

November 23, 2020**Open Session**

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Webex Meeting

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Minutes General Faculties Council Meeting #10**Members****Present:**

<i>Chair</i>	Annette Trimbee
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Dave Kato
<i>VPs</i>	Rick Ellis, Myrna Khan, Craig Monk, Michelle Plouffe,
<i>Academic AVPs and Deans</i>	Wanda Costen, Allan Gilliland, Karen Keiller, Craig Kuziemy, Fred McGinn, David McLaughlin, Heather McRae, Cassie Prochnau, Melike Schalomon
<i>Student Members</i>	Miles Dykes, Alycia Stewart, Sean Waddingham
<i>Faculty</i>	Fernando Angulo-Ruiz, Calin Anton, Cristina Anton, Ion Bica, Brendan Cavanagh, Jeffrey Davis, Sherif Elbarrad, Lucio Gelmini, Bob Graves, Erin Grey, Kimberley Harcombe, Travis Hatt, Lynne Honey, Robert Irwin, Emily Khalema, Kari Krell, Emilie LeBel, Eric Legge, Joanne Loh, Lee Makovichuk, Kathy Miller, Peter Myhre, Etanyankara Muralidharan, Eva Revitt, Vahid Rezania, Chandelle Rimmer, Gregory Springate, Tara Stieglitz, Josh Toth, Martin Tucker, Jill Vihos, Nataliya Zadorozhna, Cynthia Zutter
<i>Alumni</i>	Sarah Kowalevsky

**Resource
Members:**

Gwen Bauer

Bronwyn Sneffjella (recording
secretary)

Marco Turlione

Regrets:

Thomas Chase, Tory Pino

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1.0 Call to Order and Agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

1.1 Treaty Land Acknowledgement

- President and Chair A. Trimbee commenced with acknowledgement of traditional indigenous land.

1.2 Approval of Agenda and Consent Items (**MOTION**)

MOTION #01-11-23-2020 P. Myhre/C. Kuziemytsky

The General Faculties Council approves the November 23, 2020 open meeting agenda and consent items as presented.

Motion carried

The consent items consisted of the following:

- 1.2.1 Minutes of September 28, 2020
- 1.2.2 Record of Fall 2020 Graduated List e-vote of October 20, 2020 (info)
- 1.2.3 Minutes of GFC Executive Committee of November 9, 2020 (info)
- 1.2.4 Appointment of the Professional Association Representative to the School of Business Council
- 1.2.5 PSLA Update Report as of September 30, 2020 (info; last installment)

Reports

2.1 President's Report

A. Trimbee highlighted the following:

- Sense of pride in how institution is doing in challenging time and thanks to members for working towards getting students through the term
- MacEwan declared site of Covid-19 outbreak by AHS on November 13, 2020 and contact tracing occurring
- Presidential installation process occurred on November 6, 2020
- President's office considering process for strategic planning exercise
- Board of Governors support for continued progress towards new academic building approved at October 8, 2020 meeting
- Have commenced search for Chancellor; committee includes GFC members F. Angulo-Ruiz, and K. Miller
- MacEwan will welcome Sharilee Fossum as new VP Finance and Administration & CFO on January 4, 2021

A. Trimbee took questions from the floor.

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2.2	<p>Provost's Report</p> <p>C. Monk, Provost & VP, Academic highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing updates in Academic Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allan Gilliland will seek second term as Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications; Fred McGinn will not seek second term as Dean, Faculty of Health and Community Studies; Eva Revitt will serve as interim lead of Teaching and Learning Services while search for new Associate Dean to replace current Executive Director position is undertaken. Update on Faculty progression and related issues 20 extension of probation applications and nine tenure applications reviewed this fall; eight sabbatical applications received. <p>C. Monk took questions from the floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion focused on ability to pivot in response to Covid-19. Currently no intention to change Winter term dates.
2.3	<p>Executive Committee Report</p> <p>D. Kato provided brief comments on GFC Bylaws, noting they were effective as of August 31, 2020 and in current form will allow GFC to move forward for this year. GFC standing committees are in place, representing work in 2019 in response to changes in PSLA.</p> <p>2.3.1 Student Discipline Policy Rescission (MOTION) MOTION #02-11-23-2020 I. Bica/E. Khalema</p> <p>The General Faculties Council approves the rescission of the Student Discipline Policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion carried</p> <p>Materials were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>C. Prochnau provided brief comments about rationale for the rescission as identified in the briefing.</p>
2.4	<p>Academic Planning and Quality Assurance Committee Report</p> <p>I. Bica provided a brief update. Committee met on November 2, 2020 and discussed draft workplan. Examples of items include development of internal guide on quality assurance and possible coordination with Teaching and</p>

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Learning Committee on Institutional Learning Outcomes. Next step is to meet and further refine workplan.

