



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL  
Approved Minutes

Meeting #614

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 1:30 p.m.

By Zoom platform

*Voting Members*

E. McCauley, Chair	W. Bridel	A. Jenney	L. Reid	M. Van Hee
Teri Balsler, Vice-Chair	J. Brown	R. Lauer	M.J. Romaniuk	A. Viczko
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K. Baetz	V. Fast	Q. Pittman	D. Slater	M. Zhang
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T. Beattie	M. Herring	J. Poissant	D. Stewart	
B. Beaty	C. Hurrell	J. Priest	M. Tarailo-Graovac	
J. Bergerson	M. Husein	A. Qayyum	T. Tombe	
C. Bousman	F. Jalilehvand	S. Raj	P. Toohey	

*Guests*

- R. Arseneault, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning member of the USRI Working Group present for Item 8
- W. Benoit, Faculty of Science and member of the USRI Working Group present for Item 8
- A. Estefan, Faculty of Nursing and Co-Chair of the USRI Working Group present for Item 8
- N. Kenny, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning and member of the USRI Working Group present for Item 8
- J. Lambert, Office of Institutional Analysis and member of the USRI Working Group present for Item 8
- J. Wiens, Faculty of Arts and member of the USRI Working Group present for Item 8

*Observers*

- C. Hogan, Senior Associate Vice-President, Communications
- o'K...y...-President (Academic)
- C. Johns, Senior Director - Program Innovation and Planning
- J. Lacasse, General Counsel
- S. McKenzie, Faculty Association
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- J. Ruwanpura, Vice-Provost (International)
- M. Smith, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President Research (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)
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- R. Thompson, Associate Vice-President Research

*Secretary*

L. Houle

*Scribe*

E. Sjogren

*Staff*

T. Hodzic  
R. Kenny  
C. Tutt

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts were declared.

2. Inclusive Practice Moment

Sandra Davidson, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing and Deputy Provost, presented a Territorial Acknowledgment and then described the 7 Indigenous Community Route pilot project with the Siksika Nation.

3. Safety Moment

Mike Van Hee, Interim Vice-President (Finance and Services) - Services, presented on psychological and physical self-care, outlining the strategies and resources for this and noting that self-care must be supported by leaders and peers.

4. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in his remarks:

Renzo Pereyra,

Representatives of the University presented to representatives of the provincial government yesterday about the accomplishments of the University, including recent successes

8. Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) Working Group Recommendation Report

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Leslie Reid, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) and co-chair of the USRI Working Group, and Andrew Estefan, co-chair of the USRI Working Group, present

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council receive the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) Working Group Recommendation Report, in the form provided, and direct the Teaching and Learning Committee to oversee the appropriate actioning of the recommendations including the formation of the Course Feedback Working Group, as recommended by the General Faculties Council Executive Committee and the Teaching Learning Committee.

Carried

David Stewart and Donovan Ashby abstained.

9. Elections

Two Academic Staff Members to an Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing

Two Academic Staff Members to an Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair explained that, in order that it can be confirmed that only voting members of GFC are participating, the elections will be conducted via an electronic form and a link to this will be sent by email immediately following the meeting. Members will have until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8 to follow the link and submit their votes.

No nominations from the floor were received.

*Lorian Hardcastle  
Naweed Syed*

*Marjan Eggermont  
Victoria Fast*

10. Revisions to the GFC Bylaws

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Interim University Secretary presented this item.

Highlights:

The presenter reported that the GFC Bylaws were created in October 2018 with the provision that the Bylaws be reviewed at least every three years. The presenter then provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the Bylaws, noting that feedback is being solicited today and then the Bylaws will return to the GFC Executive Committee and the GFC at upcoming meetings for further review and approval.

Discussion included:

- o The Bylaws should incorporate language explicitly ... '87# commitment to EDI

