UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
Approved Minutes

Meeting #630
Thursday, June 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m. Science Theatres 147

Voting Members
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T. Dinh
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D. Hall for R. Weller
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P. Toohey
V. Turpin
M. Van Hee
W. D. Walls
A. Warria for E. Perrault
J. Winter
R. Yates for P. Werthner

Guests
C. Johns, Associate Deputy Provost – present for Item 8
M. Morrison, Associate General Counsel, Litigation, Student Appeals and Policy – present for Item 9
N. Najand, Senior Director, Life Sciences Innovation Hub, Innovate Calgary – present for Item 13
M. Speta, Associate Secretary – present for Item 9

Observers
J. Alho, Associate Vice-President (Government Relations)
J. Ezeumeh, Students' Union
J. Kincaid, President's Office
D. Kozak, Faculty Association
S. Luthy, Provost's Office
M. Smith, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Research (EDI)
H. Yaworski, Graduate Students' Association

Secretary
C. McVie

Scribe
E. Sjogren

Staff
V. Kozielec
M. Speta

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts were declared.

2. Inclusive Practice Moment

Tara Beattie, Dean and Vice-Provost (Graduate Studies), presented the Traditional Land Acknowledgment and then shared about supports for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS), including:

- For Indigenous students:
    - FGS procedures provide for Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers to serve as supervisors, co-supervisors, supervisory committee members, examiners, and advisory committee members
    - Students may include ceremony as part of their candidacy/field of study examinations and thesis defenses. The FGS can help students with the costs of ceremony for defenses, and an improved process is being developed.
    - Tobacco for offerings can be provided by the FGS
    - Financial and administrative support is provided for the Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (SAGE) program, and the FGS is currently looking for students to be coordinators in this program
    - There are federal, provincial, and University funding programs for Indigenous students
    - The FGS has an *ii' taa'poh'to'p* (Indigenous Strategy) working group, an EDIA (equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility) working group, and action groups which support the initiatives of these working groups
- For all students:
    - The FGS Student Team is comprised of two Associate Deans, Student Experience and two Graduate Academic and International Specialists
    - Members of the University community are encouraged to direct graduate students in need to the FGS Student Team so that they can be connected with appropriate resources including for mental health and wellbeing

3. Safety Moment

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Mike Van Hee, Vice-President (Services), presented on the topic of the phishing, including:

- One in five people are clicking on links in deceptive phishing emails. These emails are purposefully designed to convey a sense of urgency in order to manipulate the recipient, and may appear to be sent by the recipient's superior or someone they know.
- Cybersecurity training sessions will be offered again this Fall and members of the University community are encouraged to attend a session as proactive learning
- Recipients should look carefully at an email when questioning its authenticity, especially at the sender details. If in doubt, a recipient should confirm the legitimacy of an email, such as by phoning their bank.
- Messages suspected to be phishing can be reported to the University's Cybersecurity Operations Team through the Information Technologies (IT) webpage, to UService at 403-210-9300 or abuse@ucalgary.ca, or through the 'report' button in Outlook

In response to questions and comments, it was reported that it is desired that members of the University

community report phishing messages, and it is expected that IT personnel will respond appropriately to these reports. The new function for submitting a ticket directly to the Cybersecurity Operations Team from the IT webpage and the ability to use the "report" button in Outlook should aid in reporting.

4. Remarks of the Chair

Ed McCauley, Chair, included the following in his remarks:

