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## 2. Inclusive Practice Moment

Kristin Baetz, Dean of the Faculty of Science, presented the Traditional Land Acknowledgment and then described her Faculty's recent journey in hiring three Indigenous academic staff members, including consultation with Elders about the process, hiring a search firm with connections to Indigenous communities, training the hiring committee, and adjusting the interview format. In addition to the three persons hired (Myrle Ballard, Tamara Bodnar, and Ally Menzies) other two candidates interviewed will maintain connections with the Faculty and the University will also be welcoming a new Canada Excellence Research Chair in Indigenous Ways of Climate and Water Sustainability for Planetary Health and Wellbeing (Deborah McGregor) whose home Faculty will be the Faculty of Science.

## 3. Safety Moment

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of parallel topic-themed smaller meetings, and this format was successful and will be applied to meetings with government representatives in the future.

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- Guiding principles for the assessment of students (including the use of exams) at the University are currently under review, and mental health and wellness are being considered in relation to this

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the Academic Iv o

10. Establishment of the 2024-2025 GFC Elected Membership Distribution

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair and University Secretary presented this item.

Highlights:

- The GFC was reminded that this is an annual process; it was reported that the calculations have resulted in no changes to the elected membership distribution for next year
- In response to a questions, it was reported that:
  - The Office of Institutional Analysis works with the academic staff population data and does the rounding to determine the assignment of seats within the constraints set out in the Post-



12. Indigenous Research Strategy



Engagement and One Health Research Symposium becoming the United Nations University (UNU) Hub focused on water and the One Child, Every Child research initiative are important in raising the University's profile nationally and internationally

- Indigenous data sovereignty is a complex matter and expertise at the University will be needed

### 13. Quantum Update

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Robert Thompson and Megan Lee, Director Quantum City, presented this item.

#### Highlights:

- The presenters provided an update on the University's quantum ecosystem, including:
  - The University has a long track record of quantum research and innovation excellence having engaged in quantum for the past twenty years and intensively for the last fifteen years
  - Quantum at the University will be built around the University's Institute for Quantum Science and Technology (IQST), the province's Quantum Alberta partnership, the province's multi-institutional Quantum Major Innovation Fund project, and the

- The University is receiving