student headcount. It was highlighted that several of these methods return similar results and the intent is to not penalize areas where student headcount is expected to increase.

2.3 GFC Executive Committee Report

T. Hatt reported on the following:

- The GFC Executive Committee met on September 8, 2025.
- The Committee approved the appointments of faculty-at-large members to standing committees and a GFC member to the Honorary Doctorate Selection Committee. It also reviewed the proposed items and approved the agenda for the September 15, 2025 GFC meeting without change.

2.3.1 GFC Executive Committee Workplan

T. Hatt presented the item. Highlights included:

- The 2025/26 Workplan outlines key agenda items for the year and was presented for approval.
- It is a living document and may be revised to reflect the ongoing work of the Executive Committee.

MOTION#GFC-02-09-15-2025/26:

Moved by Travis Hatt and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the GFC Executive Committee Workplan.

Motion Carried.

2.3.2 GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference

T. Hatt presented the item. Highlights included:

- The terms of reference set out the committee's mandate, membership, responsibilities, and reporting structure.
- The proposed changes are minor and relate to the order of content in the document and clarification of the office of record.

MOTION#GFC-03-09-15-2025/26:

Moved by Travis Hatt and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion Carried.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Student Appeal Panels Adjudicator Pool

C. Monk presented the item. Highlights included:

- A significant amount of time is committed in the year and between academic terms to the appeals process.
- The listed faculty members listed are willing, eligible, and trained. Once approved, they will be randomly assigned to appeal panels based on availability.

MOTION#GFC-04-09-15-2025/26:

Moved by C. Monk and seconded by that the General Faculties Council approve the Student Appeal Panels Adjudicator Pool.

Motion Carried

3.2 Appointment of a GFC Member to the Committee on Scholarly Activity

S. Yip presented the item. No discussion followed.

MOTION#GFC-05-09-15-2025/26:

Moved by S. Cartledge and seconded by that the General Faculties Council appoint the Robyn Hall to the Committee on Scholarly Activity for a term concluding June 30, 2027.

Motion Carried.

3.3 Overview of Unit Review Process

E. Lorkovic presented the item. Highlights included:

- In line with Campus Alberta Quality Council requirements, the University approved a policy to review non-program components of academic affairs. A proposed seven-year review schedule will be presented to APQA, with the Provost consulting annually with Deans' Council and APQA to confirm upcoming reviews.

- The Centre for Teaching and Learning and Academic Quality Assurance will begin unit reviews in 2025/26, with the Provost's Office providing guidance and support. GFC standing committees will also contribute in a consultative role.
- The reviews are intended to be useful for the University while remaining concise and not overly burdensome.

3.4 GFC Orientation

- S. Yip delivered an orientation presentation on university governance to the membership.
- The GFC discussed the use of electronic voting in relation to its governing documents and procedures, noting that it would be considered equivalent to regular voting, while secret ballots would continue to be conducted by paper under current practice.

4.0 Other Business

(Used to add agenda items arising, for announcement and general questions of GFC matters)

No other business was discussed.

5.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:02 pm
