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

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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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