



General Faculties Council  
University Teaching Awards Committee (Adjudication)  
Approved In Camera Session Minutes

Friday, April 10, 2015  
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**ATTENDEES:**

Voting Members:

Elisabeth Le	Chair, Academic Staff (Categories A1.1, A1.5 or A1.6)
Leanne Garon	Member, U of A Alumni Association Representative
Uwe Hacke	Member, Academic Staff (Categories A1.1, A1.5 or A1.6)
Melissa Hartley	Member, Academic Staff (Category A2.1)
Jasmin Hirschberg	Member, Graduate Student-at-large
Pierre Lemelin	Member, Academic Staff (Categories A1.1, A1.5 or A1.6)
Paula Marentette	Member, Academic Staff (Categories A1.1, A1.5 or A1.6)

Presenter(s):

Elisabeth Le	Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee
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Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

Motion: Lemelin/Marentette

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Agenda.
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**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 6, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

Motion: Hartley/Hacke

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Minutes of March 6, 2015.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of relevant items to members.

A member enquired about the ranking process and another member sought clarification regarding Conflict of Interest.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Adjudication of the 2015 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council (GFC), the 2015 Rutherford Award(s) for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

*Discussion:*

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2015 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

Members moved *ex camera*.

Motion: Garon/Lemelin

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, award the 2015 Rutherford Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

Brian Maraj  
Masoud Ardakani

**CARRIED**

5. Adjudication of the 2015 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council (GFC), the 2015 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

*Discussion:*

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2015 William Hardy Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

Members moved *ex camera*.

Motion: Hartley/Hacke

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority of GFC, award the 2015 William Hardy Alexander Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

Adrienne Wright  
Jerome Melancon  
Yumi Sieben

**CARRIED**

6. Adjudication of the 2015 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the 2015 Provost's Award(s) for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

*Discussion:*

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2015 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

There was a lengthy discussion *in camera*.

Members moved *ex camera*.

Motion: Garon/Uwe

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, award the 2015 Provost's Awards for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching to the following individuals:

Dominic Sauvageau

**CARRIED**

7. Adjudication of the 2015 Teaching Unit Award

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the 2015 Teaching Unit Award.

*Discussion:*

Members agreed to move *in camera* for the adjudication of the 2015 Teaching Unit Award.

There was a discussion *in camera*.

Members moved *ex camera*.

Motion: Lemelin/Marentette

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC), under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, elect to not award a 2015 Teaching Unit Award.

**CARRIED**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. Debrief

There were no documents.

*Presenter:* Elisabeth Le, Professor, Faculty of Arts and Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For discussion/information.

*Discussion:*

The Chair invited members to provide commentary regarding the adjudication process.

During the ensuing discussion, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: feedback regarding the process of adjudication; clarification surrounding letters of support; commentary regarding the nomination pre-screening process; clarification regarding the status of recently retired teaching staff.

9. Question Period

There were no questions.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

10. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.