

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, Bryan Cera, Susie Kennedy, Sondra Meszaros, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Mike Kerr, Barbara Sutherland, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Gorenko, Justin Waddell, Dr. Chris Frey, Dr. Sarah Alford, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Kayla Gale, Dr. Mark Clintberg and Dr. Yoke-Sum Wong

Guests: Richard Brown; Dr. Alex Link, Associate Vice-President, Academic Affairs; Andrea Power, Secretary to General Faculties Council; Carissa Matthews, Director, Office of the Provost; Kim Neutens, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs; Morgan Scully, Recording Secretary; Su Soyer, GFC Resource

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00pm, confirmed quorum and then welcomed members and observers to the last meeting of 2020.

1. Acknowledgment of the Land

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

M Clintberg moved / B Sutherland seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the December 16, 2020 agenda, as presented.

Carried

3. Approval of Draft GFC Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020

H Huston moved / A Plante seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting as presented.

Carried

4. Business Arising from the November 18, 2020 GFC approved minutes

5. Report from the President and CEO

Four key issues/set of activities over the last few months:

- Budget process for 21/22
- The Strategic plan, in the first of six years.
 - In the process of finalizing terms of reference for the EDI taskforce.
 - Working on the draft Indigenous Framework
- For the Pandemic, the university is monitoring what is happening with the Government and Health Authorities, and campus access for Winter 2021.
- The Post-Secondary Institution review

6. Report from the Vice President and Provost

- Recovery Management Team (RMT) meeting weekly.
- 21 courses and 22 sections running on campus Winter 2021.
- Indigenous Framework draft and process.
- Online course evaluations were done for the first time for Fall 2020.
- Meeting with VP Academic and Provosts in January, thinking about 2021 Winter, Spring and Fall.

7. AUArts Students' Association Report

- Community Hub has gone well over the semester. Open to faculty and staff as well.
- Student Leadership Council is well on its way and students are very engaged.
- Show and Sale: Planning a Show and Sale for the Spring or Summer.
- Submission to the Board of Governors with the intent of emphasizing vision, mission and values of the institution and being aware of them as we conduct AUArts business.

8. GFC representative to the Board Report

- Board of Governors as a body recognizes the challenges over the last year.
- Most recent items for approval:
 - AUArts Annual Report for 2020
 - Rescinding of Board of Awards and Scholarships Policy
 - New Agenda Meeting Guidelines
- Internal and external support for Boost-A-Student Campaign.

9. Steering Committee (SC): Draft GFC Member Question Protocol

As recommended by the GFC Steering Committee:

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the draft General Faculties Council Member Question protocol, as presented.

Carried

10. Academic Policy Committee (APC):

10.1. Academic Regulations Section – Academic Calendar: Degree Program Regulations

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

That the General Faculties Council approve the wording pertaining to the Academic Calendar Year in the academic regulations section of the Academic Calendar as presented, effective September 1, 2021.

Carried

10.2. Revised Academic Date Setting Procedure

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

That the General Faculties Council approve the revised Academic Date Setting Procedure to be effective September 1, 2020 to support the development of the Academic Schedules for 2021-22 and onwards.

Carried

11. Curriculum Committee (CC): Revised Photography Program - MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 300-LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY BDES

A Link and J Gaucher spoke to the motion.

As recommended by the Curriculum Committee:

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the 300-level requirements for the BDes Photography Major, effective Fall 2021, as presented.

Carried

B Fullalove moved / M Kern seconded

THAT the motion be amended to: SCCS Photo 3rd year requirements: Any 300-level AHIS Art History (3cr) Any 2 300-level PPRL Professional Related, CCST Critical & Creative Studies or SOSC Social Sciences (3cr) Any 300-level ENGL English (3cr).

Defeated

It is anticipated that further revisions will be made to the 300 level requirements to the BDes Photography Major, and they will return to GFC for approval.

12. University Continuity

A Plante updated on faculty hiring, Unit Plans and budget process.

13. Presentation: Curriculum and Learning Series Supports Available for Faculty

R Martin gave a presentation on Curriculum and Learning Services Support available to faculty.

14. Presentation: Academic Planning and Oversight Committee (APOC): Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup

A Plante and H Huston provided a workgroup update:

- The Terms of Reference were approved by the Steering Committee.
- H Huston presented on Workgroup findings, to date.
- The Group is figuring out landscape: data, challenges, and goals.
- GFC will be updated as the work of the group unfolds.

15. Academic Planning and Oversight Committee (APOC): GFC Budget Plan

A Plante presented on the budget timeline, series of activities and involved groups as APOC is the one GFC standing committee which will bring budget items forward to GFC, which will then go to the Board of Governors.

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

Received for information only.

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

Received for information only. SCCS successfully completed a second hire.

18. School of Communication Design Council (SCD)

Received for information only.

19. School of Visual Art Council (SVA)

Received for information only.

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

Received for information only.

21. Deans' Council

Received for information only. At the last meeting there were four items on the agenda:

- EDI
- Unit plans
- Manager's survey and how we support folks working from home
- Initiated the discussion of talking about what being back in the building will look like, post-covid

22. Information: Research Committee (RC): Approved Terms of Reference Research Ethics Board (REB)

Steering Committee approved the revised Research Ethics Board Terms of Reference as presented by the Research Committee.

23. Information: Academic Policy Committee: Revised 2020-2021 Academic Dates

Received for information only.

24. Adjournment

The December 16, 2020 General Faculties Council meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.