REAPPORPTIONMENT OF GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL (GFC)

INTRODUCTION

Sections 23 and 24 of the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) and General Faculties Council’s (GFC’s) own Terms of Reference govern the apportionment of faculty seats on GFC. The secretary to GFC is directed to determine the number of members that may be elected by each Faculty which, so far as is reasonably possible, shall be in the same proportion to the total number of elected faculty members as the number of faculty members in each Faculty is to the total number of elected members in all the Faculties. It is, in effect, a “representation-by-population” system.

Undergraduate seats are apportioned in like manner.

In accordance with GFC regulations, Faculties with at least six (6) full-time faculty members must have a representative on GFC. In accordance with practice, all Faculties have at least one undergraduate student representative.

DETAIL

1. In accord with policy approved by GFC, reapportionment is normally done once every three (3) years:

GFC Terms of Reference
Section 2:

"Reapportionment
On the direction of the General Faculties Council, from time to time the registrar [see below] shall

a. establish the total number of elected members to be on the general faculties council, which shall be twice the number of persons who are members of the general faculties council by virtue of their offices, and

b. determine and assign to each faculty and school the number of members that may be elected by that faculty or school, which so far as is reasonably possible shall be in the same proportion to the total number of elected members as the number of full time members of the academic staff of the faculty or school is to the total number of full time members of the academic staff of all the faculties and schools. (PSLA Section 24(2))

Responsibility for the reapportionment of GFC in practice resides with the Secretary to GFC.

Reapportionment of seats on GFC shall be completed every third year except when there has been a significant shift in faculty or student numbers or a change to the ex officio seats on GFC. (EXEC 13 FEB 1995)

There shall be at least one elected representative for every Faculty with a full-time instructional staff of 6 or more. (GFC 29 APR 1966)"