

December 6, 2021
Open Session
 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 Kule Theatre/Room 9-323

Members Present:

<i>Chair</i>	Annette Trimbee
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Kim Harcombe
<i>VPs</i>	Barry Horan, Myrna Khan, Craig Monk, Helen Ngan-Pare
<i>Academic AVPs and Deans</i>	Allan Gilliland, Karen Keiller, Craig Kuziemsky, Christy Raymond, David McLaughlin, Heather McRae, Cassie Prochnau, Melike Schalomon, Tim Tang
<i>Student Members</i>	Freya Cartujano, Myles Dykes, Raymarck Unera
<i>Faculty Members</i>	Fernando Angulo-Ruiz, Calin Anton, Cristina Anton, Mary Asirifi, Ion Bica, Katie Biittner, Brendan Cavanagh, Lucio Gelmini, Bob Graves, Erin Grey, Kimberley Harcombe, Jim Head, Robert Irwin, Dave Kato, Emily Khalema, Kari Krell, Eric Legge, Joanne Loh, Lee Makovichuk, Kathy Miller, Peter Myhre, Tory Pino, Eva Revitt, Chandelle Rimmer, Tara Stieglitz, Chris Streimer, Josh Toth, Martin Tucker, William Wei.
<i>Faculty Assoc. President</i>	Rafat Alam
<i>Alumni</i>	Laura Gilmour
<i>Resource Members:</i>	Sumiko Yip Bronwyn Sneffjella (recording)
	Marco Turlione Kelsey Romaniuk
Regrets:	Cassey Fallis, Erin Gray, Tiffany Kriz, Lucille Mazo, Vahid Rezanian, Rene Wells, Cynthia Zutter, Andrea Wagner
Guests:	Sharon Bratt, Sherif Elbarrad, Cheryl Earle, Marg Leatham, Stacey Martin, Tony Norrad, Allan Wesley

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1.0	Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm
1.1	Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President and Chair A. Trimbee commenced with acknowledgment of traditional Indigenous land. Elder Francis Whiskeyjack provided an invocation.

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1.2 Approval of Agenda and Consent Items (MOTION)

MOTION#GFC-01-12-06-2021: Moved by C. Monk and seconded by M. Tucker that the General Faculties Council approves the December 6, 2021, meeting agenda and consent items.

Motion**carried**

Consent items:

- 1.2.1 Previous Minutes: October 25, 2021
- 1.2.2 Minutes of GFC Executive Committee of November 22, 2021

2.0 Reports**2.1 President's Report**

A. Trimbee, President and Chair, reported on the following:

- Women's' soccer team victory at USPORT championship.
- Convocation ceremony and award o three honorary doctorates.
- Second Virtual Open House
- Faculty's continued pandemic response in Fall term 2021.
- The Strategic Vision: Teaching Greatness 2030 was approved by Board
- Changes to the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA) to create a post-secondary sector council which will include MacEwan.
- Anticipate new Institutional Management Agreement from Government
- Board meeting on December 9, 2021, will include a decision on increasing tuition and fees, including fee to support student mental health.
- The Indigenous Advisory Council has been reestablished and will discuss MacEwan's recognition of September 30 Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

2.2 Provost's Report

C. Monk, Provost and VP, Academic, reported on the following:

- Update on hiring tenure-track faculty, senior academic administrator searches, sabbatical applications, and tenure and promotion process.
- Update on planning for consultation with faculty and school councils on the Strategic Vision, noting GFC's role in various themes within planning.
- Update on Winter program delivery and expectations in hybrid teaching modality: Some courses labelled hybrid have only been having online classes.

Discussion occurred:

- Need GFC input regarding pedagogical issues with teaching online / hybrid

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- Faculty reporting huge increase in requests for extensions and accommodations in pandemic, especially Faculty of Arts and Science which does not receive services from Exam Services apart from deferral of finals.
- Unvaccinated students will still be able to access some online services for up to 12 months. May rejoin their program if absence is less than 12 months.

