

**MINUTES OF MEETING #460 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, W646**

Present: Bob Boudreau (Chair), Pamela Adams, Ken Allan, Kerry Bernes, René Boéré, Bryson Brown, Cheryl Calver, Karen Clearwater, James Dobbie, Christopher Epplett, Nicole Eva, Jo-Anne Fiske, Jeremy Girard, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Dan Kazakoff, Lynn Kennedy, Leslie Lavers, Dan Le Roy, Cole Lehto, Murray Lindsay, Pam Loewen, Ian MacLachlan, Alex Massé, Cheryl Meheden, Craig Monk, Chris Nicol, Jane O'Dea, Michael Persinger, Desmond Rochfort, Victor Rodych, Nicole Rosen, Will Smith, Nancy Walker, Robert Wood

Regrets: Shamsul Alam, Mike Basil, Bill Cade, Silvana Campus, Dayna Daniels, Luis Escobar, Inge Genee, Andrew Hakin, Shahadat, Hossain, Mary Kavanagh, Don MacDonald, Zack Moline, Alison Nussbaumer, Tracey Oosterbroek, Jackie Rice, Jessica Schultchen, Elizabeth Schultz, Alan Siaroff, Rory Tarant Aaron Taylor, Lesley Terry, John Vokey, Amy von Heyking, Dan Weeks, Bernadine Wojtowicz

Others: Rita Law, Shelley Pierson (Recording Secretary)

**460.1      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

Kazakoff/Smith                      That the Agenda for meeting #460 be approved.

Motion: Carried

**460.2      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

Girard/Le Roy                      That the Minutes of meeting #459 be approved.

Motion: Carried

**460.3      ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The names of the three members of General Faculties Council (GFC) appointed to the Chancellor nomination joint committee at the previous GFC meeting have been provided to the Secretary to Senate. The individuals will be informed shortly.

Bob Boudreau thanked everyone for their feedback on the Mandate Statement and informed GFC that the changes have been incorporated. The Mandate Statement is going to be presented to President's Executive on April 12, 2010, and subsequently

to the Board of Governors for approval on May 20, 2010. Once it has Board approval it will be sent to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology.

#### **460.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Nancy Walker reported that Dr. Cade received a letter March 30, 2010 from the Department of Advanced Education and Technology. The University will receive a one-time grant of \$1 million for Markin Hall lights-on funding. There was no commitment from Government for lights-on funding for Markin Hall in subsequent years.

Bob Boudreau reported on a number of U of L, full-house events that took place in March.

There was an Alumni and Friends evening held in Calgary on Sunday, March 14, 2010. It was a fantastic evening and the first alumni event of this kind held in Calgary. It was a full-to-capacity event and very much a U of L occasion. Mike Babcock did a fabulous job as the keynote speaker. Mike Babcock is a former University Pronghorn Men's Hockey Head Coach who led the team in 1994 when they won the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union championship. He also coached the Canadian Olympic Hockey Team to a gold medal finish and is currently the NHL's Detroit Red Wings coach. The event was very successful and although it was planned as a break-even event the U of L came away with a slight surplus.

The Faculty of Management's 2010 Scholarship Dinner was held March 19. The honoree this year was R. Philip (Phil) M. North, Q.C., a former Chair of the U of L Board of Governors. Around 400 people attended with approximately \$50,000.00 raised toward scholarships.

An Appreciation Event was held for the U of L Calgary Campus on March 20, 2010. This was a very enjoyable evening.

The U of L Board of Governors has appointed Dr. Robert (Bob) James Ellis as the new Dean, Faculty of Management effective July 1, 2010.

Ron and Joyce Sakamoto donated \$200,000.00 in support of the Digital Audio Arts (DAA) program in the Faculty of Fine Arts. Dr. Sakamoto has been the Canadian Country Music Promoter of Year for 17 consecutive years. The Sakamoto's donation is being matched by the Government of Alberta's Access to the Future Fund for a total of \$400,000.00. The new recording studio will be opening in the fall and rivals studios at most recording companies, placing the U of L with a unique advantage in Canada. Digital Audio Arts is also a one-of-a-kind program in the country.

Brett Wilson, entrepreneur, philanthropist and one of the stars of the popular CBC series Dragon's Den spoke to an audience at the U of L and to a second audience at

the Coast Plaza Hotel on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 as part of the CMA Alberta Leadership and Speaker Series. Wilson has built a formidable reputation in the world of business, garnering such honors as Canada's Top 40 Under 40, Alberta Venture Magazine's Business Person of the Year and the Management Alumni Excellence Award from the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business. The events were well attended and were tremendous publicity for the U of L.

The U of L has had and continues to hold Recruiting and Conversion Events on and off campus.

#### **460.5      ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **460.5.1      Replacement for GFC Member on Senate**

There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION:

Le Roy/O'Dea              That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried.