- This is the last General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting for Ian Holloway, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Bill Rosehart, Dean of the Schulich School of Engineering, Joule Bergerson, member of the Board of Governors nominated by GFC, and several of the elected and appointed members, and they were thanked for their participation
- Nine convocation ceremonies were held from May 30-June 5, 2024, the Continuing Education graduation ceremony was held Thursday, June 6, and the Indigenous graduation celebration was held Friday, June 7. Elder Rosemary Crowshoe was presented with an honorary degree at the June 3, 2024 convocation ceremony. Members were thanked for their participation in these special events.
- Bill 18, now the Provincial Priorities Act, received Royal Assent on May 30, 2024. Shortly prior to this, representatives of the provincial government, including the Premier, met with the Board Chairs and Presidents of the province's 26 postsecondary institutions, during which the importance of federal funding and academic freedom were discussed and representatives of the postsecondary institutions reinforced the message about the need for investment in research, including by the provincial government. On June 12, 2024 the Ministry of Advanced Education held a consultation session with representatives of the University of Alberta and University of Calgary, during which the Minister emphasised that the provincial government wants to grow federal funding and supports for innovation. The provincial government is gathering information about current federal funding agreements as it prepares to implement this legislation.
- The last GFC meeting was held on May 9, 2024, the day that the encampment was set up on campus. At that GFC meeting, members heard a report on the encampment, including that the protesters were notified at 6:30 a.m. that they were free to protest but they were not free to camp, that the University issued notice of trespass, and that Management called the Calgary Police Service to enforce the University's trespass order. The vast majority of the protesters left when they understood that they could return the next day to protest between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. A small number of protesters stayed, and four people aged 34 to 61, none of whom were students, faculty or staff of the University, were arrested. Since May 9, Management has been meeting with community members and alumni, students, and governance bodies and these are the answers to some common questions:
    - Will the decisions relating to the encampments be reviewed – Yes, it is standard practice after any major event or incident to review the Crisis Management Team's decision making. The steps for this review have been initiated, and a request for proposals for a third party to conduct the review has been put out to tender. Once the review report has been discussed by the Board of Governors, it will be determined if more action is needed. As much of the report as possible will be shared with the University community.
    - Will Management meet with the group about their demands – A productive meeting has been held. Not everything in the group's petition can be addressed, but it was helpful to hear what is meant by divestment and support for students. The avenues through University governance, including the Investment Committee, Finance and Properties Committee, and Board of Governors, were explained. The Deputy Provost and Vice-

Provost (Student Experience) have been tasked with immediately addressing matters relating to academic and mental health student supports. One of the demands, that the University boycott Israeli institutions and that members of the University community thus be banned from working with people in Israel, cannot be met because this would be in contravention of academic freedom; the federal government can pass law regarding ineligibility for federal funding for some institutional relationships.

- Was there outside pressure that led to the decisions made – The Crisis Management Team is co-chaired by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Services). There was no donor or government influence on decisions made. Decisions were influenced by how similar situations have unfolded across North America.
- Is there new information that has arisen since the meeting – The police now report that there were four arrests made not five, and that the people arrested were not students, faculty, or staff of the University.

5. Question Period

In response to questions, it was reported that:

- Members of GFC may share all of the information they hear at GFC meetings
- A review of the May 9 encampment response will be occurring. A review normally occurs only after a crisis is over, and while in this case the related matters are not concluded, the key event on May 9 is and thus the RFP has already been issued.
- Society has changed over time, and the demonstrations that occurred on university campuses decades ago would likely be responded to differently now
- The two guiding documents relevant to the encampment response are the Special Events Program and the Use of University Facilities for Non-Academic Purposes Policy

6. Approval of the May 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on May 9, 2024 be approved.

Carried

7. Approval of Revisions to the GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference and GFC Standing Committees General Terms of Reference

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Ed McCauley, Chair, and Courtney McVie, University Secretary, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The University Secretary reported that the Terms of Reference are regularly reviewed for continuous improvement, that the proposed revisions align with the Board of Governors standing

committees Terms of Reference language and enshrine current practices, that the co-chairs of the standing committees were consulted on the revisions, and that a review of peer institutions' Terms of Reference was conducted

- In response to a question, it was reported that it is Secretariat practice to write out a number under 10 (e.g. two) and to use a number if over 10 (e.g. 22)

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the GFC Executive Committee and the GFC Standing Committees General Terms of Reference, effective immediately, as set out in the documents provided to the GFC and as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee.

