



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, November 29, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:

Ex-Officio:

Bill Flanagan, Chair
Simaan AbouRizk
Dale Askey
Barbara Billingsley
Stanford Blade
Steven Dew
Todd Gilchrist
Brenda Hemmelgarn
Nick Holt
Tammy Hopper
Christine Hughes
Shanthi Johnson
Matina Kalcounis-
Rueppell
Diane Kunyk
Elan MacDonald
Brooke Milne
Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Melissa Padfield
Steve Patten
Aminah Robinson Fayek
Wendy Rodgers
Andrew Sharman
Demetres
Tryphonopoulos
Jennifer Tupper
Elected Faculty:
Jason Acker
J Nelson Amaral
Nicholas Beier
Ahmed Bouferguene
Jennifer Branch-Mueller
Robert Burrell
Marie Carrière
Heather Coleman
Gary Eitzen
Anastasia Elias
Jaymie Heilman
Michael Hendzel
Carol Hodgson Birkman

Peter Hurd
Nat Kav
Jessica Kolopenuk
Vadim Kravchinsky
Hollis Lai
Jacqueline Leighton
Pierre Lemelin
Kathleen Lowrey
Derek MacKenzie
Al Meldrum
Sourayan Mookerjea
Weimin Mou
Mario Nascimento
Sujata Persad
Dan Romanyk
Keith Rourke
Victoria Ruetalo
Carolyn Sale
John Spence
Alan Underhill
Kristof Van Assche
Shauna Wilton
Richard Wozniak
Yan Yuan
Nese Yuksel
Students:
Talia Dixon
Kathy Haddadkar
Abner Monterio
Appointed Members:
Nikita Adekar
Susan Babcock
Samar Barazesh
Andrew Batycki
Chris Beasley
Vaughn Beaulieu-
Mercredi
Marsha Boyd
Heather Bruce
Chiara Concini
André Costopoulos
Greta Cummings
Maddie Dempsey

Andy Deprato
Joseph Doucet
Anas Fassih
Levi Flaman
Shawn Flynn
Kyle Foster
Tahmid Al Hafiz
Jill Hall
Emily Holden
Harnoor Kalra
Simran Kaur Dhillon
Rokhand Khademi
David Konrad
Jesse Lafontaine
Jenny Lam
Rowan Ley
Maggie Lin
Andrew Locke
Angie Mandeville
Tia Marko
Adekunle Mofolasayo
Emily Motoska
Mary Olukotun
Sanhita Pal
Sarah Severson
Sophie Shi
Chanpreet Singh
Allison Sivak
Aadhavya Sivakumaran
Shubham Soni
Cindy Sun
Andrei Tabirca
Frederick Tappenden
Phillip Vandevalk
Dilini Vethanayagam
Julia Villosio
Adrian Wattamaniuk
Kyle Whitlock
Adrienne Wright
Ding Xu
Shuce Zhang
REGRETS:
Ghalia Aamer

Sandeep Agrawal
Chris Andersen
Saadet Andrews
Ashmeen Aneja
Heba Aref
Nicole de Grano
Devin Doherty
Michael Dyck
Lisa Glock
Gurleen Kaur
Georgia Korfeh
Mohit Kumar
Shashi Kumar
Devshri Lala
Runjuan Liu
Sarah Moore
Reagan Morris
Kyle Murray
Yusuf Oliya
Jerine Pegg
Frances Plane
Elena Posse de Chaves
Laura Reifferscheid
Khandaker Akib Shahriar
Laura Stovel
Rama Taha
Siddharth Thakur
Amy Tse
Mani Vaidyanathan
Frederick West
Jonathan White
Moin Yahya
Akanksha Yeola
Staff:
Brad Hamdon, General
Counsel and University
Secretary
Kate Peters, GFC
Secretary
Heather Richholt, Scribe
University Governance:
Edyta McLoughlin
Laura Riley

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Bill Flanagan, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Chair of General Faculties Council (GFC)

Discussion:

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair made the following territorial acknowledgement:

We are located on Treaty 6 territory. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

A member asked what the next steps were for the proposed amendments to the GFC Principles Documents. The Chair noted that Executive would do some work on these matters and determine how to proceed.

Board of Governors representative and NASA Appointee Andrei Tabirca made a notice of motion for debate at the next meeting of GFC as set out in the GFC Meeting Procedural Rules (8.7).

Notice of Motion: For GFC to discuss and debate the amendments to the GFC Meeting Procedural Rules on voting.

Rowan Ley, President of the University of Alberta Students' Union read a prepared statement noting that sexual violence was endemic and there were allegations against people in positions of trust that had not been addressed properly. For this reason, he announced that the undergraduate student representatives on GFC were leaving the meeting in protest.

The undergraduate student representatives proceeded to exit the meeting.

The GFC Secretary advised that the meeting still had a quorum and the motion to approve the agenda carried.

A member made a motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting until January 17, 2022 because it was not appropriate to proceed without the student members. Members discussed whether January 17 was too late as there were important items on the agenda.

A member asked whether the student concerns regarding sexual violence should be discussed now. A member raised a point of order that this did not pertain to the motion on the floor.

A member suggested that the time to which to adjourn should be before the winter closure and suggested a friendly amendment to adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021. The original mover did not feel that the concerns that led to the student walkout would be solved by then so did not accept the changes as a friendly amendment. The amendment was moved, seconded, and carried. The motion to adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. was carried.

Motion: Coleman/Acker

THAT General Faculties Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED

Motion: Sale/Patten

Original Motion from the floor:

THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting to January 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion: Mocquais/Vethanayagam

Proposed Amendment:

THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion: Sale/Patten

Final Motion from the floor as amended:

THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to resume on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.