



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #486

Approved Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2013

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), S. Alam, P. Asaana, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, J. Copeland, L. Elias, D. Gill, S. Glydon, A. Hakin, P. Hayes, M. Helstein, C. Hollingsworth, C. Hosgood, D. Hunt, L. Jacobs, K. Kalmar, L. Kennedy, C. Kingfisher, J. Kulig, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, A. Long, K. McCallum, C. Nicol, W. Osborn, D. Oye, D. Siminovitch, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, J. Usher, J. Vokey, N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Yalamova-Usher
- Regrets:** T. Babalola, G. Bedard, C. Campbell, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, M. Gerken, P. Henzi, C. Horbachewski, L. Howard, M. Kawchuk, J. Knapp, R. Lencucha, M. Letts, C. Malacrida, B. Mathenia, K. Mazurek, I. McAdam, F. Naeem, A. Nussbaumer, N. Piquette, D. Rochfort, N. Rosen, M. Sedgwick, M. Stingl, P. Visentin, K. Vos, S. Wismath, R. Wood, W. Yuan
- Other:** J. Black (recording secretary), L. Corbiere, E. Jurkowski, S. Olson, S. Sproule

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.01

Talbot/Hunt

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #486 held Monday, June 3, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.02

Hollingsworth/Glydon

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #485 held Monday, May 6, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported:

- Budget – The Board of Governors officially approved the budget at their last meeting in May and it was presented to GFC for information prior to that.
- Official Openings – M. Mahon attended the openings of the: UofL Calgary Campus at Bow Valley College; the Dr. Foster James Penny Building downtown Lethbridge that houses alumni affairs, advancement, a space for displaying art work, the student call centre and research space; as well as the CASA building in downtown Lethbridge that houses our music conservatory
- Alumni – The UofL hosted their first Alumni event in Standoff and it was very well received.
- Retreats – Had one with Lethbridge College senior team as well as presidents of Lethbridge College and Medicine Hat College to look at areas of collaboration. There is lots done already but they looked at if there other opportunities not yet identified. This is work that is really always ongoing, but the retreats were good.
- Canada Wide Science Fair – The UofL hosted the very successful event and thanks were given to everyone who assisted and there will be a thank you event for those individuals.
- A joint presentation was given to City Council with the Lethbridge College and UofL President. We provided the most recent economic development data and the most recent analysis was \$801 million economic impact of the UofL on the City of Lethbridge and the impact on the Province was \$1.7 billion dollars. This was important data and well received thanks to S. Alam and others in their help in preparing it.
- Convocation was held last week. We had 108 graduates from Calgary, 70 from Edmonton, 1260 from Lethbridge with a total of 1438. Congratulations were also given to the Distinguished Teacher award recipient H. Kharaghani, the Ingrid Speaker Research Award recipient C. Chambers, and at the Chancellor's Dinner the Volunteer Award recipients were J. Bocksnick, D. Marek, C. Meheden, and N. Walker honoured for their work in the Alberta Summer games.
- The retirees luncheon was just held and it too was another successful event as it is nice to have them all back on campus.

Question Period:

- (L. Jacobs) Were the economic impact numbers provided to the City of Lethbridge from just this year? It was indicated that yes, it was an annual impact using the same formula the UofA recently used, and S. Alam indicated it was the same formula used by other institutions. It was mentioned that they spoke about releasing the data in a more fulsome way. These numbers were based on the 2012-2103 operating budget. S. Alam indicated that one dollar invested generates \$16 dollars into the economy.
- (J. Usher) What is the progress on the eight working committees that are examining efficiencies across campus? N. Walker indicated they are actively meeting and the reports are not due until the end of July. The results will then be presented to President's Executive and then the advisory committees and then eventually to the Board for approval if there are any budget considerations. A concern was noted about the faculty work load, and A. Hakin indicated that the Handbook will be followed in all cases. M. Mahon indicated the

committees are tasked with analyzing and making recommendations they are not operationalizing anything.

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4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Faculty of Fine Arts Supplementary Policies

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.03

Hakin/Gill

That General Faculties Council approve the Faculty of Fine Arts Supplementary Policies as presented in the package.

Motion: Carried

E. Jurkowski, Associate Dean of Fine Arts, reported that this process started a year ago as the Faculty of Fine Arts did not have any policies. He chaired the committee consisting of eight individuals composed of two representatives from each department. They went across the country looking at what other institutions had and also examined internal policies to assist in crafting their own. This was brought forth to their faculty council a few times, and it went to ULFA. This was passed last month at their faculty council. It is lengthy, but since this is the first iteration they wanted to respect the different disciplines and different creative activities going on. There is some redundancy identified, but they are fine with it.

J. Usher, President of ULFA indicated that each year they encourage the committees to pay attention to the policies and or create them if non-exist. He emphasized it is important and the content really elaborates criteria without changing process. In was also indicated that the title should say 12.01.1 and 12.01.2

4.2. Faculty Council Delegation – Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.04

Hosgood/Kalmar

That General Faculties Council approves the composition of the Health Sciences Faculty Council pertaining to the Post-Secondary Learning Act 28(2)(e) as indicated below:

Provost & Vice-President (Academic);

Registrar;

One (1) representative elected from each of the following faculties:

Arts and Science, Fine Arts, Education, Management;

One (1) representative from the Library elected by the Professional Librarians;

Student Representatives: One (1) from the Students' Union, nominated by the Students' Union (1), one (1) from the Health

Sciences Undergraduate Association, nominated by the Health Sciences Undergraduate Association, one (1) from Graduate Students' Association, nominated by the Graduate Students' Association;

Part-time term and/or continuing appointments (non-voting)

Ex-Officio (non-voting):

Recording Secretary

Faculty of Health Science student advisors and learning strategists

Faculty of Health Sciences Financial Officer

Faculty of Health Sciences Recruitment and/or Communications Officers

Motion: Carried

C. Hosgood indicated it represents their model in Health Sciences.

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.05

Hosgood/ Laurendeau

That General Faculties Council delegate to Health Sciences Faculty Council the power to approve the appointment of the members to their council referred to under the provisions of the Post-Secondary Learning Act 28(2)(e), following the GFC approved composition and through procedures approved by their Council.

Motion: Carried

C. Hosgood indicated this is the required piece for delegation.

4.3.GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report

A. Hakin indicated the first three recommendations deal with the suspension of the major in German and the outcomes with minors and the fourth one relates to the Information Systems in the Faculty of Management.

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.06

Hakin/Nicol

That General Faculties Council approve the suspension of admission to majors in German and French/German, and declaration of minors and disciplinary streams in German for all Arts and Science degree

programs, beginning May 1, 2013, until further notice, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

C. Nicol indicated that following June 2014, due to a voluntary faculty retirement we will not be able to run this program.

A question arose on the effective dates. The Minister has not approved this so we are in a dangerous position as we do not know what the Minister is going to do. They have been talking to the advising office to handle this situation as the effective date is not ideal.

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.07

Hakin/Loewen

That General Faculties Council approve the suspension of the minor in Modern Languages Education: German, until further notice, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

C. Loewen indicated that this is related to the recommendation above, and in Education minors are comprised of five Arts and Science courses and a course in methods and since the German courses will not be available the minor is then unavailable.

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.08

Hakin/Alam

That General Faculties Council approve the suspension of minors streams in German for the major in International Management for the B.Mgt., PD-B.Mgt., B.Mgt./B.Ed. and PD-B.Mgt./B.Ed. programs, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin indicated they decisions affect Management as well and since there is no expert in the area after 2014. J. Usher indicated that this is not detrimental to the Germany exchange program, so this will continue.

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.09

Hakin/Alam

That General Faculties Council approve the three-year suspension of major/minors in Information Systems and a warning regarding

Information Systems courses in the B.Mgt. Computer Science major, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin indicated that Information Systems area has a few faculty members taking advantage of the voluntary retirement package and one has proceeded to senior administration, the enrolment is low and a number wrote in about this major suggesting suspension when input from the community was requested. So overall no one is available to teach courses within this area.

A question arose on the language around indefinite suspension. A. Hakin indicated that in three years the Information Systems will be re-examined and it will be automatically reactivates in the Government's LRS/PRS system if we do not do anything about it. For German this reactivation date is five years. We do not want to remove these programs and we still hope to bring them back as a valuable part of our academic pursuits of our institution.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Policies Under Revision:

Access Device control, Managing Unacceptable Behaviour

Animals on Campus, Impartiality and University Facility Utilization

Surveillance of Public Areas

N. Walker indicated all the policies are Board and non-academic and they are revisions not new policies. There are some updates to titles, naming of departments and external policies and legislation updates. They also clarify reporting procedures in there too. A concern arose on the difficulty of enforcing the animals on campus policy. N. Walker indicated we do not have the resources to do lots of maintenance on this; however, if things are severe we can rely on the policy to do appropriate enforcement.

Discussion occurred on the Impartiality and University Facility Utilization policy a change was considered on 2.2 to indicate all "recognized" political parties be invited as otherwise we would always be in violation. We we will look to R. Westlund to suggest possible modifications to this prior to it going for Board approval.

5.2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update and Discussion

M. Mahon reported he met with the Minister, Deputy Minister and with all the Presidents and Board Chairs a week ago tomorrow. The purpose is to continue to understand where the Ministry is coming from in relation to priorities. The second thing was they also spoke about results based budgeting which is something introduced as a governmental priority from an accountability perspective. Third is the three phase process is underway to develop outcomes for this process through the three elements in this MOU; the system, the sector (Comprehensive Academic Research Institutions - CARI) and the institution.

During the meeting he attended concern was expressed regarding the relationship between the MOU, Results Based Budgeting and the Mandate. The outcomes need to be one and the same or it would be counterproductive. We pushed the government back to the end of October for the deadline for the MOU. At the last GFC we spoke about this needing to be done by September 1st and this would have been very problematic so this new deadline will

enable us to work through our development of it and then present a draft to GFC in September with an opportunity for dialogue, then with follow up in October prior to it going for Board approval in October.

A meeting on June 17th is meant to try and find agreement regarding the system level input and a draft letter was presented last week. The provosts meet next week around the sector level outcomes. Ours institutional element will be derived from existing documents such as the Academic Plan, the Research Plan and the Strategic Plan. These will be developed over the summer, so the good news is we have more time in developing our own draft. We will take into account all the input we received as it was collected and synthesised as we draft our three phases. Individual nuances will still be a bit different as we do consider ourselves unique as well in CARL. We are not sure if the system level will have nuances, but at the sector level it is more likely. This is still very rudimentary so we have provided some initial feedback and there will be more discussion.

Discussion and speculation arose around the letter of expectation and how it relates to the current memorandum of understanding, changes to research within Alberta Innovates, and how they prepared their draft outcomes.

M. Mahon reiterated that the goal is to have a meaningful discussion and create something we are happy with. Minutes are being taken at each of these meetings but most important is what the outcomes document looks like. If anything arises over the summer we will continue to communicate to our community.

5.3 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – April 29, 2013

The minutes were provided for information.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

M. Mahon thanked everyone for their contributions to GFC as it has been a challenging spring.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2013.06.10

/Kalmar

That the GFC meeting #486 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried