

## Attendance

### Statutory Ex-Officio Members (voting)

President:	Annette Trimbee, Chair		
Provost:	Craig Monk		
VPs:	Maureen Lomas	Myrna Khan	
Deans:	Melike Schalomon	Allan Gilliland	Richard Perlow
	David Danto	Christy Raymond	Karen Keiller
AVP & Registrar	David McLaughlin		

### Statutory Faculty and Student Members (voting)

Students:	Myles Dykes	Steph Vasquez	<del>Ion Bica</del>
Faculty:	Katie Biittner	Andrea Wagner	Josh Toth
	Brendan Boyd	Cristina Anton	<del>Cynthia Zutter</del>
	Kimberley Harcombe, (GFC Vice-Chair)	Chris Striemer	Rene Wells
	Tim Williams	Erin Gray	Emily Khalema
	Brendan Cavanagh	Gregory Springate	Lucille Mazo
	Fernando Angulo-Ruiz	Bob Graves	Dawn Sadoway
	Caroline Foster-Boucher	Eric Legge	<del>Kathy Miller</del>
	Rose Ginther	Kelly Morris	

### Additional Appointed Members (voting)

AVPs:	Tim Tang	Craig Kuziemytsky	
General Counsel:	Jason Fung		
GMUFA President:	Rafat Alam		
Faculty:	Lucio Gemini	Vahid Rezania	Jim Head
	Bill Thompson	Tiffany Kriz	Mary Asirifi
	Lee Makovichuk	Martin Tucker	Eva Revitt
	Tory Pino	Tara Stieglitz	
Students:	Joseph La Torre	Thomas Cline	
Alumni:	Laura Gilmour		

### Resource Members (non-voting)

Office of University Governance:	Sumiko Yip (University Secretary)	Kyla Krysko Marco Turlione	Ginikachi Ugwuegbu
	Bronwyn Sneffjella (recording)		

### Regrets

Heather McRae	Ion Bica	Kathy Miller
Cynthia Zutter		

### Guests

Sherif Elbarrad	Marg Leathem	Theresa Vladicka
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MINUTES: OPEN SESSION		
No	Item	Presenter
1.0	<b>Call to Order and Agenda</b>	A. Trimbee
	The chair called the meeting to order at 3:13 pm.	
1.1	<b>Treaty Land Acknowledgement</b>	
	The chair acknowledged the traditional lands of indigenous peoples.	
1.2	<b>Approval of Agenda and Consent Items</b>	
	<b>MOTION#GFC-01-12-09-2022/2023:</b> moved by C. Monk and seconded that the General Faculties Council approve the agenda of September 12, 2022, and consent items as presented. <b>Motion carried.</b>	
	* Note that consent items include the GFC minutes from June 17, 2022, for approval, the GFC membership for 2022-2023, and a copy of the GFC Bylaws for information.	
2.0	<b>Reports</b>	
2.1	<b>President's Report</b>	A. Trimbee
	The Chair reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful launch of academic year 2022-23 and celebration of being back on campus with the Downtown Campus Block Party.</li> <li>• The Board held a retreat in early September to discuss the strategic vision and directions.</li> <li>• On September 20, the President will give a State of the University address to update on progress of the vision.</li> <li>• The GFC has undertaken meaningful work in the past year, including recommending the second Investment Management Agreement to the Board. Other highlights include submission of MacEwan's second comprehensive evaluation to Campus Alberta Quality Council, lively conversations about "smashing the calendar," a shared understanding of teaching modalities, refinement of programs, and academic policy work.</li> <li>• GFC is hitting right tone with respect to working at the level of institutional governance.</li> </ul>	
2.2	<b>Provost's Report</b>	C. Monk
	The Provost reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On enrollment, Full-time Learner Equivalents were lower than expected in July. Academic Affairs is taking measures to support retention, bolster January intake, and incentivize students to take more courses.</li> <li>• On investment in Academic Affairs, there is funding for some 45 new tenure-track hires, as well as additional cross appointments with <i>kihêw waciston</i>. <i>The goal is to reach 60% of courses being taught by tenured/tenure-track faculty. Faculty participation in the searches is critical to the hiring process.</i></li> <li>• On academic governance, the Provost has delegated the administrative co-chair on the GFC standing committees to senior administrators with the closest</li> </ul>	

