

Statutory/Ex Officio Members: Dr. Janis Goldie Vice-Chair, Arif Ansari, Michelle Housley, Dr. Alex Link, Scott Powell

Statutory/Elected Members

School of Communication Design: Tivadar Bote, Nick Johnson,

School of Craft and Emerging Media: Marty Kaufman, Anahita Mosayebi, Paul Robert, Tyler Rock,

School of Visual Art: Alana Bartol, Megan Dyck

School of Critical and Creative Studies: Dr. Troy Patenaude, Dr. Ghada Alatrash

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

Statutory Student Members: Abbey Leach, Tanya Mryglod

Other Members: Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Vice Chair, Wendy Harding

Appointed Members: Mackenzie Kelly-Frère

Regrets: Nicole Hamilton, Laurel Johannesson, Kurtis Lesick Dr. Rob Stone, Richard Clements,

Non-Voting Members: Cherie Tutt, University Secretary, Keltie Ross, Librarian

Guests: Tara Fleming, Contractor Digital Analyst - presenter for Item 7

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

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| <p>Moved/Seconded</p> |
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| <p>That the Agenda for the May 26, 2025 General Faculties Council meeting be approved.</p> |
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| <p>Carried</p> |
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2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of the April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

A grammatical correction was requested.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on April 28, 2025 be approved with the requested amendment.

Carried

4. Report from the President and CEO

Dr. Janis Goldie included the following in her report:

Highlights:

- External outreach: meeting with Mayor Gondek, meeting in Red Deer with Alberta post-secondary presidents, meeting with the Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women
- The Campus Alberta Quality Council comprehensive evaluation report has been received. The report is positive overall, and all recommendations have been accepted. AUArts' has provided its written response with an action timeline plan in accordance with the Ministry process. AUArts will meet with the CAQC council tomorrow.
- Myles McDougall was sworn in as the new Minister of Advanced Education effective May 16th, an introductory meeting has been requested.
- Convocation is on May 28th.

5. Approval of the Bachelor of Creative Industries

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Alex Link, Dr. Kara Stone, and Nick Johnson presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the updates made to the proposal since being presented to the GFC in April.
- There were no questions.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the Bachelor of Creative Industries (BCI), as presented to the GFC, and as recommended by the Academic Planning and Oversight Committee.

Carried

6. Budget 2025-2026

Scott Powell provided a presentation.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the annual budget process including a review of ongoing challenges and planning methodologies, followed by an overview of the revenue and expenses within the operating and capital budgets.
- It was reported that the University's Investment Management Agreement (IMA) concludes this year,

and that the government is still working on updates to the IMAs and an update will be provided as more information becomes available.

- AUArts fiscal year-end is changing to March 31st starting in 2026. This will align with the provincial government and other post-secondaries. It was noted that the initial 9-month stub year will create cutoff and comparison differences.

7. Centennial Planning

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Tara Fleming presented an update on planned Centennial activities and partnership developments.

8. Reports from the Deans

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Janis Goldie, Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Michelle Housley and Keltie Ross presented these items.

Academic

- An overview summary of progress on the Academic Plan was presented, highlights included the Campus Alberta Quality Council Institutional review, curriculum development, successful summer residency and gallery crawl and teaching and learning programming.

Secretary's Note: A copy of presentation will be upload with the meeting materials.

Students

- Student Progression: new report implemented to track students who have multiple unsuccessful attempts at a course.
- Registration dates moved to mid-May instead of early June to allow students to secure seats in classes they need earlier.
- Starting in Fall 2025, AUArts will award five \$500 bursaries to assist trans and gender diverse students with the costs associated with obtaining a legal name change.
- As of May 1, the admissions target of 308 confirmation deposits has been achieved.
- The first Indigenous Crit was facilitated for students with an Elder present.

Innovation

Secretary's Note: The Innovation report was provided in-package only. The time was provided to Michelle Housley and Keltie Ross to speak to planned library closures over the summer months.

- It was reported that the Library will close in the summer for inventory. The Library will operate on reduced hours June 23-27, open from noon-4pm, communication to follow. The Library will be closed for the month of July. If faculty need any support during the closures, they should contact the Library staff directly who will make any necessary accommodations.

9. Students' Association (SA) Report

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

- The Student Legislative Council held its last meeting for the 2024-25 year on April 17, 2025.
- Daniela Szeoke, Vice President (VP), Student Life has concluded her term. Evan Palmer is onboarding as the newly elected VP Student Life for the 2025-26 year.
- A petition containing over 300 signatures has been sent to the Canadian Federation of Students with the intention to decertify.
- Microgrants are now closed and will re-open in Fall 2025.
- The Community Pantry is accepting donations. The Pantry will also be stocked with fresh produced on Fridays in partnership with Fresh Routes.

10. School Council Minutes/Notes MFA, SVA, SCEM

11. Board Report

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

12. AUArts Good News Moment

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. A presentation was shared on positive happenings around campus including current and upcoming faculty and student events.

Adjournment

The GFC adjourned the May 26, 2025 meeting by consensus at 3:23 p.m.