ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:
David Turpin  Chair, President and Vice-Chancellor
Ahmad Al-Dabbagh  Member, Graduate Student
Chris Andersen  Member, Dean, Native Studies (Interim), Statutory
Susan Andrew  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Walter Dixon (Delegate)  Member, Vice-President (Research), Statutory
Marina Banister  Member, Vice-President (Academic), Students’ Union
Matthew Barnett  Member, Board of Governors Representative, NASA Appointee
Howard Bashaw  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Gerald Beasley  Member, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian
Darcy Bemister  Member, Graduate Student
Allen Berger  Member, Dean, Augustana, Statutory
Jeff Birchall  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Hasan Birer  Member, Undergraduate Student
Stanford Blade  Member, Dean, Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, Statutory
Michelle Borowitz  Member, Graduate Student
Sylvia Brown  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Heather Bruce  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Colin Champagne  Member, Board of Governors Representative, Undergraduate Appointee to GFC
Li-Kwong Cheah  Member, Academic Staff (Administrative/Professional Officer)
Lisa Collins  Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Statutory
David Cooper  Member, Board of Governors Representative and AASUA Appointee
Lesley Cormack  Member, Dean, Arts, Statutory
Pamela Mayne Correia  Member, Academic Staff (Faculty Service Officer)
Benjamin Deng  Member, Graduate Student
Steven Dew  Member, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Statutory
Ryan Dunch  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Francesca El Ghossein  Member, Student Nominated by UG Council of Students, Statutory
Duncan Elliott  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Shannon Erichsen  Member, Non-Academic Staff
John Evjen  Member, Undergraduate Student
Jason Carey (Delegate)  Member, Dean, Engineering, Statutory
Kyle Foster  Member, Graduate Student
Kim Frail  Member, University Library Academic Staff
Matthew Fung  Member, Undergraduate Student
Murray Gingras  Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Trish Manns (Delegate)  Member, Dean, Rehabilitation Medicine (Interim), Statutory
Calvin Howard  Member, Undergraduate Student
Maryse Ndilu Kiese  Member, Graduate Student
Firouz Khodayari  Member, Graduate Student
Jon Kolo  
Member, Undergraduate Student

Gitta Kulczycki  
Member, Vice-President (Finance & Administration), Statutory

Reed Larsen  
Member, Undergraduate Student

Pierre Lemelin  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Mark Loewen  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Maria Mayan  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Pierre-Yves Mocquais  
Member, Dean, Faculté Saint-Jean & Executive Officer of Campus Saint-Jean, Statutory

Greta Cummings (Delegate)  
Member, Dean, Nursing, Statutory

Carla Peck  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Fahim Rahman  
Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Students' Union

Bahador Rashidi  
Member, Graduate Student

Jeremy Richards  
Member, Board of Governors Representative, GFC Appointee

Carolyn Sale  
Member, AASUA President

Jonathan Schaeffer  
Member, Dean, Science, Statutory

Marc Secanell  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Carrie Smith-Prei  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Jorge Sousa  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Sarah Stahlke  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Andrew Steele  
Member, Undergraduate Student

Lisa Stein  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Eleni Stroulia  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Bruce Sutherland  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Jacqui Tam  
Member, Vice-President (University Relations) (Interim), Statutory

Amy Tse  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Benjamin Tucker  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Harley Vanselow  
Member, Undergraduate Student

Dilini Vethanayagam  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Amanda Wakaruk  
Member, University Library Academic Staff

Elizabeth Wallace  
Member, University Library Academic Staff

Bonnie Watt  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Jonathan White  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Sheena Wilson  
Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Dorothy Woodman  
Member, Academic Staff, CAS:T Sessional Staff Representative

Denise Young  
Member, St. Joseph's College Representative

Heather Zwicker  
Member, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (Interim), Statutory

Staff:
Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services
Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

**OPENING SESSION**

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

   Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

   Motion: Dew/Cormack
THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.  

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 20, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Dew/Loewen

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of March 20, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Report from the President

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked departing student members of GFC for their engagement. The Chair indicated that Bill 7 had received second reading and would have an influence on labour relations at the university. Finally, he noted the announcement of $3.7 million in federal funding to the university under the Agricultural Greenhouse Gases Program.

**ACTIONS ITEMS**

4. New Members of GFC. [Note: A motion to appoint may be proposed only by a statutory member of GFC. A motion to receive may be proposed by any member of GFC.]

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* David Turpin

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To appoint, re-appoint or receive new members of General Faculties Council.

*Discussion:*

GFC Secretary Meg Brolley added Matthew Barnett, Member, Board of Governors Representative, NASA Appointee, to the list of those members being appointed, re-appointed and received.

Motion I: Dew/Mocquais

**MOTION I: TO APPOINT/REAPPOINT** [This motion may be proposed only by statutory members of GFC – VPs, Deans, statutory students or elected faculty members]:

The following undergraduate student members elected by the Students’ Union (SU) to the Board of Governors and appointed to GFC for terms that are concurrent with their terms on the Board (May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018):

Marina Banister, President (Students’ Union)
Mike Sandare, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

The following graduate student member elected by the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) to the Board of Governors and appointed to GFC for a term that is concurrent with their term on the Board (May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018):

Babak Soltannia, President, Graduate Students’ Association

CARRIED
Motion II: Mocquais/Loewen

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5. **Negotiated (Proposed) Changes to the Contract Academic Staff: Teaching (CAS:T) Agreement**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Steven Dew; Michelle Strong; Donna Herman

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To discuss and recommend to the Board of Governors amendments to the CAS:T Agreement and renaming to the Academic Teaching Staff Agreement.