		<p>portfolio (except Academic Planning and Quality Assurance which he will continue to co-chair). This was anticipated when the committees were designed.</p> <p>Discussion occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion focused on enrollment numbers, including questions about marketing approach, impacts from enrollment changes at other institutions, impact of online learning on overall numbers, international student enrollment, and response efforts being undertaken.</li> <li>• While enrollment numbers have some uncertainty this year, the strategic vision lays out a ten-year plan. There are sector-wide dynamics at play, and it is important maintain an ambitious vision and be proactive in strategies to attract and retain. The purpose of the Investment Management Agreements is not to penalize, but to focus our activities and enhance opportunities.</li> <li>• This distribution of the 45 faculty hires will focus on areas with capacity needs. The critical piece is to get to market early.</li> <li>• It is a credit to the institution that MacEwan has sessional faculty who are competitive in searches and who have been hired into tenure-track positions.</li> </ul>
<b>2.3</b>	<b>GFC Executive Committee Report</b>	K. Harcombe
	<b>2.3.1 Overview of Standing Committee Workplans 2022-2023</b>	<p>K. Harcombe introduced draft workplans for the GFC standing committees. The committees recently met to elect co-chairs and have initial discussions. The workplans reflect known agenda items but issues may be added or shifted as year develops.</p>
	<b>2.3.2 Academic Schedule 2023-2024</b>	<p><b>MOTION #GFC-02-12-09-2022/2023:</b> moved by K. Harcombe and seconded that the GFC approve the academic schedule for academic year 2023-2024.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>D. McLaughlin presented the item. The materials contain the 2023-2024 academic schedule for approval and drafts of the following two years for information.</p> <p>Discussion occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft schedules for future years have elements like grades being due on Christmas Eve – these may be badly viewed when brought for approval.</li> <li>• The drafts are based on GFC discussion on Regulations – there will always be five days for grading. Grading until December 24 is known issue that has happened in other schedules. GFC approved Sunday exams to help mitigate some of these issues.</li> </ul>
	<b>2.3.3 Appointments to Honorary Doctorates Selection Committee</b>	<p><b>MOTION #GFC-03-12-09-2022/2023:</b> Moved by B. Graves and seconded that the GFC appoint Dr. Andrea Wagner and Dr. Lucille Mazo to the Honorary Doctorates Selection Committee for two-year terms.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>K. Harcombe requested volunteers. Dr. Wagner and Dr. Mazo voiced their willingness to serve on behalf of GFC if appointed.</p>
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Academic Planning &amp; Quality Assurance Report</b>	D. Sadoway

		D. Sadoway provided a self-introduction and noted the first full meeting of the Academic Planning & Quality Assurance Committee will take place on September 19, 2022.
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Academic Standards, Curriculum, &amp; the Calendar Report</b>	F. Angulo-Ruiz
		F. Angulo-Ruiz provided a self-introduction, and an introduction of administrative co-chair, D. McLaughlin.
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Teaching &amp; Learning Report</b>	L. Mazo
		L. Mazo provided a self-introduction, noting some of the possible agenda items for the committee in 2022-2023, such as Universal Design for Learning. Discussion occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the survey tool used to collect student evaluation of teaching is another potential item but would need to be approached carefully – there are contentious issues around bias, maintenance of longitudinal data, and scope of GFC involvement framed by Faculty Collective Agreement.</li> </ul>
<b>2.7</b>	<b>Scholarly Activity Report</b>	J. Toth
		J. Toth provided a self-introduction, noting that successes of the committee last year include developing terms of reference out for scholarly awards committee. This year, work is to include a review of internal grants and work on a tactical plan on research under the strategic vision.
<b>2.8</b>	<b>Council on Student Affairs Report</b>	K. Biittner
		K. Biittner provided a self-introduction, noting that she had met with administrative co-chair Tim Tang, AVP, Students and that the first meeting will take place on October 3, 2022.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Governance at MacEwan</b>	S. Yip
	<b>3.2 Governance 101</b>	
		S. Yip provided an orientation presentation on university governance to the membership. N.B. The presentation deck was circulated to the membership following the presentation.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
		No other business was raised.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	
		Next meeting: October 24, 2022 Adjourned at 5:04 pm

\*Action: A=Approval, R=Recommendation, I=Information, D=Discussion