



GFC *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority



Report and Recommendations



Core Problems

- Lack of engagement on substantive issues
- Lack of transparency and easy access to information
- Limited clarity regarding the role and powers of GFC and its committees
- The general sense that GFC has felt disempowered
- Limited opportunities for committee participation



Ad Hoc Guiding Principles

Commitment to the principles of ‘collegial academic governance’:

- **Mutual understanding** of **common goals**
- **Inclusive** and **participatory** governance
- **Meaningful** individual-level engagement in governance
- **Openness, transparency, and respectful** communication.
- **Responsiveness, respect, and reciprocity** between governing bodies and between governing bodies and university administration



Committee Process

- Background research
- Assessment of problems
- Guiding Principles
- Consultations
- Decisions and report writing



Today's Materials

- New GFC Principles and Guidelines
 - Principles for Delegation of Authority
 - Principles of Standing Committee Composition
 - Roles and Responsibilities of Members
 - Meeting Procedural Rules
- *Ad Hoc* Committee's Report
 - Recommendations
 - Transitioning and Path Forward
 - Draft Terms of Reference



Framework for Collegial Governance

- Foundations for GFC and its committees
- Transfer of ownership and responsibility
- Recommendations for immediate and future reforms
- Process and timeline



Principles for Delegation of Authority

- Essential
- Accountability
- Reasonable and Appropriate
- Clear and Transparent
- Exceptional Cases



Principles of Standing Committee Composition

- Membership: Draw on GFC
- Elected Members
- Ex-officio Members
- Vice-Chairs



Roles and Responsibilities of Members

- Understand
- Participate
- Attend
- Accountability and Ethics
- Communication



Meeting Procedural Rules

- General Principle: Facilitate inclusive and respectful dialogue for efficient decision making
 - Procedures
 - Motions
 - Quorum
 - Voting



Report

- Builds on foundation laid by the four core documents
- Recommendations for immediate and future reforms
- Implementation
- Terms of Reference



Transitioning

- Ongoing work
- Transfer of responsibility
- Maintain current delegations until new Terms of Reference are approved



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