

Statutory/Ex Officio Members: Dr. Daniel Doz, Chair, Dr. Janis Goldie Vice-Chair, Michelle Housley, Nicole Hamilton, Dr. Alex Link, Scott Powell, Dr. Rob Stone

Statutory/Elected Members

School of Communication Design: Tivadar Bote, Nick Johnson

School of Craft and Emerging Media: Paul Robert, Tyler Rock

School of Visual Art: Alana Bartol, Richard Clements, Megan Dyck

School of Critical and Creative Studies: Dr. Ghada Alatrash

By Degree Area: Jamie Kroeger, Naoko Masuda, Dr. Kara Stone

Statutory Student Members: Abbey Leach, Tanya Mryglod

Other Members: Wendy Harding, Dr. Pablo Ortiz

Appointed Members: Mackenzie Kelly-Frère

Regrets: Arif Ansari, Laurel Johannesson, Jamie Leong-Huxley, Kurtis Lesick

Non-Voting Members: Cherie Tutt, University Secretary

GFC Meeting Resource Members: Su Soyer, Academic Coordinator, Undergraduate Studies

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the October 21, 2024 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of the September 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on September 23, 2024 be approved.

Carried

4. Report from the President and CEO

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Daniel Doz included the following in his report:

- Changes to the regulations for international students issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada is impacting all post-secondary institutions across Canada and leading to a drop in applications from international students.
- EDIA update: there was a meeting in mid-October with the advisor, AUArts is working on developing the strategic plan and framework document. Next steps include round table discussions to prioritize institutional actions.
- AUArts is in early discussions with the City of Calgary regarding the City's plans to develop an innovation hub as part of the strategy to diversify the local economy.

5. Approval of the Changes to the Online Meeting Protocol

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. The University Secretary presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the Steering Committee was tasked with review of the General Faculties Council (GFC) governing documents and at this time is recommending changes to the Online Meeting Protocol. It was explained that the protocol is reflective of pandemic practices and has been updated to be consistent with current practices.
- The updates include the correction of the GFC Secretary's title to "University Secretary".
- The reference to the Teams Chat feature was removed and hybrid meetings were added to reflect that some standing committees operate in a hybrid meeting model.
- There were no questions.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the changes to the Online Meeting Protocol, in the form provided to the GFC, effective immediately, as recommended by the Steering Committee.

Carried

6. GFC Strategic Discussions

The Chair presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Chair reported that following the joint GFC and Board Retreat, a discussion was held at Steering Committee regarding some of the points of discussion that occurred at the retreat, which were more strategic in nature. The Steering Committee discussed the potential for some of these items to come forward to GFC in the future to discuss, providing a more strategic avenue for GFC to contribute.

- The Chair reminded members on the GFC Question Protocol. This can be used by members to suggest topics for discussion. An opportunity at the end of meetings will also be provided for this purpose.
 - In response to a question, it was clarified that this form can be used by members to bring forth agenda items.

7. Reports from the Deans

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Janis Goldie, Dr. Pablo Ortiz, and Nicole Hamilton presented these items.

Academic

- There will be four permanent faculty position hires for 2025-2026, one in SCEM Jewelry Metals, two in SCCS, and one in SCD.
- Enrolment update: 2012 was the last time AUArts had a similar headcount number to current year.

Upcoming events were noted:

- Ghada Alatrash's Book Talk is on October 25, 2024 from 1-2pm.
- Teaching & Learning Lunch and Learn on Academic Publishing is on October 30, 2024 1-2 pm on Teams.
- The Gallery Crawl will be on November 8, 2024, 5:30pm-10pm.
- The Teaching & Learning Day will be held on November 12, 2024, Final Schedule TBD
- Caitlyn Ffrench will be hosting an artist talk on October 25, 2024, 12-1pm in the Lecture Theatre.

Students

- The virtual counsellor session had 51 attendees.
- AUArts held in-person presentations at 2 high schools in Mexico and attended the Mexico College Fair Tour and the ESN College Fair.
- AUArts is actively working with ApplyBoard and IDP Connect to reach the international student targets and promoting on the studyincanada.com online platform.
- Fall 2024 admission targets were achieved. Applications for Fall 2025 opened on October 1, with an increase in total applications received to date compared to last year.
- Two courses on Understanding and Responding to Sexual Violence are available for students through Mosaic. Students will receive a digital badge upon completion.
- Staff members took the Conducting Sexual Misconduct Investigations course.
- Enrolment update: Undergraduate FLE is higher compared to last year, the MFA program FLE is also higher.

Innovation, Learning and Development

- New micro-credentials are going through APOC for review and approvals.

Librarian Position Update

- The position has been posted. In response to a question, it was noted that the position description was written with consultation from faculty and leadership.

8. Students' Association (SA) Report

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Tanya Mryglod presented this item.

Highlights:

- Fall Student Leadership Council Meetings have commenced, the key topics include the Association's 2024-2025 operating budget, strategic intentions, and updates on the annual audit.
- The SLC's Fall byelections are running until October 23. The results to be announced in November.
- The Winter Show + Sale is scheduled for November 15 and 16, 2024. The tickets for the First Night Fundraiser are available for sale on the Show + Sale website.
- Applications for Micro-Grants opened on September 10, 2024 and a total of \$5000 has been granted to student groups for the Fall semester. The program will re-open for the Winter semester.

9. School Council Minutes/Notes SCEM and MFA Committee

10. GFC Member Board Report

Documentation for these items was included in the meeting materials for information only.

11. AUArts Good News Moment

Members of the GFC shared information on positive happenings around campus, including upcoming student and faculty events. On this occasion of the last meeting of the academic year, the GFC members were thanked for their participation and service.

12. Adjournment

The GFC adjourned the October 21, 2024 meeting by consensus at 3:00 p.m.