



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #477

Approved Minutes

Monday, June 4, 2012

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), J. Adolf, S. Alam, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, J. Copeland, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, A. Escher, M. Gerken, D. Gill, A. Hakin, M. Hawkins, P. Hayes, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, L. Howard, D. Hunt, L. Jacobs, D. Kazakoff, L. Kennedy, C. Kingfisher, J. Lapadat, R. Lencucha, M. Letts, C. Loewen, I. McAdam, K. McCallum, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, N. Rosen, B. Schnell, M. Sedgwick, D. Siminovitch, M. Stingl, S. Talbot, K. Vos, N. Walker, D. Weeks, J. Wiebe, B. Wojtowicz
- Regrets:** G. Bedard, K. Bernes, R. Boéré, C. Campbell, D. Dahle, A. Dymond, L. Escobar, P. Ghazalian, E. Hasebe-Ludt, C. Hosgood, D. Le Roy, C. Malacrida, Z. Moline, C. Nicol, D. Oye, D. Rochfort, R. Sept, A. Siaroff, R. Sutherland, I. Townshend, Y. Wang, V. Wells, R. Wood, R. Yalamova-Usher
- Other:** J. Black (Recording Secretary), L. Corbiere, L. Little Bear, J. O’Dea, S. Olson, S. Sproule, R. Weasel Fat

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.01

Hawkins/Hunt

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #477 held Monday, June 4, 2012 be approved with the addition of 4.1 Appointment of Student Members.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.02

Kingfisher/Letts

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #476 held Monday, May 7, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon highlighted a number of items.

- Convocation – A thank you was given to everyone involved in and who participated in Convocation. It was another successful event.
- Alumni Events - The Alumni Honour Society event and the first Fiat Lux ring ceremony was also held the Wednesday prior to Convocation. It was well attended and organized, and individuals processed with the piper West through the Aperture to receive their ring.
- Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education - The new Deputy Minister is David Morhart and the Minister is now Stephen Khan who is a brand new MLA and Minister. Minister Khan's grandfather created an endowment here at the UofL to support Islamic studies. A formal meeting has not occurred yet with these individuals.
- Strategic Planning Committee – The committee received the open letter and then it was sent out to the internal community, Senate and Board of Governors. This has not yet been sent externally as this is only the start of a visioning exercise. A process plan has also been approved. The plan will move through the Board Governance Committee in Fall 2013 to have the final plan be in place for 2014.
- *Report to the President: FNMI Centre* - M. Mahon introduced J. O'Dea, Dean Emeritus Faculty of Education; L. Little Bear, Advisor to the President; and R. Weasel Fat, VP (Academic) at Red Crow College. They were asked to examine First Nations Metis and Inuit (FNMI) initiatives across the campus and present their recommendations on a future strategy. An executive summary of the *Report to the President: FNMI Centre* was distributed and is now on the President's website for viewing. They came forth with seven recommendations: create a Niitsitapi gathering place on campus; establish an elders program in the Niitsitapi gathering place that will provide more consistent access to Elders for students, faculty and staff; establish an Aboriginal Education Policy, which is approved by General Faculties Council; establish a GFC standing committee to administer, implement, and monitor the Aboriginal Education Policy; for the gathering place staff implement, administrative structures from other Native Centres or gathering places; review the funding for Aboriginal student support; and create an appropriate space. The recommendations will come back to GFC in a variety of ways. A thank you was given to them and A. Hakin for all the work that has been done. The floor was open to questions. It was clarified that ideally it would be nice to have a stand-alone building, but the building is less important than what happens inside it. It was also clarified that the number one priority of the University is still the academic building.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Appointment of Student Members

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.03

Hakin/Escher

That GFC approve the new appointed student members indicated for the 2012-2013 year. The appointed Students' Union representatives are: Z. Moline, A. Morning Bull, V. Wells, C. Hollingsworth, S. Talbot, B. Schnell, and two vacancies still exist. The appointed Graduate Students' Association representatives are: Y. Wang and J. Wiebe.

Motion: Carried

4.2. GFC Committee Nominations

D. Kazakoff explained the nominations process was conducted by a subcommittee of Executive. There are also two vacancies still for the committees. A. Siaroff, A. Escher, J. Dobbie, D. Kazakoff and J. Black were the members of the nomination sub-committee and M. Mahon thanked the group for their work on improving this process. It was clarified that within the Grade Appeal Committee it is two members and an alternate.

D. Kazakoff presented the nominees from the Executive Committee.

Convocation Committee: Neil Stubbs (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)

Curriculum Coordinating Committee: Lynn Ambedian (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Discipline Committee: Jackie Rice (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)

*Grade Appeal Committee: Barry Stannard (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015)
Ian MacLachlan (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)
Janet Youngdahl (Alternate) (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015)*

Student Awards Committee: Goldie Morgentaler (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)

*Travel Committee: Maureen Hawkins (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)
Aaron Taylor (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)*

University Review Committee: Ian MacLachlan (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015)

*Faculty Handbook Appeals: Alan Siaroff (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014)
Danny Le Roy (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014)
Pam Adams (Alternate) (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014)
Ian McAdam (Alternate) (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014)*

Senate:

Lynn Kennedy (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2015)
Name Pending (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2015)
Name Pending (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2015)

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. A nomination for W. Osborn on Senate was made.

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.04

Ellis/Kingfisher

All nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Council elected by acclamation the slate of candidates with the motion that all nominations cease.

4.3. Academic Quality Assurance Policy and Process

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.05

Boudreau/Hakin

*That GFC approve the Academic Quality Assurance Policy and Process, effective immediately.
Amendment in point 11, page 14 to remove the words “on the continued improvement”*

Motion: Carried

B. Boudreau provided a background on the policy and process. From 2005 to 2011 there were nine quality assurance reviews completed on campus, and to date there are currently 14 ongoing and 8 are promised.

The quality review conducted of our own process came forth with 41 recommendations, and twenty seven recommendations were tied to the Academic Quality Assurance Policy and Process document with all of these being addressed within the document enclosed. On May 24th the GFC University Review Committee approved this and it went to GFC Executive on May 28th.

Questions arose on scheduling program reviews and the hope is that programs will be volunteered. Further questions and comments were around reviewing institutes, members on the self-study committee, wording of reflection versus recommendations, and a comment that the document is very well done. A friendly amendment was noted for point 11 to remove continued improvement.

B. Boudreau thanked P. Sparrow -Clarke and the GFC University Review Committee on their tremendous work over the last year. A new website on quality assurance has also been developed <http://www.uleth.ca/quality/> and all members were invited to browse the site. There were also numerous other changes to ensure openness such as the website and data templates, and orientation for all coordinators and chairs is being developed.

A quote from the CAQCUA Audit was provided as a reflection on what we are about at the UofL regarding quality assurance:

“On paper and on the basis of our examination of future planning for quality assurance, the UofL is well placed to move confidently forward. The internal policy work complimented by the Woodrow and Murphy external review of the past year, the engaged commitment of senior administration and the wide spread institutional experience of nearly a dozen with their 14 current reviews under way hold great promise for the future. The audit team is confident that the necessary elements for a renewed and reinvigorated unit review process are in place and at a full commitment to this process will increasingly and visually embed quality assurance into the culture of the university.”

4.4. CCC Recommendation – Minors Working Group

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.06

Hunt/Dobbie

That GFC approve recommendation #1 from the Minors Working Group, as presented.

- *No double counting allowed. Courses may be counted once towards a major or minor.*
- *Each Faculty retains the right to determine the number of courses required for a minor but will be consistent.*
- *No changes to concentrations or specializations.*

Motion: Carried

D. Hunt indicated no guidelines existed on how minors would be created, so a minors working group was developed. Further clarification and recommendations will be coming forward from this group. Discussion arose on not allowing double counting of courses and how it is detrimental to programs with numerous course requirements.

D. Hunt will take back for consideration some of the points raised from C. Loewen regarding counting courses outside of the Faculty.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. CCC Update – Master of Nursing Program

A. Hakin indicated that there were some course forms that still required approval from CCC after the approval of the Master of Nursing Program by GFC. The remaining course forms have now been approved and this comes back to GFC for information.

5.2 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – April 30, 2012

The minutes were presented for information.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2012.06.07

Kingfisher/Loewen

That the GFC meeting #477 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried