

MINUTES of PGA Faculty Board
Monday, February 10, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Senate Room (PK 608) & Zoom

The following were present in-person:

Faculty: Vandna Bhatia (PSCI), Zeina Bou-Zeid (LAWS), Nicolas Carrier (ICCJ), Josh Greenberg (SJC-COMS), Mike Hildebrand (Graduate Studies), Philip Kaisary (LAWS), Jonathan Malloy (PSCI), David Mendeloff (NPSIA), Lisa Mills (AKC-BPAPM), James Milner (PSCI and AKC-MDS), Jeffrey Monaghan (ICCJ), Brenda Morris (SSW), Danette Nearing-Guibord (ICCJ), Jessica Parish (SPPA), Teddy (Y.) Samy (NPSIA), Crina Viju (EURUS), Yanling Wang (NPSIA), Paul Wilson (AKC-MPM), Benjamin Woo (SJC-COMS), Remi Yergeau (SJC-COMS)

Students: Sally Duhaime (AKC-MDS), Kate Ellis (SJC), Elize Manzo (CASG), James Maxwell-Barillas (AKC-MPM), Olivia Rose (AKC-MDS), Sal Sabila (AKC-MDS), Cassandra Stevens (AKC-BGInS), Kuma Buoy (AFRI)

Other: Stephanie Bourk (ODFPGA)

The following were present online:

Faculty: Mehdi Ammi (SPPA), Jeni Armstrong (AKC-MPM), Hassan Bashir (AKC-BGInS), Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (LAWS), Patrick Coe (ECON), Deborah Conners (SSW), Megan Gaucher (LAWS), Martin Geiger (PSCI and EURUS), Paul Goode (EURUS), Lennart Maschmeyer (NPSIA), Valerie Percival (NPSIA), Eric Stephens (ECON), Radovan Vadovic (ECON)

Students: Je Ho Cho (NPSIA), Graeme Halfyard (SSW), Scott Lye (SPPA)

Other: Laurie Jaeger (ODFPGA), Nomsa Maphangoh (AKC-MDS), Kristi Wells (ODFPGA)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

David Mendeloff, Interim Chair, welcomed faculty members to Faculty Board and acknowledged that we were meeting on the traditional, unceded, unsundered 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, he asked that those who speak in the meeting identify themselves (name and unit) and he mentioned the meeting was being recorded.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus with the following changes:

Item 7. Delete. The Dean is unable to join the meeting and provide a report.
Items 9.2 and 9.3: Delete reference to motions. There are no motions that require approval.

3. Remarks and Discussion with President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Wisdom Tettey

President Tettey spoke to Faculty Board. He included comments about the Carleton community and his vision and values. The President took questions about his plans to raise revenues, how we can advance open dialogue during these times, experiential learning and how the University can rally with other Universities and lobby the government for change.

4. Adoption of Minutes of the November 21, 2024 Meeting

There was one change to the minutes: M. Abarghouei is a student representative from GSA attending as a guest, and should not have been listed in the minutes as a member of Faculty Board.

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent (**Morris/Woo**), with the change above noted.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There was no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Question Period

There were no questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

7. Adoption of Amended Faculty Board Constitution and Bylaws

D. Mendeloff circulated the latest version of the Constitution and a separate Bylaws document with the agenda. Suggested revisions received in the Fall were incorporated into the draft. In addition, the document has been vetted by the Senate Academic Governance Committee (SAGC) and includes a number of their recommended changes.

D. Mendeloff reminded members that there are two reasons for these revisions:

1. The change to the graduate curriculum governance process that came about as a result of restructuring of FGPA (now Graduate Studies) and the dissolution of Graduate Faculty Board, which was responsible for curriculum approvals. That responsibility has now moved to the Faculties.

2. The decision by the Senate Academic Governance Committee to standardize the format of Faculty Board constitutions across the University to ensure that they all include the minimum required information, and that they are compliant with the Academic Governance of the University (AGU) policy.

D. Mendeloff reviewed the major changes that were made to the document and answered questions.

MOTION (Woo/Malloy):

That Faculty Board adopt the amended FPGA Faculty Board Constitution as presented, pending final Senate approval.

D. Mendeloff proposed the following amendment: to add to Article II.1 on Membership, "One representative of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) as a non-voting member, appointed by the Secretary of FASS Faculty Board."

The rationale was that FASS and FPGA share the delivery of the BA and MA degrees, so it is appropriate and important to ensure representation on each other's Faculty Board. It was asked why this position would be non-voting. It was noted that this was the view expressed at FASS Faculty Board and their intention is to make the FPGA representative non-voting member." We are simply following suit.

The question was called. The Chair reminded members that constitutional amendments require a minimum 2/3 majority.

The MOTION was CARRIED with the required two-thirds minimum.

Since circulating the draft constitution, there was some concern expressed about removing the Chairs and Directors committee as a standing committee, as we could lose the terms of reference and the mandate for this committee.

MOTION (Malloy/Mills):

Whereas the Committee of Chairs and Directors is an operational committee of the Faculty that does not fall within the purview of Faculty Board and Senate;

and whereas the mandate and terms of reference of the Committee of Chairs and Directors is not codified in the FPGA Faculty Board Constitution or bylaws;

and whereas the Committee of Chairs and Directors plays an important role in Faculty collegial governance, serving as an essential consultative and advisory body that provides an important conduit for information between faculty members and the Dean,

be it moved

THAT Faculty Board strongly encourage the Dean of the Faculty to regularly convene the Committee of Chairs and Directors, and ensure that the terms of reference for the committee are posted and maintained on the FPGA website. **CARRIED.**

The Chair moved on to a discussion of the proposed Faculty Board Bylaws.

MOTION (Bhatia/Milner):

THAT Faculty Board adopt the FPGA Faculty Board Bylaws as presented. **CARRIED.**

8. Reports from Faculty Board Committees

9.1 Executive Committee

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

9.2 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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

9.3 Graduate Curriculum Committee:

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

9. Reports from Associate Deans

10.1 Research and Graduate:

Josh Greenberg summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. In response to a question, Josh clarified the term 'rolling admissions'.

10.2 Students and Enrolment

Paul Wilson summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. In response to a student question regarding academic integrity and artificial intelligence, a brief discussion followed.

10.3 Academic

V. Bhatia summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. The difference between undergraduate and graduate grades was raised.

10.4 Equity and Inclusion

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

10.5 Faculty Affairs

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

10. Other Reports for Information

11.1 CASG/Undergraduate Students

E. Manzo provided a brief verbal report. In response to a student question regarding CUASA negotiations, D. Mendeloff provided a response.

11.2 Graduate Students

There was no designated graduate student present to provide a report. The Chair invited any graduate students present an opportunity to speak and none responded. The Chair noted that Faculty Board Executive and Graduate Curriculum Committee still does not have a graduate student representative. The Chair reminded the Board that they asked for changes to student elections to standing committees two years ago, and that the responsibility for election/appointing graduate student representatives rests with the GSA. They have not been responsive to repeated requests on this issue. The Chair encouraged any graduate students interested to reach out to the GSA directly.

11.3 Senate Report

David Mendeloff provided a brief report on the Senate meeting of January 31, 2025. It was noted that there are will be three vacancies on Senate for FPGA faculty members starting July 1.

12. Other Business

The Chair reminded Members that Faculty Board is still in need of a clerk and a secretary. He asked faculty members to consider putting their name forward for these positions.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.