Note: Institutional Learning Outcomes previously approved by Academic Governance Council May 2018 (motion AGC-04-05-10-2018).

2.5 Academic Standards, Curriculum, and the Calendar Committee Report

K. Harcombe provided a brief update. Committee met [on November 2, 2020] and discussed draft workplan. Committee has an expanded mandate which captures some ongoing items like program admission criteria reviews, as well as new project work like governance implications of online calendar system and procedures for changes to non-Ministry approved credentials. Committee may identify subcommittees. Some mandate areas will require coordination with Planning and Quality committee.

Next step is to meet and further refine workplan.

2.6 Teaching and Learning Committee

C. Zutter provided a brief update. Committee met [on November 2, 2020] and discussed draft workplan. Committee is a new body without precedent at former AGC. Plan includes work on teaching technology including implementation of Moodle. Work with Office of Teaching and Learning Services and work on teaching awards. Still recruiting one additional faculty member to serve on body.

2.7 Scholarly Activity Committee

K. Miller provided a brief update. Committee met [on November 3, 2020] and discussed draft workplan. It will be necessary to look at committee terms of reference and scope to ensure they support the research goals of the Office of Research Services. Work will include, for example, review of findings from Research Advisory Group (2019-2020) and work on processes and criteria for grants. Also, the members discussed need to enhance awareness of and excitement about scholarship at MacEwan.

Discussion occurred. Confirmed that an institutional strategic plan will be developed ahead of unit/subject subplans, such as a research plan. Highlighted opportunity to emphasize and share scholarly activity that faculty are already engaged in.

2.8 Council on Student Affairs

J. Loh a brief update. The Council met one time [on November 9, 2020] and discussed potential workplan items, including policies related to student affairs and student awards. The Council is still to be populated with student members.

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Related to all committee reports, it was noted that the workplans will continue to be developed and in most cases workplans will span two or three years.

3.0 Regular Business**3.1 Consultation on draft Honorary Doctorates Policy**

C. Monk presented the item. It was highlighted that 5 of the 10 members of the Honorary Doctorate Selection Committee will be drawn from the GFC membership.

Members did not raise questions or comments.

3.2 MacEwan Annual Report (MOTION)

MOTION #03-11-23-2020 B. Irwin/C. Kuziemytsky

The General Faculties Council recommend submission of the 2019/20 Annual Report to the Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Board Committee for endorsement and recommend approval to the Board of Governors.

Motion carried

Materials were circulated prior to the meeting.

D. McLaughlin presented the item. It was highlighted that government dictates the form and timing of the report, which is retrospective. While there is limited ability to change the document, GFC may have interest as it provides an overview of activities that reflects the complexity of the organization, including the academic mission.

Discussion occurred. It was noted that GFC may consider report to inform MacEwan going forward. Other areas of discussion included shifting lens on enrollments towards institutional growth and role of open studies.

No changes or corrections were suggested.

The final version will be publicly posted on MacEwan's website by early 2021.

3.3 Follow-up on Alberta: 2030/Post-Secondary System Review GFC discussion

A. Trimbee provided a brief update on developments on the Alberta: 2030 post-secondary sector review. McKinsey & Company, the consulting firm shepherding

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the review, is close to having recommendations. Focus is increasingly on how to position whole sector for the future. Topics of discussion include changes to “six sector” model and governance structures. Issues of importance to MacEwan include remaining in the category with other large universities and maintaining bicameralism, being nimble and innovative, and capitalizing on strengths including knowledge of local context.

Discussion occurred. Topics included PSE role in economic recovery, possible focus on de-duplication of academic programs in sector rather than closing institutions, role of any possible “super” board, need to focus on employability and value of durable skills, opportunity to fill gaps and rely on particular strengths of MacEwan.

4.0 New Business**4.1 Byelection for GFC Executive Committee (MOTION)****Motion #GFC-04-11-23-2020**

D. Kato/M. Tucker

The General Faculties Council appoint Kari Krell to GFC Executive Committee.

Motion Carried

[N.B. term ending August 31, 2021]

6.0 Adjournment

The Open session was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.