

MINUTES OF A MEETING #405 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ONMONDAY, MAY 6, 2002 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Seamus O'Shea, Nancy Walker, Christopher Nicol, Patricia Wall, Shamsul Alam, Barbara Marshalsay, Leslie Lavers, Leah Fowler, Rene Boere, Cheryl Calver, Goldie Morgentaler, David Kaminski, Ivan Townshend, Ian MacLachlan, Rene Barendregt, Pat Hodd, Leslie Robison-Greene, Robert Williams, Melanee Thomas, Jerrad Kubick, Rex Forsyth, Dan O'Donnell, Diana Young, Will Smith, Shelley Ross, Wes Balderson, Brian Dobing, Andrew Hakin, Michael Crowe. M. Schwartz (Secretary)

Regrets: Craig Monk, Jane O'Dea, Karen Clearwater, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Angela Downey
 Guests: Carl Granzow, James Dobbie, Toni Nelson Marc Rousel

3908.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3908.1 MOTION:

Smith/Young That the Agenda for Meeting #405 be approved as circulated

MOTION: Carried

3909.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3909.1 MOTION:

Fowler/Calver That the Minutes of Meeting #404, March 4, 2002 be approved as circulated.

MOTION: Carried

3910.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the Minutes

3911.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3911.1 Faculty and Student Achievements

President Cade pointed out that many faculty and students brought distinction during the past year. Congratulations go out to Jim Byrne, Rick Mrazek, Dawna Cerney of the University of Lethbridge and George Gallant of Gallant Productions Inc. for winning the Best Educational Production Award on Global Change.

Congratulations go to Melanee Thomas and Jarred Kubik on their success in the recent Students' Union election.

3911.2 NSERC and SSHRC

The University of Lethbridge did well in the NSERC awards as well as the SSHRC. Dr. Robideau received funds to continue his research on native hockey in Canada. Gerlinda Metz received funds from AHFMR.

3911.3 Faculty of Management - Dean

John Usher has been hired as the new Dean of Management. Dr. Usher received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. He is presently an Associate Dean at Memorial University.

3911.4 35th Anniversary

The University of Lethbridge is 35 years old. The Alumni is sponsoring a homecoming event on May 25. Kathleen Hunter, the first employee will be present as well as the first President, Sam Smith. Sam Smith will be giving the President's Report at Ceremonies II and IV of Convocation. There will be a wine and cheese from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on May 25 followed by a rib steak bbq.

3911.5 Canadian Society of Zoologists

The Canadian Society of Zoologists are on campus for their 41st annual meeting. There are over 200 zoologists from Canada, United States and Europe attending. There will be a special public lecture on Wednesday evening at the Yates. John Acorn, "The Nature Nut" will be the guest speaker. There will be a special tour of the unique habitat at the McIntyre Ranch on Saturday.

3911.6 Board of Governors - Annual Retreat

The Board of Governors will be having their annual retreat on Thursday and Friday at the Crowsnest Pass. They will focus largely on the responsibilities of Board members and how they can enhance the University through time, talent or treasury.

3911.7 Chancellor Search Committee

The Chancellor Search Committee has been struck and Christina Audet is the Chair.

3911.8 Hokkai-Gakuen University

President Cade toured Hokkai-Gakuen University. Lance Grigg is visiting now and Rene Boere will be going in the Fall.

3911.9 Faculty Member Charges

The Faculty that had been under investigation with sexual assault has now resigned.

3911.10 Alcohol Consumption on Campus

There have been two serious incidents relating to alcohol on campus. The Fire

Marshall visited the Zoo to find it grossly over populated and ordered it to be cleared out. The Student Union Management was very responsible and immediately asked them to move out. A warning letter has been received from the City. The building belongs to the Students' Union but sits on the land the U of L is responsible.

At the Last Class Bash an individual was leaning against the rail trying to spit at one of his friends when he lost his balance and tumbled over. His feet clipped the railing and he fell to Level 8. He was injured but not seriously.

3912.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

3912.1 GFC & GFC Executive Meeting Dates

3912.1.1 MOTION:

Thomas/Calver That the GFC and GFC Executive Meeting Dates be approved as attached to the Agenda.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.2 2002/03 Executive Nominations to GFC Committees

Admission Standards Committee

3912.2.1 MOTION:

Calver/MacLachlan That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Craig Monk was acclaimed as the representative for Arts and Sciences; Tom Samuel was acclaimed as a replacement until September 2003.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee

3912.2.2 MOTION:

Smith/Nicol That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Nick Wade was acclaimed.

Discipline Committee

3912.2.3 MOTION:

Boere/Fowler That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Gerald McConaghy and Leslie Robison-Greene
were acclaimed.

GFC Grade Appeal Committee

3912.2.4

MOTION:

MacLachlan/Morgentaler That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Brian Parkinson was acclaimed and Tom Johnston
was acclaimed for a term commencing July 1, 2002
to February 6, 2003.

GFC Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee

3912.2.5

MOTION:

Nicol/MacLachlan That nominations cease:

MOTION: CARRIED

Glen Prusky and Walter Aufrecht were acclaimed
as the Arts and Science representatives and
Gordon Hunter was acclaimed as the Management
representative from July 1, 2002 to August 31,
2003.

GFC Library Committee

3912.2.6

MOTION:

O'Donnell/Balderson That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

The following were acclaimed:
Malcolm Greenshields - Arts and Science
Shelley Ross - Professional Librarians Nomination
Nadine Nowatzki - Schools
Cynthia Chambers - Education

Research Committee

3912.2.7

MOTION:

Ross/Calver That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Kas Mazurek, Richard Mueller and Brent Selinger were acclaimed and Leslie Brown was acclaimed for a term of June 3, 2002 to December 1, 2002.

Student Awards Committee

3912.2.8

MOTION:

Fowler/Balderson

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Mike Basil was acclaimed and Mayron Tsong was acclaimed for a term of July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Travel Committee

3912.2.9

MOTION:

Boere/Morgantaler

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Anne Dymond and Bill Ramp were acclaimed.

Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee

3912.2.10

MOTION:

Nicol/Forsyth

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Gail Michener and Kurt Klein were acclaimed as the Arts and Science representatives and Tom Robinson, Kerry Bernes, Lisa Doolittle and Catherine Kingfisher were acclaimed.

3912.2.11

University Budget Committee

MOTION:

Alam/O'Shea

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Marc Roussel and Geoffrey Hale were acclaimed and Tom Robinson was acclaimed for a term of January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003.

3912.2.12 University Review Committee

MOTION:

Thomas/Fowler That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Peter Visentin was acclaimed.

3912.3 Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

3912.3.1 MOTION:

Hodd/Nicol That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Rick Mrazek and Sergio Pellis were acclaimed.

3912.4 GFC Member Appointment to Senate

3912.4.1 MOTION:

MacLachlan/O'Donnell That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Will Smith was acclaimed.

3912.5 GFC Representative to the President's Advisory Committee under the Personal Security Policy

3912.5.1 MOTION:

O'Donnell/Morgantaler That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Leah Fowler was acclaimed.

3912.6 Academic Staff Appointment to the Board of Governors

3912.6.1 MOTION:

O'Donnell/Ross That Hadi Kharaghani be ratified as the academic staff appointment to the Board of Governors.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.7 Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report

3912.7.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/O'Donnell That recommendations #1 - #6 of the CCC Report be approved.

In speaking to this motion Seamus O'Shea commented that these recommendations represent a significant realignment. It has been clear that the previous program did not meet the needs and there is a need to combine more public administration skills and political awareness. These have been prepared in consultation with the native community.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.7.2 MOTION:

O'Shea/Nicol That recommendation #7 of the CCC report be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.8 GFC Library Committee Report

3912.8.1 MOTION:

Marshalsay/Ross That the recommendations as proposed be adopted by the GFC.

The Chair of the Library Committee, Marc Rousell, spoke to the report.

