

General Faculties Council
Executive Committee (EXEC)
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Remote Meeting via Zoom
1:30 PM - 1:50 PM

ATTENDEES:

Bill Flanagan, Chair
Jelena Holovati
Shanthi Johnson
Gurleen Kaur
Christopher Lupke
Spencer Proctor

Norma Rodenburg
Dan Romanyk
Chanpreet Singh
Verna Yiu
non-voting:
Brad Hamdon
Kate Peters

REGRETS:

Bishoi Aziz
Jerine Pegg
Tracy Raivio
Nese Yuksel

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair acknowledged, "that we are located on Treaty 6 territory. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community."

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Bill Flanagan, President and Vice-Chancellor and Chair of EXEC

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT GFC Executive Committee approve the agenda.
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CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Communicating Recommendations from General Faculties Council to the Board of Governors

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Presenter(s): Brad Hamdon, General Counsel and University Secretary

Discussion:

The Chair thanked members for taking the time for this special meeting on short notice and reminded members of their responsibility in regard to preparation of the brief that would go to the Board of Governors meeting to communicate the recommendation made by General Faculties Council at their meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023.

B Hamdon asked members if they would like to make any changes to the materials prepared by the Governance team and if they would like to nominate a presenter as per the protocol on communicating recommendations from GFC to the Board. He further spoke to the tight timelines noting the Board was meeting in 2 days, and the processes for engaging GFC on the nomination.

During the discussion, members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to:

- The President's obligation as per the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA) to transmit GFC's recommendations to the Board;
- An observation that the last time this protocol was invoked, the Board had asked for more information to be provided in future and the brief captured the context of the discussion at GFC;
- Concern that the brief did not capture the emotion expressed by GFC and that the presenter should be able to speak to the motion;
- The difference between the presenter being able to present the brief and respond to questions and the presenter being asked to speak on behalf of GFC;
- Whether the original mover of the motion should always be the person chosen to present or whether a member of Exec would be a better choice to capture both the discussion at GFC and the responsibility of Exec in the process; and
- That past practice matters and since the original mover was chosen last time that is how we should proceed.

A member observed that the presenter of the previous motion that was communicated to the Board was disappointed that they were only able to read the brief and did not get to speak to the motion. B Hamdon replied that there were no questions or discussion on the previous motion by Board members so there was no opportunity for the presenter to engage. The Chair replied that the presenter could speak to the brief as he wished.

A motion from the floor was made to nominate GFC elected student member Haruun Ali to present GFC's motion to the Board.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Executive Committee nominate Haruun Ali to present the brief on GFC's motion to the Board at the meeting of March 24, 2023.

CARRIED

CLOSING SESSION

3. Adjournment
 - Next Meeting of Exec: April 3, 2023
 - Next Meeting of GFC: April 17, 2023