

Date: March 9, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Mountain)
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Athabasca University respectfully acknowledges that we live and work on the Traditional Lands of the Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) of Canada. We honour the ancestry, heritage, and gifts of the Indigenous Peoples and give thanks to them.

Call to Order

1. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

1.1 Motion: That the General Faculties Council approves the agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda, as presented.	Clark	9:00 a.m.
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Consent Agenda

- CA1 2026-2027 GFC and GFC Standing Committee Meeting Schedule
- CA2 Report of the Chair – Executive Committee
- CA3 Report of the Chair – Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee
- CA4 Report of the Chair – Student Awards Committee
- CA5 Report of the Chair – Academic Excellence Awards Committee
- CA6 Report of the Chair – Student Academic Appeals Committee
- CA7 Report of the Chair – Academic Research Committee

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration

2.1 Action: Subject to the Code of Conduct for Members of the University Community and the Conflict of Interest provision (clauses 11.1 and 11.2) of the General Faculties Council Rules , members will be asked to declare any conflict they may have with respect to particular agenda items contained within the meeting agenda.	Clark	9:00-9:05 a.m.
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3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Motion: That General Faculties Council approves the minutes of Meeting 96, held January 29, 2026 as presented.	Clark	9:05-9:10 a.m.
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4. Reports

4.1 Chair’s Report to GFC	Clark	9:10-9:25 a.m.
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5. Action and Discussion Items

5.1 2026-27 Institutional Budget Update	Clark	9:25-9:55 a.m.
5.2 Motion: That General Faculties Council approves the Doctor of Philosophy – Computing and Information Systems (PhD CIS), effective July 1st, 2027, or thereafter at the discretion of the Provost and Vice President Academic, subject to the approval by the Board of Governors and Alberta Advanced Education.	Swindlehurst/ Zenteno	9:55-10:10 a.m.

Break 10:10 – 10:25 a.m.

5.3 Elevating Excellence: Academic, Service, and Institutional Awards*	Clark/ Swindlehurst/ Smeltz	10:25-10:55 a.m.
5.4 Academic Plan*	Swindlehurst	10:55-11:10 a.m.
5.5 Convocation Update*	Tollefson	11:10-11:25 a.m.
6. Business Arising from the Consent Agenda	Clark	11:25-11:30 a.m.
7. Adjourn	Clark	11:30 a.m.

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