

Approved minutes for Meeting 95 of the Athabasca University General Faculties Council held on November 20, 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Alex Clark (Chair), Derek Briton, Shauna Bryce, Kia Buchanan, Caroline Buzanko, Priscilla Campeau, Martha Cleveland-Innes, Liam Connelly, Ali Dewan, Richard Dixon, Joel English-Dubois, Elaine Fabbro, Glen Farrelly, Stella George, Lisa Gray, Ramses Illaraza, Steven Johnson, Dietmar Kennepohl, Candy Khan, Anshuman Khare, Angela Kuzyk, Jan Lehmann, Michael Lithgow, Denver Ma, Manijeh Mannani, Marc Nesca, Amy Neumann, Hugh Notman, Kristen Petrovic, Adnan Qayyum, Ann Reynolds, Simon Sigue, Ian Stephenson, Catherine Swindlehurst, Norin Taj, Tyler Tollefson, Ray Welshman, Krystal Zahara, Shauna Zenteno

Regrets: Carrie Anton, Walid Belassi, Andrew Chiarella, Osire Glacier, Stuart Johnston, Rebeccah Nelems, Cori Paul, Frederique Pivot, Diana Ramirez, Eric Wang, Harris Wang, Adrienne Weare

Guests: Lawris Ellefson

Governance Staff: Tyler Tollefson (Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel), Eileen Hendy (Governance Coordinator), Allison Strydhorst (Recording Secretary)

The Chair delivered a land acknowledgment and welcomed the following new members:

- Anshuman Khare, Faculty of Business
- Michael Lithgow, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1.1 **Motion 95-01** That General Faculties Council approves the agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda, as presented.

Kennepohl/Zahara

Carried

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 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.

No conflicts declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 **Motion 95-02** That General Faculties Council approves the minutes of Meeting 94 held October 9, 2025, as presented.

Dixon/Fabbro

Carried

4. REPORTS

4.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair presented this item noting Federal Budget 2025, appreciation for the work conducted during the Campus Alberta Quality Council visit, and congratulations to the Faculty of Science and Technology on their recent ASTech Award for Regional Innovation Champions in Research. The Chair further noted the passing of Dr. Alex Kondra and recognized his important efforts and contributions during his time at AU.

Discussions held on:

- potential post-secondary impacts in relation to the Federal Budget
- international student recruitment and enrolment
- new and changing technologies

5. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1 Motion 95-03 That General Faculties Council approves students enrolled in the Master of Business Administration Program in program regulations between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2025, may choose to continue in the program regulations that were in place when they registered, or transfer to the new program regulations, effective January 1, 2026.**

Khare/George

The Interim Dean, Faculty of Business this item.

Carried

5.2 Learner Success and Learner Access

The Provost and Vice President Academic, and the Manager, AU Service Centre co-presented this item noting the future of the learner experience will be an important component of the Academic Plan. A presentation provided a review of the processes being implemented to improve services to and for learners.

Discussions held on the continued work with faculties and departments to determine ways which improve assistance for learners, determining performance indicators, and providing training within faculties.

Break: 10:15 – 10:20 a.m.

5.3 Academic Plan

The Provost and Vice President Academic presented this item noting the Academic Plan will focus on academic operations and priorities, meetings have been held with staff, faculties and students, further consultation will be undertaken, and a consultation webpage will be launched shortly. An update will be provided at the next GFC meeting.

5.4 Academic Integrity

The Provost and Vice President Academic presented this item noting consultations and discussions have been held across the University on the entire policy suite, including discussions on artificial intelligence (AI). It was further noted an AI Framework is being considered and suggested guidelines be developed for students on the responsible use of AI.

The Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel reviewed the consultation and approval process for the final version of the policy suite.

Discussions held on academic integrity, acceptable use of AI, and academic and non-academic misconduct.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.