Orientation 2019-2020
The University of Alberta governs itself with a bicameral governance structure (literally, it is governance in two chambers):

**Board of Governors** and **General Faculties Council**

- Although the Board is the senior of the two, the Board and GFC share and balance power within the University

The **University Governance** Unit, under the direction of the University Secretary, provides support for all areas of the Board and GFC
Where Does GFC’s Authority Come From?

**Province of Alberta enacts**

**LEGISLATION:** *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of 2003 (PSLA) that establishes

**AUTONOMOUS ENTITY:** *University of Alberta*, with an 

**ACADEMIC GOVERNING BODY:** *General Faculties Council* (subject to the Board)
Collegial Governance

System of governance that depends heavily upon the participation of colleagues to establish and realize a shared purpose

Provides an opportunity for citizens to participate in decision-making, and it is the hallmark of academic decision-making
GFC Principles for Delegation of Authority

GFC Principles for Standing Committee Composition

GFC Roles and Responsibilities of Members

GFC Meeting Procedural Rules

Report of the GFC Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority - April 2017

Report of the GFC Executive Transition Committee - Implementation of ad hoc Committee recommendations - April 2019
Resources for Members

GFC Guidebook

Member Zone

• Committee Terms of Reference
• Past Agendas and Minutes
• Upcoming Materials

Governance Team
GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee

Mandate: Providing oversight to the university’s student discipline codes. The committee reviews and recommends on new codes, and policies and procedures related to discipline.

- the Code of Student Behaviour and student discipline procedures
- the Code of Applicant Behaviour
- the Practicum Intervention Policy
- the Residence Community Standards Policy
- Discuss annual statistical reports and forward to GFC for information

GFC SCPC Terms of Reference
Meeting Agenda:

- Action Items
- Discussion Items
- Early Consultation Items
- Information Items
- Question Period
What do we do if a fire alarm goes off during the meeting?
Questions?