



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #501

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

**3:00 p.m. in W646**

- Present:** A. Hakin (Chair), D. Adams, B. Black, R. Boére, V. Brickley, L. Brown, S. Bubel, C. Carnaghan, C. Cooper, J. Dobbie, K. Haight, C. Helmer-Smith, C. Hosgood, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, L. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, J. Lapadat, M. Letts, M. Lindsay, I. MacLachlan, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, A. Predoi-Cross, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, D. Sirbu, T. Spagnolo, R. Sutherland, S. Thomas, G. Vardazaryan, C. Vokey, N. Walker, C. Williams, R. Wood
- Regrets:** B. Boudreau, B. Ellis, L. Elias, L. Escobar, T. Gunn, M. Hawkins, P. Henzi, C. Horbachewski, C. Howey, D. Kaminski, B. Lee, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, Mahon, M. Pijl Zieber, N. Piquette, J. Poulsen, V. Rodych, J. Sanders, K. Ueland, J. Vokey, E. Wasiak, P. Wilson, S. Wismath,
- Other:** J. Gallais, L. Corbiere, V. Grisack, D. Unrau, J. Preyde, H. Mirau, G. Singh

Welcome to the new students!

A. Hakin, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will be chairing GFC in the presidents absence.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.01

Jurkowski/Black

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #501 held Monday, May 4, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.02

Jurkowski/Lapadat

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #500 held Monday, April 13, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 3.1. Academic Schedule Follow-up

S. Kennedy, Registrar addressed the length of the spring term (65 days in 2014/66 days in 2015). Fall semester 2015 already doesn't end until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. New academic schedule guidelines have been developed will go to GFC Curriculum Coordinating Council then to GFC for approval.

## 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Hakin gave the report in M. Mahon's absence:

- The Budget will be presented to Council at the June 1 meeting. We want to ensure that we have quorum at the meeting.
- On April 28, the Board of Governors approved appointment of Dr. Erasmus Okine as Vice-President (Research), beginning July 1, 2015. Thank you to members of the search committee. Dr. Okine will be on campus next week.
- AGILITY launch was on April 15 in atrium and was well attended with lots of local media.
- Investment from Tri-Council in Research has increased this year. L. Brown gave a breakdown of results on CFI (2/2 with one of the awards being over \$2 million), NSERC (20/27 funded - 2 researchers got 40000 a piece recognizing research potential, 3 early career awards) and SSHRC (3/11 were funded. Great improvement over last year when no awards were received. All three awards are in the Humanities). We have received Canada's only partnered CFI/SSHRC award.
- The Provincial Election is tomorrow, May 5. We will have to wait and see what it means for the UofL.
- Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (Academic) appointment process concludes this week. There will be public presentations by candidates followed by interviews. There will be an announcement to follow sometime thereafter. We are also working on the reappointments for the Dean of Graduate Studies, and Dean of Health Sciences.
- Edmonton Alumni & Friends Dinner was April 30 at the Art Gallery of Alberta – M. Mahon attended with C. Horbachewski
- AUCC is rebranding as Universities Canada.
- Alumni FNMI Chapter Reception on Thursday, May 7 at Piikani Nation Secondary School in Brocket. M. Mahon will attend.
- Long Service & Retirement Awards is on May 6. The President's Award recipients are announced. A. Hakin hoped to see many of you at the ceremony.
- Annual Paul Lewis Retirees Luncheon is on May 14 featuring a presentation by Dr. Brenda Leung, the Emmy Droog Chair in Complementary Alternative Healthcare, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Council of Presidents Meeting in Calgary on May 15. This is the group of 26 Alberta Post-Secondary Presidents. They are looking at the governance structures of eCampus Alberta, AAHEIT, and ApplyAlberta
- Installation of our 13th Chancellor on May 28 with Convocation occurring on May 28-29. A. Hakin encouraged all faculty and staff to attend this event. Janice Varzari's inaugural Chancellor's Dinner will be on the evening of May 28<sup>th</sup> with the FNMI Round Dance taking place on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**5. QUESTION PERIOD**

- D. O'Donnell – The Congress Conference is on at the same time as the June meeting where quorum will be an issue. He is worried about quorum because there are several GFC members at the conference. They may be able to call in on the phone, however there is a maximum number that can be accommodate on the phone. J. Gallais will look at attendance to ensure quorum.

**6. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

6.1. Appointment of Student Members

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.03

Dobbie/Williams

*That General Faculties Council (GFC) approves the appointed student members below to GFC for terms ending on April 30, 2016.*

***APPOINTED GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER (Nominated by Graduate Students Association) [2] Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC Appoints)***

*Greta Vardazaryan Graduate Student April 30, 2016*

*Gurpreet Singh Graduate Student April 30, 2016*

***APPOINTED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS (Nominated by Students' Union) [8] Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC Appoints)***

*Virginia Brickley Student (Arts and Science) April 30, 2016*

*Danielle Adams Student (Arts and Science) April 30, 2016*

*Chris Vokey Student (Management) April 30, 2016*

*Cam Howey Student (Arts and Science) April 30, 2016*

*Vacant Student (Fine Arts) April 30, 2016*

*Vacant Student (?) April 30, 2016*

*Vacant Student (Education) April 30, 2016*

*Vacant Student (Health Sciences) April 30, 2016*

Motion: Carried

6.2. GFC Nominations Committee

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.04

Siaroff/Williams

*That GFC approve the slate of nominees below to fill committee vacancies.*

***GFC Academic Quality Assurance Committee***

*Tom Johnston (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)*  
*Harold Jansen (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018)*  
*Lynn Kennedy (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018)*

***GFC Aboriginal Education Committee***

*Hendrika Beaulieu (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Robert Benkoczi (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Don McIntyre (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)*

***GFC Convocation Committee***

*Bruce MacKay (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee***

*Ilsa Wong (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***GFC Undergraduate Student Discipline***

*Mary Kavanagh (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Olu Awosoga (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***GFC Graduate Student Discipline***

*Mary Kavanagh (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Olu Awosoga (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***GFC Grade Appeal Committee***

*Barry Stannard (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Hendrika Beaulieu – alternate (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***GFC Student Awards Committee***

*Amy Shaw (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Carol Williams (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***GFC Travel Committee***

*Mary Kavanagh (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*  
*Danny Le Roy (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017)*

***UofL Senate***

*Two (2) members of GFC*  
*Wendy Osborn (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018)*  
*Alan Siaroff (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018)*

Motion: Carried

6.3. Academic Plan 2015

Dean C. Cooper took over as Chair from A. Hakin

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.05

Hakin/Jurkowski

*That General Faculties Council approve the enclosed Academic Plan 2015 with friendly amendment.*

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

A. Hakin stated that the plan focusses on some of the directions of the previous plans supporting the three key pillars: supporting the student experience; leadership in learning; and creating a community of learners. Metrics are included in part three of the report. He thanked the staff in his office for all of their hard work on the document. A. Hakin then opened it up for any questions. A question was asked of why the library initiative to provide information literacy is not included with the learning priorities and but is with student services. J. Preyde stated that she could move the section if it is more appropriate. Academic Direction 3 speaks of creating a community of learners that implies a high level of inclusivity. Listed under academic staff in the calendar is retired faculty, staff, emeriti which should be considered a part of the community of learners that should be mentioned.

#### 6.4. Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) 2015/16 – 2017/18

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.06

Hakin/Wood

*That General Faculties Council approve the academic and research components of the University of Lethbridge Comprehensive Institutional Plan 2015/16 – 2017/18.*

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin explained the history and approval process of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP). It is a government reporting tool. GFC approves the academic and research portions of the plan and the Board of Governors approves the capital, budget portions and entire plan. The document attempts to provide an overview of where we are headed. The Academic Plan is very important to show the government our academic directions, and we have highlighted the Destination Project. Thanks to the whole of the office and research colleagues on the completion of the CIP. Questions arose on if changes to existing programs should be listed in the CIP, and about the Capital Plan document.

A. Hakin resumed the position of Chair.

#### 6.5. GFC Motion for Delegation of Authority – Summer

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.07

Dobbie/Helmer-Smith

*That GFC approves designating GFC Executive the authority to act on behalf of the Council for July and August 2015.*

Motion: Carried

This is a regular item in the GFC Bylaws. GFC Executive is scheduled to meet in the summer. J. Gallais stated that we have not recently ever used this delegation. This is to deal with regular business items and the Executive Committee can still call GFC together to deal with any major items that could come up.

## **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **7.1. Destination Project Update**

A. Hakin reported on the update of the Destination Project. We are moving from schematic design to detailed functional design. The schematic design report is to go to the Board in June. We will be talking with the government so see what kind of spaces they need to see in the building. In the atrium in the next few months, where there are tape lines marked, we will be building mock labs as examples of teaching and research space to get an idea of what it will look like. Customization results in higher costs and this project is at 265 million dollars. As soon as the new government is installed, we will be working with them to advance the timelines. We originally intended to be in the building by spring/summer 2019 so we will see if that is still possible.

### **7.2. Progress and Achievement Report – Strategic Plan**

L. Corbiere, Senior Advisor to the President presented the progress and achievement report on the Strategic Plan. D. Unrau from Institutional Analysis was present to help answer questions. This is the first version of this Board of Governors document and it has gone to various other groups on campus for consultation. The President plans to hold a seminar at the Board retreat to present the document which will then be up for approval at the June meeting. Feedback was requested and will be accepted until May 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion occurred on benchmarks and how targets were chosen, and the breakdown of research chairs between humanities and sciences as well as including sustainability and waste output. The GFC Strategic Planning comments have not been incorporated into the document as of yet.

### **7.3. GFC 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule**

J. Gallais presented the schedule for information and it follows approved guidelines.

### **7.4. GFC Executive Committee Report – April 27, 2015**

Received for information. No questions.

### **7.5. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – March 11 and April 7, 2015**

Received for information. No questions.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Hakin gave congratulations to those who participated and organized SPARK teaching symposium. There were some great presentations.

R. Wood reported that we have concluded negotiations on the GSA Collective Agreement. The new agreement goes to the Board for approval and will be retroactive to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The agreement will be uploaded to the SGS website as soon as possible after approval so incoming grads will be able to access it.

D. O'Donnell mentioned that Modern Languages is organizing a Highway 2 meeting this weekend of research happening up and down Highway 2.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2015.05.08

Jurkowski/

*That the GFC meeting #501 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried