

Present: with Daniel Doz in the chair were the following: André Plante, Jill Brown, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Scott Cressman, Paul Robert, Benedict Fullalove, Heather Huston, René Martin, Nicole Hamilton, Susie Kennedy, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Mike Kerr, Barbara Sutherland, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Gorenko, Sondra Meszaros, Chris Frey, Sarah Alford, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Lisa Blackwell, Kayla Gale and Mark Clintberg.

Guests: Richard Brown, MFA Program Manager; Alex Link, Associate Vice-President, Academic Affairs; Andrea Power, Secretary to General Faculties Council; Carissa Matthews, Director, Office of the Provost and Office of Research and Academic Affairs; Morgan Scully, Recording Secretary; and Kimberley Neutens, Associate Vice-President, Student Affairs.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and confirmed quorum. The Chair then welcomed GFC members and guests to the October 21, 2020 GFC Meeting.

1. Acknowledgment of the Land

The President read the AUArts Acknowledgement of the Land statement to members and guests.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approval item to be added, an update to the Undergraduate Admissions Procedure regarding the extension of the use of Duolingo English Test for the 2020-2021 undergraduate admissions cycle, to August 31, 2021.

A Plante moved / H Huston seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the revised agenda, as amended.

Carried

3. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2020

M Clintberg moved / H Huston seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting, as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from September 16, 2020 GFC approved minutes

Question raised at September meeting about student access to learning outcomes. C. Matthews, S. Kennedy and K. Neutens continue to work on making learning outcomes available to students.

5. Report from the President

Key focuses:

- Preparing for Winter 2021 semester. Starting to think about the Spring 2021 semester and Convocation. Preparing for reality that pandemic might not be under control by May 2021.
- PSI System Review currently underway in the province. Discussion heavy on cost and job readiness of the system. Government potentially opening PSLA to make changes. Survey issued by government regarding system review distributed by email, encourage AUArts community to participate. We are a very specialized institution. Important our voice continues to be heard.
- IMA implementation had been postponed because of pandemic. IMAs (performance measures) are being brought back. In November conversations will resume.
- Audit concluding.
- Two new board members appointed a couple of weeks ago.

6. Report from the Vice President and Provost

- GFC Committee structure working well.
- Planning for Winter 2021 coming up later in the agenda.
- Enrollment this year is strong.
- Orange Shirt Day – virtual event including strong testimonies from Elder Casey, Adrian Stimson and well attended panel.
- Student Town Hall and quick online staff welcome.
- Meeting with Senior Academic Officers from province to exchange and compare.
- Work integrated learning, continue to meet with Calgary Provosts to move in the same direction, using the same tools.

7. AUArts Students' Association Report

A written report was provided and there were no questions.

8. GFC representative to the Board Report

There has not been a Board meeting since the last GFC meeting; except for Board subcommittee meetings. Advancement Subcommittee: Reviewed Terms of Reference and plans for fundraising and fundraising ideas that put students first.

9. GFC Delegation for Winter 2021 Course Substitution

Motion put forward in case the university needs to amend classes. Faculty did most of the work last spring in preparation for this entire academic year. Wanted this in place in case there was anything additional. A way to address last minute changes.

***THAT the General Faculties Council, on recommendation from the GFC Steering Committee, approve:
THAT the Steering Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council that it delegate powers for approval of course modification, substitution or creation as follows: Faculty, in consultation with the appropriate Chair, subject to the approval of the four school chairs and in consultation with the Registrar, to:***

- a. modify the course descriptions and/or learning outcomes of their course(s),***
- b. substitute a required course with another existing course that meets degree requirements, or***
- c. create a substitute course that meets program requirements/degree progression requirements in order to respond to restrictions as a result of the government measures as a result of the pandemic, for the 2020/21 academic year only.***

Carried

10. Revised Undergraduate Admissions Procedure

A. Plante and K. Neutens presented and, because of the pandemic, many English Language Testing Centres across the world are closed. Request to extend the use of Duolingo, an inexpensive and homebased option.

A Plante moved / P Robert seconded

THAT General Faculties Council approve an extension of the use of Duolingo English Test for the 2020-2021 undergraduate admissions cycle, to August 31, 2021.

Carried

11. Presentation: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

N. Hamilton and J. Leong-Huxley provided an update on the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion project: EDI workflow, what's up and coming as it relates to the EDI process and the Listening Sessions. They encouraged faculty and staff to attend the listening sessions.

12. University Continuity: Academic Pandemic Planning Preparing for Winter 2021

A. Plante presented a summary on the path to the Winter 2021 delivery decision. APOC met weekly in September to explore scenarios for Winter, then went to RMT for lens on Health and Safety. Once RMT approved, proposal went to the President's Cabinet, which looked at the recommendation and proposal's required resources. Approximately 21 courses in the Winter 2021 semester will require some campus access. Remote Learning and Teaching team has created many online resources to support faculty.

13. School of Craft + Emerging Media Council (SC+EM)

P. Robert reported on October 13th all-faculty meetings to discuss strategies around programs and curriculum over the next few years. Committee struck that will report back to faculty, membership will include the four Chairs and a faculty member from each School.

14. School of Critical + Creative Studies Council (SCCS)

B. Fullalove reported on the challenges that face SCCS, the primary challenge being the size of its classes.

15. School of Communication Design Council (SCD)

S. Cressman provided a short verbal report.

16. School of Visual Art Council (SVA)

H. Huston thanked Associate Chairs and everyone who has added to the work that the Chairs do.

17. MFA in Craft Media Program Committee (MFA in CM)

R. Brown updated on Oct 20 MFA meeting. MFA in Craft Media Program Committee also looking at Duolingo, motion coming to GFC in November or December.

18. Graduate Studies Standing Committee (GSSC)

No report.

19. Deans' Council

D. Doz Shared agenda for next meeting:

- EDI and how we're moving forward.
- Strategic Plan update.
- Unit Plans.
- 2021/22 budgeting process.
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20. Information: UCC: GFC Approved Program and Course Forms

A. Link presented approved program and course forms and templates for curricular changes that are to be approved at the School Council or Undergraduate Curriculum Committee level.

21. Information: APC: Guidelines for Academic Schedule

S. Kennedy presented the approved guidelines for academic schedule.

22. Adjournment

The October 21, 2020 GFC adjourned at 3:40pm.