*Discussion:*
Dr Dew introduced the proposed Teaching Staff Agreement noting that the options around appointments of sessional lecturers and other contingent staff with respect to progression and other opportunities for a number of years had been developed by a committee over the last number of years.

Ms Herman reported that the Teaching Staff Agreement would replace the current CAS:T Agreement and would enhance conditions of those who are temporary staff. It would establish career progression through the ranks similar to that in the faculty agreement. She explained that Faculties would need to establish specific evaluation standards.

*Motion: Dew/Bruce*

Motion: THAT General Faculties Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the proposed changes to the appointment, promotion, salaries, tenure and dismissals elements of the Contract Academic Staff: Teaching Agreement, to be known henceforth as the Academic Teaching Staff Agreement, as ratified by AASUA membership and as set forth in Attachment 2, to take effect July 1, 2017.

CARRIED

6. **Report and Recommendations of the *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Mark Loewen; Steve Patten

*Purpose of the Proposal:* The approval of these guiding documents will inform future work for the academic governing body and are critical foundational documents. The Report of the *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority presents recommendations for academic governance reform and sets forth a plan for how members can continue the work and be engaged participants in the academic governance process.
**Discussion:**

The Chair noted that Objective 21 of *For the Public Good* refers to refreshing and building good governance; and that this report represents a transformative process for academic governance at the university that will set a template for the evolution of GFC for years to come. The Chair noted that GFC has received regular updates of the work of the ad hoc committee and thanked the members of the ad hoc committee for their work on this project over the last seven months. He reported that more work would be required in the coming months to refine committee terms of reference and to develop and implement strategies recommended in the report. He then invited the ad hoc Committee Chair, Dr Mark Loewen, and Vice-Chair, Dr Steve Patten, to speak to the report.

Dr Loewen and Dr Pattern provided an overview of the ad hoc committee’s deliberations and the process involved in arriving at the recommendations presented. They noted that the guiding principles for the ad hoc committee were approved by GFC in November 2016, that ideas contained in the report were developed and revised over the seven month period, and that the ad hoc committee was driven by what it heard and by the deadlines it operated under.

As a foundational part of its work, the ad hoc committee developed four foundational documents which inform the recommendations, including revisions to standing committee terms of reference, and provide guidelines to direct the remaining work outlined in the recommendations. These documents also serve as the basis for future efforts to evaluate and improve academic governance at the university. Dr Loewen and Dr Patten provided an overview of each of these four documents:

- Principles for Delegation of Authority
- Principles for Standing Committee Composition
- Roles and Responsibilities of Members
- Meeting Procedural Rules

During the discussion of the proposed procedural rules, Dr Patten emphasized that the focus was on a process that would lead to inclusive and respectful dialogue routed in a level of informality that would allow for a degree of flexibility that, with leadership from the Chair, would facilitate rather than impede debate. In discussing committee composition, members commented on the principle of having greater representation by GFC members on committees and the implications to individual member workload, and to diverse and broad representation on committees. Dr Lowen noted that the principle was developed to provide a closer connection between GFC and its committees, one of the core issues which had been identified. He also noted that the principle should be employed whenever possible; and that the ad hoc committee recognized that there could be exceptions due to the specific mandate of some committees.

GFC discussed the addition of ‘research’ to the name of the current GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) and to make its mandate on research policy more explicit. GFC also discussed attendance expectations and video conferencing, and the reinvigoration of the Council on Student Affairs (COSA).

GFC members congratulated and thanked the ad hoc committee for the report and recommendations.

The Chair noted that further work would be required in the coming months by standing committees and other groups, and would also include further consultations on some items. He noted that these items will come before GFC for approval in due course. A transition committee, including members of the GFC Executive Committee and the ad hoc committee, would oversee this work for completion by April 2019.

The Chair thanked members of the ad hoc Committee for their work on this important matter so vital to the university.

**Motion I:** Loewen/Berger
Motion I: THAT General Faculties Council approves the following four key guiding documents as set forth in Attachment 1 to take effect upon approval:

• GFC Principles for Delegation of Authority
• GFC Principles of Standing Committee Composition
• GFC Roles and Responsibilities of Members
• GFC Meeting Procedural Rules

CARRIED

Motion II: Loewen/Cormack

Motion II: THAT General Faculties Council endorses and approves in principle the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority and draft GFC Standing Committee Terms of Reference as set forth in Attachment 2.

CARRIED

Motion III: Loewen/Wilson

Motion III: THAT General Faculties Council endorses the transition process as outlined in the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority for implementation of the recommendations on or before April 30, 2019.

CARRIED

Motion IV: Cooper/Mocquais

Motion IV: THAT General Faculties Council discharges, with thanks, the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority once the transition committee is established.

CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

7. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

8. Report of the GFC Nominating Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

9. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.