



# Athabasca University General Faculties Council

Approved minutes for Meeting 64 of the Athabasca University General Faculties Council held on May 19, 2021, via Microsoft Teams.

**Present:** Deborah Meyers (Chair), Murray Anderson, Jane Arcscott, Laura Barakeris, Terry Beckman, Rhiannon Bury, Marc Cels, Nicole Collins, Almigdad Eldoma, Glen Farrelly, Shawn Fraser, Stella George, Anita Girvan, James Greenwood Lee, Lorelei Hanson, Kareena Hart, Pamela Hawranik, David Head, Bob Heller, Richard Huntrods, Deborah Hurst, Stacey Hutchings, Tilly Jensen, Margaret Kierylo, Vive Kumar, Annette Lane, Glynnis Lieb, Douglas MacLeod, Richard MacLeod, Manijeh Mannani, Alain May, Chris McTavish, Sue Mitchell, Ken Munyikwa, Terra Murray, Aga Palalas, Andrew Perrin, Meaghan Peuramaki-Brown, Matthew Prineas, Teresa Rose, Saktinil Roy, Jennifer Schaeffer, Anne-Marie Scott, Jessica Butts Scott, Adrienne Weare, Barret Weber, Kristine Williamson, Shauna Zenteno

**Regrets:** Raju Aryal, Luisa Barton, Michael Dabrowski, Elaine Fabbro, Elizabeth Loree

**Governance Staff:** Carol Lund (University Secretary), Eileen Hendy (Recording Secretary), Laura Knoblock (Executive Assistant)

## Welcome New Member

The Chair welcomed Kareena Hart, Athabasca University Graduate Student Association

## Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1.1 Motion 64-01** That the General Faculties Council approves the agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda, including the minutes of Meeting 63 held April 15, 2021, as amended.

Hurst/Hanson

Carried

### 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 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 were asked to declare any conflict they may have with respect to particular agenda items contained within the meeting agenda.

No conflicts declared.

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair presented the Report.

The Vice President University Relations provided an update on the June 11, 2021, virtual convocation.

Discussion held on the national enrolment growth figures and brand awareness next steps.



## 4. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 4.1 Strategic Issues Roundtable

In response to an update regarding the Faculty Council Reports to GFC, the University Secretary noted the background information is being gathered for GFC Executive Committee to discuss the placement of Faculty Council Reports on the GFC agenda.

### 4.2 Integrated Learning Environment (ILE) Update

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Deputy Provost, Academic Operations presented this item.

Discussion held on the ten courses to be piloted and migration of test banks into the ILE.

### 4.3 Faculty Council Program Regulation Review Report

The Provost and Vice-President Academic presented this item, noting the Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic to implement and coordinate recommendations.

Discussion held on the findings and recommendations of the Faculty Council Program Regulation Review Report. It was noted processes will assist to improve efficiency and the use of student data was important when proposing changes to program regulations.

### 4.4 Work-integrated Learning Discussion

The Provost and Vice-President Academic presented this item, noting work-integrated learning is a key focus of Alberta 2030 and AU's Investment Management Agreement (IMA) with Advanced Education will contain a metric on work-integrated Learning.

Discussion held on work-integrated learning already in place: research activities, workplace arrangements, virtual coop, Riipen, and virtual experiential learning opportunities within courses. It was suggested learner work-integrated learning be captured/noted on learner records, such as a co-curricular record that is a portfolio including evidence-based vs just a transcript (transcript addendum).

### 4.5 Middle States Commission on Higher Education Team Chair Report

The Provost and Vice-President Academic and Co-chairs presented this item, noting the Middle States Commission on Higher Education meets on June 3, 2021, and the final report expected to be received by the end of June.

### 4.6 Motion 64-02 That General Faculties Council receives the Ad Hoc Committee on International Activities in Support of the International Framework Final Report

**Kumar/Fraser**

The Co-Chairs presented this item.

Discussion held on the recommendations presented in the final report. Next steps will be to prioritize the recommendations, incorporating recommendations into IMAGINE and identifying required resources.

**Carried**



**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM