

MINUTES of FPGA Faculty Board
Friday, October 3, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Senate Room (PK 608)

The following were present:

Faculty: Jeni Armstrong (AKC-MPM), Hassan Bashir (AKC-BGInS), Zeina Bou-Zeid (Law), Sean Burges (AKC-BGInS), Pat Coe (Econ), Carolina Czastkiewicz (Econ), Sandra Fahy (AKC-BGInS), Paul Goode (EURUS), Josh Greenberg (SJC-COMS), Christopher Gunn (Econ), Marc Hanvelt (Political Science), Vivian Hoffman (Econ/SPPA), Dennis Kao (Social Work), Jonathan Malloy (Political Science), David Mendeloff (NPSIA), Konstantinos Metaxoglou (Econ), Lisa Mills (AKC-BPAPM/SPPA), Danette Nearing-Guibord (ICCJ), Brenda O'Neill (ODFPGA), Jessica Parish (SPPA), Jeff Sahadeo (EURUS/Political Science), Radovan Vadovic (Econ), Yanling Wang (NPSIA), Paul Wilson (AKC-MPM), Chris Worswick (Econ), Liam Young (SJC-COMS), Neil Gerlach (AKC-BGInS)

Students: Leia Johnson (Social Work), Hannah MacLellan (Social Work), Dapo Odumosu (Econ), Jamie Snow (Law), Sydney Weaver (SJC-COMS)

Other: ODFPGA Staff: Laurie Jaeger (recorder), Rahim Ladha

1. Welcome and Call to Order

D. Mendeloff, Interim Faculty Board Secretary, welcomed faculty members and students.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus as circulated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Meeting

The minutes were approved by consensus as circulated.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

TA Allocations: a question was raised at the last meeting in response to the report of AD Academic about TA allocations. Specifically, concern was raised that there was a contradiction between the numbers in the report and the principle that courses with tutorials should get more TA support than those courses that only require marking support. D. Mendeloff noted that he spoke with V. Bhatia, who clarified that TA-student ratios are based on course enrolments. There is no differentiation

between tutorial/marking-only assignments. The ratios only differ for quantitative courses. However, priority in allocation is for courses requiring tutorials.

D. Mendeloff updated Faculty Board on the College of Global Studies: The CGS was approved by Senate, and will move to the Board of Governors for their approval in December. A working group has been established to discuss and make recommendations to the Dean on operational and governance details. He also noted that possible inclusion of the MA Collaborative Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) in the College has not yet been considered by FASS Faculty Board.

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 spoke to research success in the Faculty; presented a summary of those tenured and/or promoted as of July 1, 2025; spoke to successful recruitment events; the CUSLI Leadership program; the first FPGA Annual Report that was recently distributed and available online; and the enrolment decline. She also reminded faculty members to attend the President's Town Hall scheduled for October 14th, 2025. There were no questions.

7. Reports from Faculty Board Committees

7.1 Executive Committee

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

7.2 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

D. Mendeloff summarized AD (Academic) V. Bhatia's report that was circulated with the agenda. There was one motion to consider:

MOTION (Wang/Gunn):

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the Minor Modifications presented in the circulated list for the 2026-27 Undergraduate Calendar. **CARRIED.**

7.3 Graduate Curriculum Committee:

D. Mendeloff summarized AD (Academic) V. Bhatia's report that was circulated with the agenda. There was one motion to consider:

MOTION (Malloy/Worswick):

THAT FPGA Faculty Board recommends that Senate approve the proposed Major Modifications in the circulated list for the 2026-27 Graduate Calendar. **CARRIED with minor corrections to typos in presented rationales for LAWS 5305 and LAWS 5500.**

7.4 Joint Committee on Admissions and Studies (JCAS)

D. Mendeloff summarized the annual report and provided statistics on petitions and appeals. There were no questions.

8. Reports from Associate Deans

8.1 Research and Graduate:

J. Greenberg spoke to his report that was circulated with the agenda. He noted changes to the Research Achievement Award program and the split into two separate competitions: RAA (to recognize outstanding research achievements) and RASF (to enhance research productivity). Please visit the CORIS website for more information. There were no questions.

8.2 Students and Enrolment

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

8.3 Academic

D. Mendeloff spoke to V. Bhatia's report that was circulated with the agenda. There were no questions.

8.4 Equity and Inclusion

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

8.5 Faculty Affairs

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

9. Other Reports for Information

9.1 CASG/Undergraduate Students

D. Mendeloff reported that CASG elections were recently held, so no undergraduate members were in attendance and there was therefore no report at this time.

9.2 GSA/Graduate Students:

D. Odumosu reported that the GSA was seeking external funding and was working with the City of Ottawa on internship programs. He also noted that Mike's Place Pub has reopened. There were no questions.

9.3 Senate Report

D. Mendeloff provided a brief report on the three Senate meetings held since last Faculty Board. He highlighted ongoing discussions at Senate around the new Framework for Program Admission Suspensions (available in the April Senate binder for review). He also noted there have been

admission suspensions to 16 programs across the university effective Fall 2025. Admissions to the the PhD in Social Work has been suspended for Fall 2026. There were no questions.

It was asked how paused admissions are presented on the website. It was reported that paused admissions are indicated accordingly, and that courses related to these programs may or may not continue to be offered, depending on course demand.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.