



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #585

Approved Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** D. Jayas, (Chair), S. Alam, O. Awosoga, Y. Belanger (virtually), J. Blum, N. Buis Deering, C. Carnaghan, J. Cunningham, H. Davis-Fisch, Y. Dixit, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, A. Dymond (virtually), A. Ebenmelu, A. Enigbokan, S. Findlay, J. Ford, D. Gaur, B. Gerwin, K. Godfrey (virtually), K. Greenwood, M. Helstein C. Hopkinson, B. Hughes, K. Ito, H. Jansen, S. Johnsrude, I. Kovalchuk (virtually), O. Kovalchuk (virtually), M. Letts, J. Mather, D. McMartin, L. Michael, E. Mundell, A. Oblak, J. Oldfield (virtually), W. Osborn, N. Patel, N. Rebry, J. Reiter, J. Rice, Y. Sackey-Forson, K. Schwarz, D. Scott, J. Sumbera (virtually), R. Sutherland (virtually), A. Taylor, M. Thomas, S. Thomas (virtually), G. Tian (virtually), P. Visentin (virtually), L. Vogelsang, A. von Heyking, N. Walker, P. Wilson (virtually), J. Wiltshire (virtually), D. Zalesak
- Regrets:** C. Burton, P. Ghazalian, K. Haight, K. Massey, C. Mattatall, D. McNeill, S. Pelech, R. Schiff, D. Slomp, L. Starr, C. Steinke, J. Youngdahl,
- Other:** K. Anderson, (virtually), A. Chubb, J. Gallais (virtually), V. Grisack, M. Mathurin-Moe, M. Whipple (*other guests were present on Zoom*)

Oki. The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement. A moment of silence was held for Dr. R. Huel, B. Hudgins and Dr. W. Aufrecht. New members D. Lucas and J. Blum were welcomed as well as new student member, E. Mundell, who will be approved next meeting.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the GFC Meeting #585 October 7, 2024 Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the GFC Meeting #584 September 9, 2024 Minutes

INFORMATION

- 1.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 27, 2024
- 1.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – #568 – September 3, 2024 Meetings

MOTION: gfc.2024.10.01

Mather/Osborn

That the General Faculties Council approve the October 7, 2024 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas referred to the President's Report that was included in the agenda package.

A few highlights and additions were noted:

- Fall 2024 Enrolment – M. Helstein updated the committee on the enrolment. The October 1st numbers are more accurate. (*See Appendix 1 for enrolment numbers*)
- Impact of the number of students admitted to Canada is decreased by 10% so our numbers will be affected. We hope that this will be the last of the changes to admissions.

2.1. Questions Received in Advance

- J. Mather – *I would like to know whether the Board considers that the Corporation that they are forming for development considers itself bound by the policies of Indigenization and Sustainability that the Board itself has passed.* D. Jayas reported that the ULBC is an independent corporation. The UofL influences the corporation but does not make their decisions. The ULBC Board will be aware of our policies. The separation is important for the UofL tax category - charitable status.
- Follow up from Lighting in Science Commons – M. Helstein gave a response to the previous question regarding lighting in Science Commons – Facilities have adjusted the optimization of the lighting as well as the sensitivity. There are two lighting systems – offices are controlled manually and the Encelium light system controls the rest of the building (scheduled from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm when it switches to night light level). In the hallways, the lights are stagger or less lights on over night as well as in the lounges. We are looking at adjustment to the schedule to 5:00 am to 8:00 pm. Facilities is in the process of consulting with the users of the buildings.
- Follow-up for bird strikes – In 2023, twelve birds were found and in January of 2024 there was a cluster of deaths that perhaps were due to the cold snap. There have not been any issues since February 2024. J. Mather would be happy to supervise a student. She had sent a study to the Governance Office if any are interested. M. Helstein noted that since February, there has only been one dead bird.
- Follow-up – documents and skills matrix – the ULBC documents are separate. D. Jayas read the advertisement that was circulated for applications to the board. The university members are the president, Vice-President Finance & Admin and a few other employees who are appointed by the board. There are two others who are going to the board for approval from the university community.

