



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council  
University Teaching Awards Committee  
Draft Open Session Minutes

Thursday, April 09, 2020  
Virtual meeting by phone/video  
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

### ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Pierre Lemelin, Chair  
Jen Beverly  
Ramesh Bhambhani  
Aaron LaForest  
Cheryl Poth

Alesha Reed  
Christian Reyns-Chikuma  
Ken Shields  
Tristan Sinnatamby

Regrets:

Alison Cheung

Staff:

Laura Riley, Coordinator  
Yimmie Sonuga, GFC Secretary

### OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Bhambhani / Beverly

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 2, 2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Reyns-Chikuma / Poth

THAT the GFC University Teaching Awards Committee approve the Minutes of April 2, 2020.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

The Chair welcomed members. He shared his gratitude for the level of engagement of committee members, especially by the students and alumni. He thanked University Governance for working to ensure that remote processes were in place for the adjudication meeting, and also thanked Curtis Champagne for his years of service with the Centre for Teaching and Learning, a resource to the Chair and the committee. The Chair relayed to the Committee that work on UAPPOL revisions related to the awards will continue with the Committee reviewing changes as they come forward. The Chair confirmed that this was his last meeting as a member of the committee and shared that it was a pleasure working and serving with this collegial committee.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 4. Adjudication debrief (no documents)

*Presenter(s):* Pierre Lemelin

*Discussion:* The Committee discussed the successes and challenges of a virtual meeting, with the general consensus that in-person adjudication meetings are preferred. The committee discussed that a combination of on-line and in-person meetings may be successful. A student member suggested additional orientation surrounding nomination packages may be beneficial.

### 5. Review of GFC UTAC Adjudication Guidelines

*Presenter(s):* Pierre Lemelin

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For information/discussion

*Discussion:* The Chair led the committee through a detailed review of the Adjudication Guidelines. The committee suggested that the definition of conflict be more clear and concrete, and that the ranking interpretation be clarified.

### 6. Question Period

There were no questions.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### 7. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

### 8. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

## **CLOSING SESSION**

### 9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.