Carried

8. Approval of Updates to the Non-Credit Professional and Continuing Education Credentials Framework

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Sheila LeBlanc, Associate Vice-President, Continuing Education, and Christine Johns, Associate Deputy Provost, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents gave a presentation framing the need for updating the Continuing Education credentials framework, including information about the demand for lifelong learning, the growth of micro-credentials and the value of these programs, that micro-credentials provide opportunities for revenue generation and the recruitment of non-traditional graduate students, and that having flagship learning programs can positively impact the University's placement in global institutional rankings
- The proponents reported that, once the framework is approved, next steps will include the forming of working groups to operationalize the micro-credentials ecosystem, the development of a robust records system, and the exploration of micro-credential grant funding
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
    - A paradigm is in place to enable students to assess their readiness for a course
    - A 'blockchain verified badging system' is a system that provides real-time verification of a student's credentials, for example LinkedIn can verify a credential that a person puts on their page. An institution can put an expiry date on a credential if that is needed.
    - Faculty participation in the development of non-credit credentials is welcomed but is not part of general practice yet
    - All units, including the Faculties, use the same system for maintaining non-credit programming records and the nomenclature is consistent
    - Credit courses can be transferred between Continuing Education and Faculty programs, Students should work with their home unit about this.
    - Advocacy continues to strive toward having clear and consistent language around micro-credentials, certificates, and badges, but this is a complicated institutional, provincial, and national sphere

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the updates to the Non-Credit Professional and Continuing Education Credentials Framework, effective immediately, as set out in the document provided to the GFC and as recommended by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

Carried

Kent Donlevy abstained.

9. Approval of Revisions to the Student Appeals Policy Suite

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Melissa Morrison, Associate General Counsel, Litigation, Student Appeals and Policy, and Michelle Speta, Associate Secretary, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the *Student Misconduct and Academic Appeals Policy* and its associated procedures are regularly reviewed, and that experience and stakeholder feedback have informed the revisions being proposed. The proponents then provided an overview of the revisions, noting that it is no longer being proposed to collapse the two levels of appeal into one at this time.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
    - The Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Appeals Committee will now be the final level of appeal for academic assessment and progression decisions for PGME Residents. PGME Resident conduct matters will continue to be appealable to the University Appeals Committee (UAC) and University Appeals Tribunal (UAT).
    - Consultation with students included presentation and discussion at a Students' Union (SU) Students Legislative Council meeting and Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Board meeting, presenting to the GFC Executive Committee at its April and May meetings, and email correspondence with the SU. All current student members of the UAC and UAT (appointed by the SU and GSA) were also invited to review and provide feedback on the proposed revisions.
    - The Student Appeals Office webpage provides information about student appeals, including an FAQ, in addition to the policy and procedure documents
    - Relevant new information is not a ground for appeal of academic assessments to the UAC, and inclusion of this ground in Section 5.7 of the *Student Misconduct and Academic Appeals Policy* was an oversight the last time the policy was approved. This is because the UAC is the second level of appeal for academic assessment decisions. Procedural fairness and apprehension of bias are the only two grounds of appeal available for all second-level appeals.
    - It is rare for a lawyer to be engaged at the UAC level of appeal and an Advisor usually does not have an active role in an appeal hearing, but Section 4.31 of the UAC Procedure provides that a student may submit a request for accommodation or special consideration to the UAC panel chair prior to a hearing for someone to speak on their behalf
- Discussion included:
    - The Students' Union is concerned that Section 4.2 of the University Appeals Committee

Procedure, which is proposed to read "*Requests submitted after the deadline will not be considered*", does not take into account extenuating circumstances

- The proponents indicated that this wording is not a change in procedure, and that students have 10 business days to request an extension to the deadline to submit their appeal. The proponents reported that the Student Appeals Office is student-focused and that requests for extension are almost always approved, sometimes more than once, and that if a student were completely incapacitated and missed the deadline to request an extension a new deadline would be set.
- It was observed that Section 4.2 does not refer to incapacitation providing exception, and that, as written, Section 4.2 firmly states that requests for extension submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The proponents indicated that an Appeal Review Administrator (ARA) can deny permission to appeal if an appeal submission is late (Section 4.8.c), but that the Student Appeals Office advises the ARA to consider a submission if there was an extenuating circumstance that led to the student submitting late.

