

MINUTES of PGA Faculty Board
Monday, April 14, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Senate Room (PK 608) & Zoom

The following were present in-person:

Faculty: Hassan Bashir (AKC-BGInS), James Casteel (EURUS/AKC-BGInS), Cati Coe (PSCI), Joan DeBardeleben (EURUS), Nana aba Duncan (SJC), Martin Geiger (EURUS/PSCI), Neil Gerlach (AKC-BGInS), Paul Goode (EURUS), Sheryl Hamilton (LAWS/SJC), Marc Hanvelt (PSCI), Emily Hiltz (SJC), David Hornsby (NPSIA), Achim Hurrelmann (PSCI), Hans-Martin Jaeger (PSCI), Lisa Mills (SPPA/AKC-PAPM), Jonathan Malloy (PSCI), David Mendeloff (NPSIA and Chair), Jeffrey Monaghan (ICCJ), Danette Nearing-Guibord (ICCJ), Brenda O’Neill (ODFPGA), Nduka Otiono (IAS), Jessica Parish (SPPA), Jeff Sahadeo (EURUS/PSCI), Teddy (Y.) Samy (NPSIA), Brian Schmidt (PSCI), Karen Sewell (SSW), Jennifer Stewart (SPPA), Allan Thompson (SJC), Erin Tolley (PSCI), Crina Vijju (EURUS), Yanling Wang (NPSIA), Paul Wilson (AKC-MPM), Benjamin Woo (SJC), Liam Young (SJC)

Students: Nathan Harlan (EURUS), James Maxwell-Barillas (AKC-MPM), Cassandra Stevens (AKC-BGInS)

Other: Stephanie Bourk (ODFPGA)

The following were present online:

Faculty: Onita Basu (FASS), Rena Bivens (SJC), Zeina Bou-Zeid (LAWS), Patrick Coe (ECON), William Cross (PSCI), Sandra Fahy (AKC-BGInS), Megan Gaucher (LAWS), Pablo Heidrich (AKC-BGInS), Vincent Kazmierski (LAWS), Irena Knezevic (SJC), James Milner (PSCI/AKC-MDS), Adegboyega Ojo (SPPA), Umut Ozsu (LAWS), Justin Paulson (IPE), Inger Weibust (NPSIA), Chris Worswick (ECON), M. Remi Yergeau (SJC)

Students: Scott Lye (SPPA), Liam Nohr (EURUS), Myron Liew (AKC-MDS)

Other: Laurie Jaeger (ODFPGA), Karen Kelly (ODFPGA), Kristi Wells (ODFPGA)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

David Mendeloff, Interim Secretary, welcomed faculty members to Faculty Board and acknowledged that we were meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin, Anishinaabeg people, and expressed gratitude to them as the traditional stewards of the land.

David went over a few housekeeping details: he asked that everyone in attendance sign-in and he mentioned the meeting was being recorded for purposes of the minutes.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent as circulated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the February 10, 2025 Meeting

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent as circulated.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The chair noted that the revised constitution was approved by Senate at the February meeting. Also as directed by Faculty Board at the last meeting, the Terms of Reference for the Committee of Chairs and Directors have been posted to the FPGA intranet page under "Governance."

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

6. Report from Dean Brenda O'Neill

Dean O'Neill presented her report. She started with positive news, announcing the names of faculty members who have won awards since September. She then talked about the budget and the state of affairs of the University and the Faculty. She mentioned decreasing enrolments, the drop of tuition fees and revenues, steps required by the Faculty to pay back the deficit, and possible next steps for the coming year. Questions and discussion followed.

7. Proposal to establish the College of Global Studies

A proposal and Motion from the Dean to establish the College of Global Studies was included in the binder. David Mendeloff presented the proposal on behalf of the Dean. He gave an overview of the proposal, addressing the ongoing budget and staffing challenges in the Faculty. The College model has the benefit of allowing the programs to maintain their autonomy, their visibility and their identity while benefitting from being part of a common, larger administrative unit. This will support one of the core goals of the strategic plan: build on our strengths. A working group to advise the Dean on operational details will be established as indicated in the proposal. After 40 minutes of questions and discussion, a vote was taken on the following Motion:

MOTION (O'Neill/Wang):

That FPGA Faculty Board recommend the establishment of the College of Global Studies and the associated administrative restructuring of Kroeger College and the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (EURUS) as presented. CARRIED
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8. Reports from Faculty Board Committees

8.1 Executive Committee

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

8.2 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

David Mendeloff summarized the UCC report on behalf of Vandna Bhatia. The report was circulated with the agenda and included two motions:

MOTION (Woo/Hamilton):

MOTION 1: THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed new Communication and Media Studies BCoMS Honours with Concentration [TBD-2309] program and associated new concentrations [TBD-2310, TBD-2311, TBD-2312] as presented for the 2026-27 Undergraduate Calendar. **CARRIED.**

MOTION (Stewart/Geiger):

MOTION 2: THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed modifications to the Bachelor of Economics Concentration in Development and Environment [3DB] as presented for the 2026-27 Undergraduate Calendar. **CARRIED.**

8.3 Graduate Curriculum Committee:

Vandna Bhatia provided a report that was circulated with the agenda.

9. Reports from Associate Deans

9.1 Research and Graduate:

Josh Greenberg provided a report that was circulated with the agenda.

9.2 Students and Enrolment

Paul Wilson summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. Discussion followed.

9.3 Academic

Questions were solicited on Vandna Bhatia's report that was circulated with the agenda. A question was raised about TA ratios and baseline allocations that were presented in the memo. Specifically, it was suggested that there is a contradiction between the numbers reflected in the memo and the stated principle that courses with tutorials get more TA support than those courses that only require marking support. David will look into this and clarify.

9.4 Equity and Inclusion

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

9.5 Faculty Affairs

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. In response to a question, the new Director of Kroeger College will be announced shortly.

10. Other Reports for Information

10.1 CASG/Undergraduate Students

Elize Manzo was absent therefore there was no report.

10.2 Graduate Students:

There were no graduate students present to provide a report.

10.3 Senate Report

David Mendeloff provided a brief report on the last two Senate meetings. He congratulated the reelected and new FPGA Senators effective July 1: Jeni Armstrong and Sean Burges (both reelected), Achim Hurrelmann, and Irena Knezevic. He also acknowledged our FPGA student Senators who were elected: Isabella Alma, Stella Duncan, Nir Hagigi.

11. Elections

Faculty Board normally holds elections for officers in April. A report was submitted with the agenda summarizing the nomination process. **We received one nomination from Prof. Paul Goode for one of the two faculty representative positions on Executive Committee. Paul was acclaimed.**

For the second year in a row, we received no nominations for Secretary or Clerk. David again asked faculty members to consider putting their name forward for the remaining faculty position on Executive as well as the role of Secretary and Clerk.

12. Other Business

David thanked Jill from IMS, Stephanie and Laurie for their support with the meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.