

**DRAFT MINUTES of FPGA Faculty Board**

Friday, April 10, 2026  
Senate Room (PK 608)

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**Present:**

**Faculty:** Vandna Bhatia (PSCI), Zeina Bou-Zeid (LAWS), Miranda Brady (SJC-COMS), Pat Coe (ECON), Deborah Conners (SSW), Mary Francoli (SJC-COMS), Megan Gaucher (LAWS), Martin Geiger (EURUS/PSCI), Josh Greenberg (SJC-COMS), Hans-Martin Jaeger (PSCI), Lara Karaian (ICCJ), Jonathan Malloy (PSCI), David Mendeloff (NPSIA), Jeff Monaghan (ICCJ), Jessica Parish (SPPA), Allan Thompson (SJC-JOUR), Sarah Todd (SSW/Kroeger College), Yanling Wang (NPSIA), Benjamin Woo (SJC-COMS)

**Students:** Hannah MacLellan (SSW)

**Other:** Laurie Jaeger (ODFPGA) – recording minutes

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**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

David Mendeloff, Interim Faculty Board Secretary, confirmed quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. He welcomed faculty members and acknowledged that we were meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin-Anishinaabeg nation, and expressed gratitude to them as the traditional stewards of the land.

David asked everyone in attendance to ensure that they are signed-in.

**2. Consent Agenda: Meeting Agenda and Minutes of February 20, 2026.**

The agenda and minutes were approved by consensus as circulated.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4. Question Period**

There were no questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

**5. Report from Interim Dean Mary Francoli**

Interim Dean Mary Francoli presented her report. She highlighted the new tenure and promotion dates (May 1 for notification and July 1 for dossiers); the new intake deadlines for honorary rank appointments (April and October); the President's memo announcing the upcoming external review of the Vice President (Students and Enrolment) portfolio; the new process for any requests from Advancement or for any donor funded initiatives (these now come to the Dean first); and that we expect to hear about the new budget the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Dean also thanked members of the

FPGA Strategic Enrolment Committee for their report. The report will be presented to Chairs and Directors next week.

## 6. Items for Approval

### 6.1. Change in Governance: Institute of African Studies

David Mendeloff summarized the FASS proposal to move the academic programs housed in the Institute of African Studies (IAS) to the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies (IIS), which will be renamed the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. The proposal has been approved by the affected units and the FASS Faculty Board. As IAS is jointly housed in both FASS and FPGA, this proposal still requires formal approval of FPGA Faculty Board. A question arose regarding the language around the impact to support staff. David noted this vote is based on academic governance only.

#### **MOTION (Mendeloff/Woo)**

**MOTION:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends the change in governance of the Institute of African Studies (IAS) as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 6.2. Program and Curriculum Changes

Vandna Bhatia presented omnibus motions for proposed Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum major modifications for the 2027-28 Calendars and minor modifications for the 2026-27 Calendars.

#### **Undergraduate Major Modifications:**

#### **OMNIBUS MOTION (Bhatia/Geiger)**

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed **Major** Modifications as presented for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Three individual motions (numbered as presented in the UGCC Reports) were included in the above omnibus motion:

**MOTION 1:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the deletion of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Economics [DIP-ECONPB] for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar.

**MOTION 2:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the modification of the Law with Concentration in Business Law and Private Power program [HBA-4S] and Law with Concentration in Business Law and Private Power Combined Honours option [HBA-4S+] for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar.

**MOTION 3:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the modification of the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management program as presented for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar.

**MOTION 5:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the modification of the Political Science Undergraduate Language Requirement for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar.

**MOTION 6:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the modifications of the

Bachelor of Global and International Studies program as presented for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar.

**Undergraduate Minor Modifications:**

**OMNIBUS MOTION (Bhatia/Todd)**

**MOTION:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed **Minor** Modifications as presented for the 2026-27 Undergraduate Calendar. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Two individual motions (numbered as presented in the UGCC Reports) were included in the above omnibus motion:

**MOTION 4:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the Minor Modifications as presented in the attached list for the 2026-27 Undergraduate Calendar.

**MOTION 7:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the Minor Modifications as presented in the attached list for the 2027-28 Undergraduate Calendar.

**Graduate Major Modifications:**

**OMNIBUS MOTION (Bhatia/Woo)**

**MOTION:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed **Major** Modifications as presented for the 2027-28 Graduate Calendar. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Three individual motions were included in the omnibus motion above:

**MOTION 1:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the deletion of the MA-MBA [TBD-1304] as proposed for the 2026-27 Graduate Calendar.

**MOTION 2:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the modifications to the M.A. in Communications and Media Studies [MA-07], and related Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies [MA-07LC], and Collaborative Specialization in Climate Change [TBD-2040] as proposed for the 2027-28 Graduate Calendar.

**MOTION 3:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the modifications to the M.A. in European, Russian and Eurasian Studies [MA-53] as proposed for the 2027-28 Graduate Calendar.

**Graduate Minor Modifications:**

**MOTION (Bhatia/Gaucher)**

**MOTION:** THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed **Minor** Modifications as presented for the 2026-27 Graduate Calendar. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **6.3. Amendments to Faculty Board Constitution and Bylaws**

David Mendeloff summarized the proposed changes to the FPGA Faculty Board Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **MOTION (Mendeloff/Malloy)**

**MOTION:** THAT Faculty Board approve the amendments to the FPGA Faculty Board Constitution and Bylaws as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **7. Associate Dean Reports**

### **7.1 Research and Graduate:**

Josh Greenberg summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

### **7.2 Students and Enrolment**

Paul Wilson provided a report that was circulated with the agenda. Any questions should be sent to Paul directly.

### **7.3 Academic**

Vandna Bhatia summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

### **7.4 Equity and Inclusion**

Yanling Wang summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

### **7.5 Faculty Affairs**

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

## **8. Items for Information**

### **8.1 Elections for Faculty Board Positions**

There were no nominations for Faculty Board positions.

### **8.2 Faculty Board Executive Committee Report**

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

### **8.3 CASG/Undergraduate Student Report**

There was no report at this time.

### **8.4 GSA/Graduate Student Report**

There was no report at this time.

### **8.5 Senate Report**

David Mendeloff provided a brief report on the two recent Senate meetings. Minutes of these meetings are available on the Senate website.

### **9. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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