- The proponents indicated that any suggestions for further revision, such as to Section 4.2, can be discussed when additional revisions to the policy and procedure documents are developed. Opposition to proceeding with the revisions as written was expressed by the SU, particularly because there is no guarantee that a late request for extension, caused by extenuating circumstances, will be granted. The proponents reiterated that the revision to Section 4.2 does not introduce any change to current practice.

Secretary's note: A motion to indefinitely postpone this item was moved, seconded, and not carried.

- Continued discussion included:
  - The SU raised that the Supreme Court of Canada has indicated that it is reasonable for an appellant to want to provide any material that could impact the outcome of their appeal and that there is a right to be heard. The proposed deletion of 'relevant new information' as a ground for an appeal of academic assessment is therefore objected to.
    - The proponents observed that relevant new information is a ground for appeal at the first level and it is not allowed at the second level for any appeals because the second level only considers the process of the first level, not the original decision.
  - In response to a question, the proponents noted that the other revisions in the proposal, which are not being challenged, are time sensitive
  - The thoroughness of the consultation with students about this proposal was probed. The proponents reported that several requests to meet with representatives of the SU about their concerns with the proposal were made. The SU clarified that the dates suggested for the follow-up meeting by the proponents conflicted with transition/onboarding engagements of the outgoing 81st and incoming 82nd SU Executives.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the *Student Misconduct and Academic Appeals Policy*, the *University Appeals Committee Procedure*, and the *Faculty Appeals Committee Procedure*, effective July 1, 2024, as set out in the documents provided to the GFC and as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee.

Carried

Bruce Barton and Robert Martinuzzi abstained.

10. Establishment of the 2024-2025 GFC Elected Membership Distribution

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Ed McCauley, Chair, and Courtney McVie, University Secretary, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The University Secretary reported that the 2024-2025 elected membership distribution had been approved by the GFC in February 2024, but the Office of Institutional Analysis was asked to update the calculation after the 'by virtue of office' GFC membership increased to 24 persons in April when the Office of Advancement was split into the Office of Development and Alumni and the Office of Communications and Community Engagement
- There were no questions or comments

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) establish the total number of elected members to be on the GFC and determine and assign to each Faculty the number of members that may be elected by that Faculty, as set out on the document provided to the GFC and as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee.

Carried

11. Elections by GFC:

- **Academic Staff Members of GFC to the GFC Executive Committee**
- **Academic Staff Member of GFC to the Board of Governors**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair explained that the elections will be conducted via an electronic form and a link to this will be sent by email immediately following the meeting. Members will have until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14 to follow the link and submit their votes.

No nominations from the floor were received.

Secretary's Note: The following persons were elected:

GFC Executive Committee
***Jessica Ayala**, Faculty of Social Work*
***Anna-Maria Hubert**, Faculty of Law*
***Jeffrey Priest**, Schulich School of Engineering*