2.2. Question Period on Report Items

- None.

3. ITEMS FOR ACTION

3.1. GFC Admission Standards Committee Report

Report – Implementation May 1, 2025

Student Enrolment & Registrar Services

MOTION: gfc.2024.10.02
Buis Deering/Findlay

That GFC approve Recommendations #1 - #2 for Student Enrolment & Registrar Services, effective May 1, 2025.

Motion: Carried

N. Buis Deering gave some background on the recommendations. The curriculum has changed and this is being adopted into our processes.

3.2. Centres & Institutes – Centre for Feminist Research

MOTION: gfc.2024.10.03
McMartin/Thomas

That the General Faculties Council approve the establishment of the Centre for Feminist research for a three-year period effective October 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried

J. Nugent was present to help answer questions. There were questions regarding the funding for the new positions, as well as the classification/tenure of the position. M. Helstein noted that there were a couple positions approved but not filled. The only new money is in the start up funds. D. McMartin reported on the friendly modifications to the document which include changing faculty to academic staff as well as including both faculty and schools being welcome to be involved. These were housekeeping items that have been accepted for the proposal. The institute will be the entity and the department will be dormant at this time. M. Helstein noted that we are not deleting the department but are trying to create capacity and space to revitalise the department. We are bringing the resources of both to this institute. There was a short discussion surrounding the remaining faculty having a home department as well as the director role.

4. ITEMS FOR REVIEW (Prior to Board Action)

4.1. None

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. GFC Standing Committee Reports

J. Gallais reported that these committee activity reports are submitted annually for review. We get to see all the activities that the committees are doing. It gives us a chance for us to see those activities that don't necessarily come to GFC. There are chairs present today that could answer any questions of the various committees. No questions or concerns arose.

5.2. Education Moment – GFC Student Awards Committee

N. Buis Deering gave a short presentation on the GFC Student Awards Committee. Any changes to the process come to GFC but most of the changes are to the scholarship Terms of Reference to make the funds more available to give out. The percent of students getting funding in their first year is 60 % of students who get some sort of award. The grand total number will be given at a later date. D. McMartin and D. Jayas met with the Trudeau Foundation CEO this morning and she encouraged the faculty to promote those awards to our students.

5.3. GFC Nominations Committee Vacancies

J. Dobbie updated the committee on the upcoming vacancies on the GFC Nominations Committee. We will be looking for nominations for members from the floor at the November GFC meeting. We are looking to fill 3 vacancies - one one-year and two two-year terms.

5.4. GFC Evaluations Outcomes

J. Gallais reported on the outcomes of the inaugural GFC Evaluation sent out this past summer. She thanked everyone who participated as this was our first ever evaluation. We will be looking at the results this year and there may be some recommendations coming forward as we examine the feedback. The GFC Executive Committee will implement the evaluation again next year.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Question Period on Other Items

- Max Bell Pool – J. Dobbie asked for an update on the delay in reopening the pool. D. Lucas reported on the reasons for the delay including a one-month delay with the items being supplied. There was also additional remediation needed to the bulkheads after they were uncovered. The pool should be opened in November. A question was asked if student fees will be waived if the delays continue. It was noted that we haven't had that conversation but the fees include all sports facilities access.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2024.10.04
Buis Deering/Thomas

That the GFC meeting of October 7, 2024 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

Appendix 1

Total Registrants	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Change Fall 2023 to Fall 2024	% Change Fall 2023 to Fall 2024
Overall	8,157	8,246	8,316	70	0.8%
Undergraduate	7,433	7,493	7,602	109	1.5%
Graduate	724	753	714	-39	-5.2%
Lethbridge campus	7,451	7,277	7,056	-221	-3.0%
Calgary campus	610	810	1,056	246	30.4%
New High School	1,033	1,130	1,055	-75	-6.6%
New Transfer	657	786	695	-91	-11.6%
International	768	1,219	1,618	399	32.7%
Domestic	7,389	7,027	6,698	-329	-4.7%
Indigenous	521	482	492	10	2.1%