MOTION:

MacLachlan /Wood      That the General Faculties council (GFC) appoints Nicole Rosen to replace Lynn Kennedy on Senate during Lynn Kennedy's study leave, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Motion: Carried

Bob Boudreau indicated the Senate has three members from General Faculties Council appointed by the General Faculties Council. Currently, Lynn Kennedy from History, Robert Wood from Sociology and Danny Le Roy from Economics are the GFC members on Senate. A replacement is needed during Lynn Kennedy's Study leave July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Nicole Rosen was nominated by GFC Executive.

##### **460.5.2      Standing Advisory Naming Committee**

Ian MacLachlan was nominated by Chris Hosgood.

MOTION:

Nicol/Brown              That nominations from the floor cease.

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

LeRoy/O'Dea            That the General Faculties Council (GFC) appoint Ian MacLachlan as the General Faculties Council Member on the Standing Advisory Naming Committee.

The Standing Advisory Naming Committee names facilities and programs at the U of L.

**460.5.3    CCC Report**

MOTION:

Hosgood/Dobbie        That General Faculties Council approve the combination of Public Health 3050: Junior Practicum in Public Health (6.0 credit hours) and Public Health 4050: Senior Practicum in Public Health (9.0 credit hours) into a final full-time practicum course Public Health 4550: Practicum in Public Health (15.0 credit hours).

Motion: Carried

Dean Hosgood explained that this motion reflects a consolidation of the junior and senior practicum for Public Health students. The change addresses difficulties in providing enough student placements as well as addressing scheduling difficulties. The consolidation of the practicums will give students the opportunity to do a practicum nationally or internationally, which would be very positive for students. The grading mode would remain the same (pass/fail) rather than the standard mode shown on the New Course Proposal Form. There was no change to the credit value. This change was recommended by the Public Health Internal/External Advisory Committee.

**460.6        ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**460.6.1    Assessment Policy**

Bob Boudreau drew attention to an excerpt from the last GFC meeting regarding the Assessment Policy: *Dr. Hakin would like the GFC members to direct the creation of a revised policy. Deans' Council will reconsider the Exam Scheduling Policy and it will be brought back to GFC.*

Bob Boudreau asked if it was the wish of General Faculties Council (GFC) to discuss the changes they want to see in the document, or move it back

to the Faculties and have a try at that level, then the document would go to Deans' Council and ultimately back to GFC for approval?

Much discussion followed on a variety of topics including:

1. More scheduling information
2. Arts and Sciences – lack of definitions, term work, clarification of “I” with missed examinations and final examinations, responsibility for feedback, invigilation advise, guidance on completion of independent studies
3. Terms of reference
4. Electronic posting
5. Sort out Web CT Examinations
6. Student consultation outside of General Faculties Council
7. Class disruptions and charges
8. Calling due term papers during exam time
9. Posting on U of L Web Site with process in place to get input from U of L community
10. Timeline for obtaining GFC approval.

Specifically, there was considerable discussion about electronic evaluation not being specifically covered in the report. The view was expressed that the document, as written, was comprehensive enough to apply to electronic evaluation.

It was reported that this report was, in essence, a refinement of a previous report. There was considerable consultation with Faculties and students in the development of the initial report. The current document was approved by most Faculties. The view was expressed that further widespread consultation was not needed. It was felt that a timeline for completion of the document and a decision needs to be addressed. The Committee was thanked for their patience and work over the last ten years. It was felt that the document as it is now drafted is very close to what is needed.

Members of the Assessment Policy Committee (John Vokey, Chair) will be asked to attend the GFC meeting when approval the Assessment Policy is on the agenda, in order to be available to answer questions.

In anticipation of this discussion on Assessment Policy, Dr. Craig Monk sent to the Chair a list of six points. Monk referred to these in the meeting and his email and list are attached for reference. Monk among others reiterated that the current draft is a good one and the suggested changes will not be too difficult to incorporate.

Based on this lengthy discussion, The Assessment Policy was referred to GFC Executive for a final revision.

Craig Monk agreed to speak to General Faculties Council Executive Committee about changes that Arts and Sciences have requested. John Vokey's input into the final version would also be valued.

In summary, the Assessment Policy was referred to GFC Executive Committee, who will consider the Arts and Science issues, and disseminate the revised document for feedback as they deem appropriate. The revised document will then be provided to Deans' Council and Students' Council for information, after which it will be on the GFC agenda for approval by December, 2010.

**460.6.2 Faculty Book Award Celebration – Nancy Walker**

The U of L will continue this award celebration; however, a reception is being planned in place of a dinner.

**460.7 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**460.7.1 Minutes of March 22, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting**

The Minutes of the March 22, 2010 Executive Committee meeting were received for information.

**460.8 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

**460.9 ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Loewen/Brown

That the April 6, 2010 meeting of the General Faculties Council be adjourned.

Motion: Carried