Dan O'Donnell commented that he was not aware that the former body had set a target to spend 8% of the University's budget on the Library.

Marc Rousell mentioned that the Committee was not trying to force anything on the Budget Committee. The 8% would require more than \$900,000 and would make the University second in the Country. The recommendation as stated in the report tells the University at large that the Committee recognises the problem and that they take the library acquisitions seriously.

On Recommendation #2, Dean Nicol stated that the Library Infrastructure information is the biggest part of the Library resources. There is increasing focus on research activity.

Dan O'Donnell mentioned that if the University changes the target to something realistic it is still not doable. This is a serious issue and the University must become aware of what it promises. The University must find a more realistic way of approaching the problem.

In answer to Rene Boere's question, Shelley Ross responded that the University must meet the needs of undergraduates by making their material available to them on the shelves.

Dean Wall reported that she had supported the report on principal but not on details. She disagreed with the disparity of needs of graduates and research. The University expects their graduates to use journals although electronic access is generally more useful. With the agreements signed between institutions this brings electronic access to the University. She mentioned that the University should look at this issue discipline by discipline.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.9 Fundamental Principles and Mission

3912.9.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Walker That GFC approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Fundamental Principles and Mission.

Rene Boere asked that in the future consideration should be given to consultation with the academic unit being the core.

President Cade reported that this document is a reflection of extensive consultation and representation of the academics on campus.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.10 General Liberal Education Requirements

3912.10.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Nicol That the GFC General Liberal Education Committee be established with the terms of reference and composition as attached to the Agenda with the addition under composition of Registrar and Student.

David Kaminski questioned the need for the position of the Registrar on the Committee. He pointed out that GLER represents a balance between theory and practice which the Registrar oversees.

Carl Granzow pointed out that the structure of the committee is imbalanced due to the fact that the Faculty of Arts and Science has four representatives while other units have one.

Dean Wall mentioned although she supported this proposal in Deans Council her School rejected the structure and wished to have equal membership; rational being it is a curricular issue. As the committee structure stands they can veto the decision in another unit.

Dean Nicol replied that he does not see it as a control issue; they are committed to a broad based knowledge and contribute to this issue for the good of the University. The GLER is a university issue.

Toni Nelson mentioned that in an ideal world all members would have a common interest providing a liberal education for students. The trust has to start somewhere, open discussion and faith in our own ability to make a rational argument; to persuade and being satisfied is being in the best interest. This might be a way for all units to start speaking and losing some of our territorial bias.

Shelley Ross pointed out that there is no representation from the Library.

MOTION:

O'Donnell/Ross That the Committee be increased to include a representative from the Library.

MOTION: Failed.

MOTION:

Kaminski/Boere That the Registrar be removed from the Committee.

MOTION: Failed.

ORIGINAL MOTION: CARRIED

3913.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3913.1 Academic Staff Counts

This is provided for information.

3913.2 Dean of Graduate Studies Stole

This was provided for information. Dean Wall pointed out that the colors for their stole as in the report be reversed.

3913.3 Academic Schedule

Leslie Lavers reported that the report provided was in answer to a concern raised in the fall semester about the lack of contact time in classes. Ian MacLachlan mentioned that he had originally raised this issue by inquiring as to the hours missed for those taking Saturday classes. He said that it might be a good idea to suspend the two day rule between instructional time and the stress of final examinations.

Dean Wall said that the University should be flexible rather than rigid and that we should not be held to counting minutes.

It was mentioned that Deans' Council had looked into striking an ad hoc committee to look at the examination policy.

3913.4 WEB Report Update

Leslie Lavers reported that the report provides an update on various projects underway.

Seamus O'Shea reminded Council that the U of L had a computer optimized exam system and it was the overwhelming opinion that even though it worked for students it was voted out as you couldn't have the ultimate predictability.

3914.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

3915.0 OTHER BUSINESS

President Cade mentioned that the furniture was donated by Braeman Furniture.

3916.0 ADJOURNMENT

O'Donnell/ That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

3917.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.