2.3 GFC Executive Committee Report

K. Harcombe, Vice Chair, reported on the following:

- Received a preview of C. Earle's upcoming budget presentation.
- Appointed Dave Kato to the Information Management and Technology Committee as GFC representative.
 - Request to track GFC Executive appointments on behalf of GFC.
- Approved Arts and Science Student Advisory Committee procedures.
- Response to request for GFC to receive legal opinion on division authorities between the GFC and Board. Opinion will be reviewed by each standing committee and findings brought to GFC.

Discussion occurred:

- Suggested alumni advisory representative reach out to Dean of Arts and Science on participation in Arts and Science Student Advisory Council.

2.4 Academic Planning and Quality Assurance Committee

I. Bica, Faculty Co-Chair, Reported on the following:

- Working Group on Minors has first draft of strategic approach on minors and are moving through consultation.
- Another Working Group assembled to develop a quality assurance protocol.

2.4.1. Recommendation to Terminate the Bachelor of Applied Business Administration Accounting

MOTION#GFC-02-12-06-2021: Moved by C. Kuziemyk and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve and recommend the termination of the Bachelor of Applied Business Administration Accounting (BABAA) program.

Motion carried.

The item was introduced by I. Bica with detailed background from C. Kuziemyk.

- BABAA is now a redundant program. It was previously used to accommodate work placements but work integrated learning provisions are now covered via the Bachelor of Commerce.

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2.4.2 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Action Plan

MOTION#GFC-03-12-06-2021: Moved by C. Raymond and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Action Plan.

Motion carried.

The item was introduced by I. Bica with detailed background from C. Raymond.

- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) went through baccalaureate program review and the Action Plan lays out recommended changes.

Discussion occurred:

- Keeping curriculum up to date reflect complexity of nursing education, not an issue with quality assurance process. Faculty of Nursing making strides in past 18 months with arrival of C. Raymond as new Dean.
- Both BScN Action Plan and Bachelor of Commerce Action Plan highlighted need for learning outcomes. Academic Planning and Quality Assurance Committee needs to look at learning outcomes and curriculum mapping.
- Student consultation in review process at multiple levels and venues.

2.5 Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar Committee

K. Harcombe, Faculty Co-Chair, reported on the following:

- Only item at last meeting was a consultation on Continuing Education Policy.
- Note, Committee previously started analysis on English 30-2 and how it is being used across different programs across MacEwan and is hoping to come back with findings in upcoming months.

2.6 Teaching and Learning Committee

E. Revitt, Committee member, provided the following report:

- Committee provided input on Copyright policy which relates to use of copyrighted works in teaching and learning.
- Working on definition of learning modalities i.e. “hybrid” vs. “online”
- Working on terms for Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee
- Committee voted to put off the use of Proctorio for remote exam proctoring recognizing need to address some complexities in implementation before use.

Discussion occurred:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to consider how research vs. teaching award committees are populated.• In light of delayed Proctorio implementation, T. Tang indicated Exam Services will need to look at what services it can provide to support faculty.
2.7	Scholarly Activity Committee K. Miller, Faculty Co-Chair, reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee received an update from the Office of Research Services on new ways to engage with scholarship and avenues to communicate about scholarship at MacEwan.• New grants officer is Danuta Chamot• Discussed process for populating committees and research chairs.
2.8	Council on Student Affairs J. Loh, Faculty Vice-Chair, reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting was cancelled and next will be in January 2022.

4.0 Budget Primer Presentation

A presentation was provided by AVP, Financial Services, Cheryl Earle to provide an overview of the institutional budget process. A presentation deck was shared with members.

Discussion occurred:

- Interest in opportunities for academy to have further involvement in budget process. C. Earle emphasized policy should drive budget, rather than budget process driving policy. Budget process structure of less concern than policy issues related to academic mission.
- One thing GFC might consider is equity in allocations within Academic Affairs budget and how to measure impact of investments in academic units.
- “Continuous Motion” strategic direction is about enrollment which impacts bottom line.
- Potential opportunity to discuss alternative revenue generation within planning process.
- Institution will always ensure funding for tenure-track hiring as a priority which begs question around where the space is for faculties to innovate beyond hiring.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.