

MINUTES of FPGA Faculty Board

Friday, February 20, 2026
Senate Room (PK 608)

Present:

Faculty: Vandna Bhatia (PSCI), Mary Francoli (SJC-COMS), Elizabeth Gilmore (NPSIA), Paul Goode (EURUS), Josh Greenberg (SJC-COMS), Dennis Kao (SSW), Lara Karaian (ICCJ), David Mendeloff (NPSIA), Jessica Parish (SPPA), Sarah Todd (SSW and Kroeger College), Yanling Wang (NPSIA), Paul Wilson (AKC-MPM), Benjamin Woo (SJC-COMS), Liam Young (SJC-COMS)

Students: Kate Ellis (SJC-COMS), Vincenzo Poti (PSCI)

Other: Laurie Jaeger (ODFPGA) – recording minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order

David Mendeloff, Interim Faculty Board Secretary, confirmed quorum and welcomed faculty members. He 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 asked everyone in attendance to sign-in.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus as circulated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the October 3, 2025 Meeting

The minutes were approved by consensus as circulated.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Question Period

There were no questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

6. Report from Interim Dean Mary Francoli

Interim Dean Mary Francoli presented her report. She thanked faculty members for welcoming her to this new role. Key items noted: acknowledging the recent passing of two faculty members,

Katherine Graham (retired) and Elly Alboim; that she had recently presented and submitted the Faculty's budget for 2026-27; that the financial situation for the Faculty and University remains challenging; that student applications, approvals and acceptances in FPGA are up; that the Communications team has created a webpage with a summary of professional certificates offered in the Faculty specifically targeting federal government employees facing workforce readjustment; and that Paul Wilson's term as Associate Dean, Students and Enrolment is finishing June 30th, and applications for this position are due February 27th. There were no questions for Mary.

7. Items for Decision by Faculty Board

7.1. Change in Governance: Latin American and Caribbean Studies

David Mendeloff summarized the change in governance of the MA Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS).

MOTION (Mendeloff/Woo)

MOTION: THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommend moving the governance of the MA Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) from the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies in FASS to the College of Global Studies in FPGA. **CARRIED.**

7.2. Confirmation of Winter 2026 Graduation Lists

David Mendeloff noted the requirements of Faculty Board to confirm receipt of the graduation lists.

MOTION (Mendeloff/Bhatia)

MOTION: THAT FPGA Faculty Board confirms receipt of the 2026 Winter undergraduate graduation list and affirms that the University Registrar has confirmed that all students on the presented list have met the requirements of their degree program for graduation according to the published regulations. **CARRIED.**

MOTION (Mendeloff/Bhatia)

MOTION: THAT FPGA Faculty Board confirms receipt of the 2026 Winter graduate graduation list and affirms that the Graduate Registrar has confirmed that all students on the presented list have met the requirements of their degree program for graduation according to the published regulations. **CARRIED.**

8. Associate Dean Reports

8.1 Research and Graduate:

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

8.2 Students and Enrolment

Paul Wilson summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

8.3 Academic

Vandna Bhatia summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. A question was asked regarding the distribution of course enrolment numbers.

8.4 Equity and Inclusion

Yanling Wang summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. Clarification regarding the list of mentor organizations was sought.

8.5 Faculty Affairs

David Mendeloff summarized the report that was circulated with the agenda. It was noted that the search for a Director of SPPA is ongoing.

9. Items for Discussion

9.1 Faculty Board Governance

David Mendeloff summarized the proposed change to the Faculty Board governance structure to remove the Clerk as an elected position, due to ongoing difficulties of recruiting faculty members for this position and the current practice in most Faculties, where a staff member performs this role. David formally gave notice of a future motion to amend the constitution.

10. Other Reports for Information

10.1 Faculty Board Executive Committee

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

10.2 CASG/Undergraduate Students

There was no report at this time.

10.3 GSA/Graduate Students

There was no report at this time.

10.4 Senate Report

David Mendeloff provided a brief report on the November and January Senate meetings. There was a brief discussion regarding how the Deloitte Efficiency and Accountability Review was shared with the Carleton community.

11. Other Business

David Mendeloff thanked Laurie Jaeger for taking the minutes of Faculty Board meetings.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.