Board of Governors
***Shelley Alexander**, Faculty of Arts*

12. GFC Motion Regarding the Provincial Priorities Act

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Kent Donlevy, President of the University of Calgary Faculty Association, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent observed that it is unusual for the Faculty Association to bring a motion to the GFC, but the Provincial Priorities Act poses a threat given that the provincial government would seek to impose its ideological viewpoint as a criterion for what federally funded projects researchers can work on. It was reported that the University of Alberta (UofA), University of Lethbridge (UofL), and Mount Royal University (MRU) have all passed similar motions already.
- The proponent then moved and read the proposed motion, and the motion was seconded
- Two amendments to the motion, one editorial amendment and one rewording amendment, were then proposed and agreed to by the mover and seconder:
    - "…risking a perception of political interference in ~~labeling~~ academic research and scholarship ~~with the stamp of political interference~~,…"
    - "It is therefore resolved that the General Faculties Council at the University of Calgary is opposed to the Provincial Priorities Act insofar as it affects post-secondary education and ~~unless post-secondary institutions are exempted from any and all provisions of that Act, it calls on the Government of Alberta to withdraw the Act in its entirety. Further, the General Faculties Council at the University of Calgary~~ respectfully requests the President of the University of Calgary to notify the Premier and Minister of Advanced Education of the Province of Alberta~~, respectively,~~ of this resolution ~~by the General Faculties Council of the University of Calgary~~."
- It was suggested that the final statement be further amended to read "…post-secondary education and research…" and all parties agreed to this
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
    - It is not expected that this motion will end the Provincial Priorities Act, but it is possible that the Minister of Advanced Education will make an argument to Cabinet that the inclusion of postsecondary institutions should be reconsidered. It is felt that it is worth taking this motion forward even if it will not be effective because the academic freedom of researchers is being impacted.
    - The motions passed at the UofA, UofL, and MRU all went through their respective GFCs
    - The rewording of the motion deliberately sets a more collaborative tone because the provincial government is currently conducting consultation about the implementation of the Provincial Priorities Act
    - There is awareness that other parts of the Provincial Priorities Act may impact graduate students

Moved/Seconded

Whereas, the Provincial Priorities Act recently passed by the Government of Alberta poses a threat to academic freedom and institutional autonomy by creating the potential for political interference in the funding of post-secondary research and scholarship in Alberta.

Whereas, that Act may lead to the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in research and scholarship funding for the University of Calgary and other Albertan post-secondary institutions, funding that is critical to achieving the teaching, research, scholarly, and artistic strategic ambitions of the University of Calgary specifically and all Albertan post-secondary institutions generally.

Whereas Albertans are proud of the national and international academic reputation of the University of Calgary specifically, and other post-secondary institutions in Alberta generally, to provide exceptional

high-quality education and scholarship in all fields of knowledge and from all intellectual and epistemological perspectives, which has taken many decades of dedicated work by academic and other staff supported by provincial and federal research grants awarded based upon intellectual and scholarly merit.

Whereas, in its current form, the Provincial Priorities Act could potentially and significantly negatively impact the teaching, research, and scholarly national and international academic reputation of the University of Calgary specifically and of all Alberta's post-secondary institutions generally; risking a perception of political interference in academic research and scholarship, suggesting that research and scholarship has been tailored to advance a political ideology, resulting in the best and brightest post-secondary educators and researchers potentially leaving to go to other post-secondary institutions in jurisdictions where academic freedom and institutional post-secondary autonomy are protected, along with their students.

Whereas the General Faculties Council, as set out in section 26(1) of the Post-Secondary Learning Act, subject to the authority of the Board of Governors, is responsible for the "academic affairs of the University."

It is therefore resolved that the General Faculties Council at the University of Calgary is opposed to the Provincial Priorities Act insofar as it affects post-secondary education and research and respectfully requests the President of the University of Calgary to notify the Premier and the Minister of Advanced Education of the Province of Alberta of this resolution.

Carried

David Hall abstained.

13. Innovation Ecosystem Update

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Andrea Morris, Vice-President (Development and Alumni), introduced this item and Nima Najand, Senior Director, Life Sciences Innovation Hub, Innovate Calgary, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter gave a presentation on the University's innovation ecosystem, including:
    - The University's innovation ecosystem includes Innovate Calgary, the Hunter Hub, the O'Brien Institute for Public Health W21C Research and Innovation Centre, the Integrated Management Platform to Accelerate Clinical Trials (IMPACT) accelerator, the Creative Destruction Lab - Rockies, and the Office of the Vice-President (Research)
    - Recent innovation-related initiatives and accomplishments were highlighted, including within the Evolve to Innovate (E2I) and Academic Entrepreneurs in Residence (AEiR) programs, the Energy Transition Centre, the Life Sciences Innovation Hub, the Social Innovation Hub, the University Innovation Quarter, the UCEED funding program, and the launching of the Aerospace+ Innovation Hub
- In response to a question, it was reported that arrangements have been made to provide affordable parking to persons who will be working in Aerospace+ Innovation Hub space
- Members observed that:
    - Entrepreneurship is complex, and there is more to this than startup companies
    - The Map The System social/environmental issue research and design event involved the

first School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape undergraduate students, which was impressive

