

**MINUTES OF MEETING #466 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011 AT 3:00  
P.M. IN W646**

- Present: Mike Mahon (Chair), Dan Weeks, Andy Hakin, Nancy Walker, Chris Nicol, Walter Wymer, Chris Hosgood, Judith Kulig, Armin Escher, Kyle Hammond, Lisa Rodych, Nathan McCowan, Wing Li, Nicole Rosen, Alan Siaroff, Ian MacLachlan, Nicole Eva, Amy von Heyking, Dayna Daniels, Christopher Epplett, Elizabeth Galway, Inge Genee, Craig Monk, Keith McLaughlin, Paul Walz, Chris Horbachewski, Michael Stingl, René Boéré, Craig Loewen, Shahadat Hossain, Leslie Lavers, Allan Hall, Kerry Bernes, Dagmar Dahle, Desmond Rochfort, Danny Le Roy, Jochen Bocksnick, Zack Moline, Taz Kassam, Cathy Campbell, Tyrell DaSilva, Rachelle Thompson, James Dobbie, Bob Boudreau
- Others: Richard Westlund, Laurel Corbiere, Jodie Black (Recording Secretary)
- Regrets: Bob Ellis, Rob Wood, Alison Nussbaumer, Cheryl Calver, Peter Dibble, Deborah Saucier, Luis Escobar, Dan Kazakoff, Anne Dymond, Will Smith, Bernadine Wojtowicz, Raphael Lencucha, Malcolm Greenshields, Erika Hasebe-Ludt, Shamsul Alam, Robert Sutherland, Karen Clearwater, Don MacDonald, Lisa Hoover

Prior to the meeting, Mike Mahon welcomed Jodie Black, the new University Secretariat to her first meeting. Two new GFC members, Malcolm Greenshields and Erika Hasebe-Ludt, were also welcomed. These two new members now complete the membership that had been agreed upon by each Faculty/School.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

Wymer/Daniels

That the Agenda for Meeting #466 held Monday, February 7, 2011 be approved as distributed.

Motion: Carried

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1 Minutes of GFC Meeting #465, December 13, 2010**

MOTION:

Kulig/Siaroff

That the Minutes of Meeting #465 be approved with minor corrections identified by Ian MacLachlan.

Motion: Carried

**3     ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no items arising from the Minutes.

**4     PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mike Mahon was pleased to report that the Senate chose a new Chancellor on Saturday morning. It was a great discussion with excellent candidates. The Senate is pleased with the selection of the new Chancellor Dr. Shirley McClellan; as she is eminently qualified. Dr. McClellan has received an honorary doctorate from our institution, and her daughter is a graduate of the University of Lethbridge as well. She understands the issues in non-urban smaller settings as she is from one herself. In addition, being the former Minister of Agriculture enabled her to gain an understanding of the issues in rural settings. She is very enthusiastic and looks forward to her first trip down to the University of Lethbridge as Chancellor.

In January, the four presidents of the Alberta comprehensive institutions met with the Minister of Advanced Education to talk about joint perspectives. The minister and deputy minister liked this approach. The universities want to maintain momentum, and this is an opportunity for Alberta to position itself in an assertive way. It was a positive discussion and will be an approach the University of Lethbridge will continue to use as we move forward. On that same day Mike Mahon also met with the minister to present specific University of Lethbridge needs. Within the discussion there was mention of the universities' capital needs and the new science building. The minister acknowledged the importance of this building and indicated it will be built, so now it will just be a focus on timing.

A visit with the new series editor for MacLean's magazine occurred. This is the first time she came to campus, and there was an excellent discussion on the University of Lethbridge. Mention was made of the great celebration with Bow Valley College regarding our transition to their campus. Bow Valley College is very enthusiastic and there are many opportunities to collaborate with them, Athabasca and Olds College.

Congratulations to René Boéré, Claudia Gonzalez and Paul Hayes on the new CFI funding. Last week there was a donor gala in Markin Hall with 350 people in attendance. A special congratulations was again extended to all the faculty and staff who contributed to student awards.

The budget will be announced on February 24<sup>th</sup> and the president will have an individual budget meeting that day to gain a better sense of where the University of Lethbridge will stand from a planning perspective.

In response to a question regarding the four comprehensive universities in Alberta, Mike Mahon identified the articulated institutions to be: Athabasca University, University of Alberta, University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge.

## **5 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **5.1 Research Committee Appointment Replacement - 1 Academic Staff Member**

MOTION:

Boeré/Hosgood

That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of the following Academic Staff to replace Claudia Malacrida's term on the Research Committee:

Nicole Rosen

Motion: Carried

A question arose from Paul Walz wanting to ensure graduate students are in the appropriate committees. Mike Mahon reported that Jodie Black has been systematically going through minutes to ensure everything is in order. The administrative team and a bylaw review ad hoc committee are working through our bylaws.

### **5.2 Registrar Appointment Committee Replacement - 1 Academic Staff Member**

MOTION:

Nicol/Walz

That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of the following Academic Staff to replace Pat Hodd on the Registrar Appointment Committee:

Diana Young

Motion: Carried

### **5.3 Comprehensive Institutional Plan – Section 6**

MOTION:

Nicol/McCowan      That General Faculties Council approve the Comprehensive Institutional Plan – Section 6, as enclosed with identified changes.

Motion: Carried

Andy Hakin provided an overview of the document and the history of Institutional Access Funding. This report first needs to be approved by GFC prior to Board approval. This section is part of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan and it will be submitted on March 15<sup>th</sup> as the Academic Component. As a pilot this year Dan Weeks created an Institutional Research Plan, and this was funded for this year. The business plan, research plan, and institutional plan will be moved into one report.

Questions and Comments were then received regarding the document:

- Bachelor of Arts in Rural Urban Planning and Design needs to be added
- Chris Hosgood requested an update on where we are in some programs in regards to long term funding. Andy Hakin addressed the fact that there are new programs, but the programs in limbo will not be forgotten. The institution needs to ensure that the number of non-funded students on campus is not increasing.
- Dayna Daniels, expressed concern of new programs creating a demand for more faculty, support staff, and space. Andy Hakin indicated the university is looking at options such as the science building and is always looking at ways to get our message to the government.
- Chris Nicol asked about the funding for the School of Graduate Studies expansion: are we at the end of the funding to support graduate students?
- Craig Loewen indicated that page 5 for PhD in Education should be changed to read TBA.
- Ian MacLachlan inquired about enrolment. Andy Hakin responded that the report looks at full-time equivalent (FLE's) not heads.
- Rene Boéré asked if the plan will be made public. Andy Hakin indicated that this report will come back to GFC yearly.

Andy Hakin thanked everyone for all the work that was put into this.

#### **5.4 Small Business Institute**

MOTION:

Walz/Hosgood	That General Faculties Council approve the Management Small Business Institute with the following amendments. -Remove the not-for-profit bullet under the focus section -small grammatical suggestions
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Motion: Carried

Walter Wymer explained the rationale behind the institute. It was approved by the Faculty of Management prior to coming to GFC, and has followed the new Research Centres and Institutes Policy approved by the Board of Governors.

### **6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **6.1 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – November 29, 2010**

### **7 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **8 ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Le Roy/McCowan	That the February 7, 2011 meeting of the General Faculties Council of the University of Lethbridge be adjourned.
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Motion: Carried