

## **GFC Academic Standards Committee Subcommittee on Standards (SOS) Terms of Reference**

### **1. Authority**

The *Post-Secondary Learning Act* gives General Faculties Council (GFC) responsibility, subject to the authority of the Board of Governors, over "academic affairs" (section 26(1)). Further, the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (sections 60(1)(c) and (d)) gives the Board of Governors authority over certain admission requirements and rules respecting "enrolment of students to take courses." The Board has delegated its authority over these areas to GFC. GFC has thus established an Academic Standards Committee (GFC ASC), as set out below, and has delegated certain of its powers to the GFC ASC.

The complete wording of the section(s) of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, as referred to above, and any other related sections, should be checked in any instance where formal jurisdiction or delegation needs to be determined.

### **2. Composition of the Committee**

#### **Ex Officio**

A subcommittee of eleven (11), consisting of: (GFC 29 SEP 2003) (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

Provost and Vice-President (Academic) (or delegate), in the chair (GFC 31 MAY 2005)

Vice-Provost and University Registrar or (delegate) (GFC 31 MAY 2005)

Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research or delegate (GFC 29 SEP 2003)

Vice-President (Academic), Students' Union (or delegate) (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

Vice-President (Academic), Graduate Students' Association (or delegate) (GFC 29 SEP 2003) (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

One (1) representative from the Faculty of Arts (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

One (1) representative from the Faculty of Science (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

One (1) representative from the Faculties of Law, Medicine and Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rehabilitation Medicine or the School of Public Health (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

Two (2) representatives from the Faculties of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, Business, Engineering and/or Education (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

One (1) representative from the Faculties of Augustana, Extension, Native Studies, Physical Education and Recreation, or Faculté Saint-Jean (EXEC 10 SEP 2007)

Administrative support for the Subcommittee is provided by the Coordinator of the GFC ASC. (GFC 29 SEP 2003)

The Faculty representatives normally serve three- (3-) year staggered terms, and these members would come from the various Faculty groups in rotation.

### **3. Mandate of the Committee**

To review and make recommendations to the GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC) with respect to a number of issues which affect all students at the University of Alberta. These include, but are not limited to:

- a. examination policy
- b. academic definitions
- c. academic standing regulations
- d. admission/transfer requirements

Consideration of areas in which greater standardization would benefit the University could result in: a) the institution being more easily understood by students, staff, and the general public, and b) the introduction of more efficient practices that may result in economies.

### **4. Committee Procedures**

See General Terms of Reference.

### **5. Additional Reporting Requirements**

None.

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