

Present with Dr. Daniel Doz in the chair were the following: Dr. André Plante, Jill Brown, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Scott Cressman, Paul Robert, Dr. Benedict Fullalove, Heather Huston, René Martin, Nicole Hamilton, Susie Kennedy, Sondra Meszaros, John Gaucher, Mitch Kern, Mike Kerr, Barbara Sutherland, Bryan Cera, Tyler Rock, Lisa Lipton, Richard Gorenko, Justin Waddell, Dr. Chris Frey, Dr. Sarah Alford, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Suzanne Lermeyer, Lisa Blackwell, 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 and Su Soyer, Meeting Resource.

OPENING SESSION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:10pm and confirmed quorum.

1. Acknowledgment of the Land

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

S Cressman moved / H Huston seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the January 27, 2021 agenda, as presented.

Carried

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

H Huston moved / M Clintberg seconded

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

Carried

4. Business Arising from the December 16, 2020 GFC approved minutes

No business arising.

5. Report from the President and CEO

- Period of transition for the institution. Waiting for key information from government regarding IMAs, budget, system review.
- Planning Fall enrollment targets and budget assumptions.
- Finishing last piece of Triade: Strategic Plan, Academic Plan, now finishing Unit Plans.
- Working on what Fall 2021 will look like. Evaluating the impact of Covid-19 vaccination delay.

6. Report from the Vice President and Provost

- Approximately 70 students on campus for Winter 2021.
- Calgary consortium of universities VPAs are meeting to look at work integrated learning platform. At the upcoming meeting, Fall 2021 will be discussed.

7. AUArts Students' Association (SA) Report

- Reminded everyone about the AUArts vision, mission and values.
- Launched Wellness Programming, open to faculty and staff.
- Advocating for 6% increase to tuition (gradually decreasing increase) to align with Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Student Code of Conduct document being reviewed by SA.
- Putting together a proposal for an Ombudsperson Office.
- Working with the institution on scholarships. SA would like to see changes focusing on equity and accessibility.

8. GFC representative to the Board Report

No Board of Governors meeting since last GFC meeting. Board meeting on February 10, 2021.

9. Academic Policy Committee (APC): Revised Undergraduate Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Procedure

S Kennedy presented the motion on behalf of the Academic Policy Committee and there were no questions.

As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee:

THAT THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISED UNDERGRADUATE PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION PROCEDURE TO BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 IN THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR.

Carried

10. Curriculum Committee: Program Change – BA First Year Studies

A Link introduced the motion. Motion comes forward from Curriculum Committee as a recommendation to GFC that PCPR 100 Art and Design Foundation be included as an eligible course among the 100 level studio electives. This formally enters the Pre-College program as a 100-lvl student elective into the Academic Calendar, a practice that we've undertaken for a number of years.

As recommended by the Curriculum Committee:

THAT the Curriculum Committee approve the program change(s) for BFA FIRST YEAR STUDIES, as presented, effective September 1, 2021.

Carried

11. University Continuity

A Plante presented. Fall 2021 planning in the works. Looking at what other post-secondaries in the province are doing. Looking at in-person, online or hybrid, synchronous and asynchronous options.

H Huston presented an Undergraduate Degree Review Taskforce/Committee update:

- Committee looking at all data info, what CAQC is looking for and curriculum mapping.
- Next steps: working on consultation timeline.

Unit Plans: APOC looking at School Unit Plans. Dean's Council will be reviewing all Unit Plans. Looking at gaps and integration of the plans.

12. Presentation: AUArts Budget Process

J Brown presented a high-level overview of the AUArts Budget model and planning.

GFC members asked questions and had a fulsome conversation.

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

Minutes included in meeting package.

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

Minutes included in meeting package.

15. School of Communication Design Council (SCD)

Chair gave a brief verbal report.

16. School of Visual Art Council (SVA)

Minutes included in meeting package.

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

Minutes included in meeting package.

18. Deans' Council

Upcoming agenda will include:

- J Galloway, an external consultant, is tasked with facilitating the synchronicity between all Unit Plans.
- Update on enrollment targets for next year.
- Discussion: engagement process re Fall Break, possibility of implementation.
- Update on the EDI.
- Planning the plan for building return.

19. Information only: Steering Committee:

The Chair thanked M Kelly-Frère for work on the Steering Committee and welcomed J Waddell as a new member.

19.1. Update: GFC & GFC Feedback Form

First full year operating as GFC with all Committees and it will be important for GFC to understand what AUArts learned from its first year operating in a bi-cameral structure. There will be a survey questionnaire, identifying areas GFC are doing well and areas that need to improve.

19.2. Update: GFC Standing Committee Annual Report to GFC

An annual report will be prepared by each GFC standing committee and submitted to GFC in Fall of each year; providing a summary of all activities for the previous year.

20. Information: Academic Policy Committee: Update on Potential Fall Study Break

S Kennedy gave a presentation on the Fall term break data collection and options. Introduced conversation of the potential of having Fall term break at AUArts.

Members gave feedback and asked questions.

21. Information: Academic Policy Committee & Student Affairs Committee: Update on Work Group Student Code of Conduct Procedure

K Neutens presented. The Student Conduct Procedure at AUArts combines both Non-Academic Misconduct and Academic Misconduct. Student Affairs and the Academic Policy Committee have committed to a fulsome review of the Procedure.

22. Adjournment

The January 27, 2021 General Faculties Council was adjourned at 3:55pm.