14. Global Engagement Plan Progress Report

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Ed McCauley, President and Vice-Chancellor, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the *Global Engagement Plan 2020-2025* has three foundational priorities, to: 1) increase the diversity of the University community, 2) improve the global and intercultural capacity within the University community, and 3) enhance global partnerships. The presenter then gave a presentation on recent Global Engagement Plan progress, including:
    - Dashboards displaying a variety of data for 2023, including that:
        - 41% of graduate students were international students, which is significantly above the target of 30%, and 12.8% of undergraduate students were international students, which is slightly below the target of 15%. It was observed that the students in the Qatar Faculty are registered differently and are not included in these numbers.
        - 50% of postdoctoral scholars were international, and in the last three years 14% of newly hired academics were international
        - The top countries of origin for international students were India, Iran, China, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Pakistan, Vietnam, Egypt, the United States, and Ghana
    - It is an institutional priority that undergraduate students have abroad and at-home global learning experiences, and 774 undergraduate students had experiences abroad, 99 had experiences at home, and 26 had hybrid experiences in 2022-2023. The top countries for global learning experiences abroad were the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Italy, and the Netherlands, and these experiences were achieved through co-curricular, exchange, group study, work experience, and research programs.
    - There were 11 global development projects funded in 2023-2024, involving 61 academics and 34 students. Over time the percentage of publications that have an international co-author have risen to 54%, and international research revenue increased to $37.07 million in 2023-2024.
    - In 2023, 430 global partnership agreements with institutions and organisations were made, with 66% of these having Diplomatic participation. The top countries for global partnership agreements were China, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, the United States, Mexico, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, Australia, and New Zealand. The University monitors global partnerships and sunsets those that are no longer effective.
    - In 2023, the University engaged in nine targeted external missions and 62 delegations visited the University. Some visits by delegations involve ceremonial elements and some have associated scholarly symposia.
- In response to a question, it was observed that there could be several reasons for why the University is not attracting more American students, possibly including Canada's stance on some issues, geopolitical issues, or the visa process

15. 2024 GFC Member Survey

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Courtney McVie, University Secretary, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The University Secretary thanked members for participating in the survey, reporting that there was a 44% response rate
- Members were referred to the report in the meeting package, which provides a thematic summary of the survey results, and it was noted that:
    - Concerns about the Science Theatres meeting space have been heard and a new meeting space has been identified and is currently undergoing renovation. It is hoped that this new space will address members' acoustics and accessibility concerns.
    - Feedback indicating that more education of GFC members is needed, such as about the roles of the standing committees and the Question Period and decision-making processes, will be used to update the annual Orientation presentation
- There were no questions or comments

16. Approved Revisions to the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Faculty Council Terms of Reference

The approved School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Faculty Council Terms of Reference was circulated with the Agenda as 'In Package Only' for information.

17. Approved Revisions to the APPC, APS, GAPS, CCS, RSC and TLC Terms of Reference

The approved APPC, APS, GAPS, CCS, RSC and TLC Terms of Reference were circulated with the Agenda as 'In Package Only' for information.

18. Standing Reports

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda as 'In Package Only' for information:

a) Report on the May 15, 2024 GFC Executive Committee Meeting
b) Report on the May 13 and May 27, 2024 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meetings
c) Report on the May 16, 2024 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting
d) Report on the May 24, 2024 Board of Governors Meeting

19. Other Business

There was no other business.

20. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council adjourn the June 13, 2024 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary