



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #512

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), R. Adkin, A. Amelinckx, H. Babb, D. Balderson, YJ Bao, B. Black, J. Bocksnick, R. Boére, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, A. Burke, P. Cardozo, C. Ciona, M. Collins, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, P. Esau, L. Escobar, M. Gale, E. Galway, P. Ghazalian, J. Graham, N. Grigg, A. Hakin, R. Harper-Brown, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, D. Jarvie, E. Jing, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, A. Khan, C. Loewen, J. MacKenzie, S. Malla, R. Marynowski, D. McNeill, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, E. Okine, W. Osborn, S. Parmar, A. Predoi-Cross, J. Prestie, J. Sanders, A. Shaw, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, D. Slomp, T. Spagnolo, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, S. Thomas, J. Vokey, N. Walker, R. Wood
- Regrets:** J. Byrne, C. Cooper, J. Harrowing, M. Hawkins, C. Howey, C. Malacrida, J. McGinley, M. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, A. Taylor, C. Williams
- Other:** J. Gallais, L. Corbiere, V. Grisack

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.01
Loewen/Jurkowski

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #512 held Monday, September 12, 2016 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.02
Jurkowski/Ciona

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #510 held Monday, May 2, 2016 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Great turnout at Commencement and New Student Orientation (NSO).
- L. Brown, Vice-Provost reported on Fall enrolment. The target is 8,686 students. As of 7 am this morning we were at 8,617. This number is in flux and likely will change. Masters and

doctoral student numbers are both up and holding stable. First Nations', Metis and Inuit are up this year 26 more students compared to this time last year. Another highlight is the First Nations' Transition Program has reached capacity for the first time.

- Destination Project construction has unfolded rapidly. Thanks to those who have gotten us to this point. A. Hakin will provide more of an update during the item later in the meeting.
- Lethbridge Herald Article on parking – It was a less than stellar report on our parking. M. Mahon understood parking would be a challenge and that it would not be a perfect situation. N. Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) stated that we lost 256 stalls in total but mostly from the north lot. Sixty were lost in the residence lot due to construction. Our solution is to use 212 stalls in the Stadium Lot. Building new parking lots is not an environmentally sustainable option and it takes up a lot of land. We are encouraging people to use alternate transportation. We don't guarantee a parking stall for every student. The Stadium Lot will be free until September 19 and may be extended longer. We are working with City transit as there is a bus stop right at the stadium coming directly here and one on the way back as well. We had arranged for a shuttle but it fell through and would have cost \$6,000/month to operate. Transit is more sustainable. A new software for parking meter purchases was introduced and it will send reminders to your phone, as well as allowing you to top up your parking fees without having to go to the lot. New pay and park dispensers will also be installed this month. Parking review was done with the Destination Project, and estimated costs were given (*after the meeting it was clarified that the number is \$24,000/stall for a parkade stall or \$8,000/stall for a parking lot on flat ground with no services.*) This was taken to the Board for discussion and at that time authorizing funding for this was not considered in accordance with our sustainability priority. The government does not provide any funding towards parking lots. It is considered an ancillary service and money would have to come out of our operating funds. We raised parking ticket fines as people who bought passes could not find parking spots because low fines were not deterring people without passes from illegally parking. People who have purchased passes are now thanking us because they can now find parking in their lots. Going forward, there will be another parking review to give us some best practices/guidelines to manage our parking situations.
- Lethbridge-based lawyer and UofL alumnus Kurt Schlachter has been appointed the 10th Chair of the Board of Governors. Three new public members have also been appointed to the Board: Harvey Labuhn, Tanya Pace-Crosschild, and Shilpa Stocker. Kurt Schlachter has been invited to the reception following the meeting, so you have an opportunity to meet him.
- Lethbridge (and the UofL!) were well represented at the Rio Olympics. Congrats to Ashley Steacy and Kayla Moleshci (bronze medal in Rugby 7's), Heather Steacy (finished in the top 25 in the world in hammer throw), and Rachel Nicol (5th place in both individual breast stroke and 4x100 individual medley relay team). Pronghorn swimmer Zack McAllister has been added to the Paralympic team that will compete in the Paralympic Games this week.
- 50th Anniversary Presentation was given to City Council on Sept. 6 about plans going forward and received some terrific press on it. Activities will start to be introduced over the next month or so.
- Japan – 35th anniversary with Hokkai Gakuen. A new agreement with Meio University was signed in Okinawa. Dr. Mahon also travelled to Ghana for a meeting with university presidents where he presented on our liberal education program.

- Drs. Louise Barrett, Bruce McNaughton and Joe Rasmussen have been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada. It doubles our Royal Society membership in one year. Great accomplishment for our university.
- State-of-the-art medical imaging centre opens on campus – It is a partnership with the Faculty of Arts & Science, Neuroscience department and Radiology Associates. 3T MRI will greatly expand the research possibilities for faculty and students in the CCBN as well as provide clinical scanning for Southern Alberta patients wishing to pay for private MRI study. This creates an opportunity for the MRI to be used 50% of the time to do human based neuroscience research. We have a strong animal based neuroscience program and this gives us the opportunity to expand to human based research.
- Claudia Malacrida named to independent federal review panel examining scientific funding. Significant achievement for a small university as we were the only small institution named to the panel.
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast on September 29th is featuring Canadian Olympian Clara Hughes. She is a fantastic speaker.
- The Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) is hosting the Inclusion Conference 2016 -- Building Inclusive Neighbourhoods in a Changing World on October 2-4 in Lethbridge.
- President Goals 2016-17: M. Mahon has not done this before but thought it will be beneficial as he does this with the Board of Governors. He will give a brief report on his activities in the Spring.
 - Support the transition of the new Chair of the Board and board members (3 new BOG members now and will be getting 3 more in the near future)
 - Lead and support the activities of the senior leadership team, Board, GFC, and Senate – where he has significant governance responsibility with these leadership groups.
 - Support the year-long 50th Anniversary activities in 2017 – have spent lots of time on this already.
 - In collaboration with our VP (Advancement) lead the comprehensive fundraising campaign including fundraising for the Destination Project. We have a commitment to the Provincial Government to raise \$20 million and we are only at 6ish million right now for this project.
 - Establish an effective Campaign Cabinet.
 - Actively participate in municipal, provincial, and federal government relations in support of U of L priorities - spend a lot of time meeting locally, in Edmonton and in Ottawa.
 - Promote internal and external community engagement - include activities on the international front as well.
 - Professional Activities - chair the board of Canadian Intersvarsity Sport (CIS), chair of governance committee and board member of Universities Canada (UC), as well as personally as a member of the Pigeon Lake Water Association Board.

4. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Brian Black – Is there a collaboration with city on bus passes? M. Mahon asked M. Gale, representative from Students' Union to speak to it. They are in discussions with the city and there have been two referendums that failed, and the opt-out options were an issue. A big push this year is to do another referendum hopefully this year for a Upass at a discounted

rate. If it passes, it will be good for the university as a whole. M. Mahon has spoken to the mayor and city councillors already on this issue. We have to find the spot that both groups can live with in regards to cost vs service.

- James Graham – He has seen long lineups waiting for the pay machine. Could we please advertise the app more because he doesn't think that enough people know about it? M. Mahon said that they are looking at how they can enhance communications. We had a perfect storm when a sign was missed being taken down from the NSO on day one inviting everyone to park in the lot for free.
- Emma Jing – She mentioned that she lives in an apartment building across from the university where some students have parking spots but don't have cars. Could this be investigated?
- Royal Adkin – Question regarding the shuttle not occurring and the bus stop location. The bus is usually full, so how is this being addressed? N. Walker stated that we are working with the city and are in discussions right now. M. Mahon stated we are looking to optimize usage of that lot. It's a great opportunity to promote active living with the new pathway from the stadium to the university. The trail is lit and not a long walk at all.
- Brian Black – Fine Arts events – There is already an issue with getting city members to come to campus because of parking. N. Walker said that we had considered the theatre in this process. The people can park in E lot in the evenings.
- Deb Jarvie – no bus schedule after 6:00 pm on Sundays – Can this be brought up in the discussion with the city? M. Mahon stated that the whole issue of access will be in the discussion because students will not pay for the service if it is not going to meet the needs.
- Aini Khan - Will there be more bike racks installed for those who bike to the university? M. Mahon said that we would look at that. We need to look at a variety of ways to get to campus.
- Ryan Harper-Brown – He bikes to campus all year round. Could we get the area around bike racks cleaned out in the winter because it becomes very icy? This was noted and will be passed along.
- Paul Esau – Have there been any discussion with the merchants and city about the parking in their lots? M. Mahon stated that we had talked to the city already about the spinoff effect with parking but not merchants.
- Aileen Burke - .35 fee every time you use app to pay for parking. Is there any way to delete the fee? N. Walker will look into this as she was not aware of a fee being charged.
- Sandeep Parmar – Is the extension of parking at the Stadium Lot going to be for the semester or will they be selling passes for that lot as well? N. Walker said that this will be reviewed and we will look at all possibilities.
- Michael Gale – The SU negotiated free transit during the three days of Fresh Fest with the city. One last comment on parking is when we lost beds in the Pikani residence, it impacted parking in that students that would be living there are now off campus and driving here. It was indicated that this was a good point.
- Paula Cardozo – She gave up her parking pass in October. Is there a way to get a pass being discounted to faculty and staff as well as students? M. Mahon noted that faculty and staff are included in the passes at the U of A and U of C. It was mentioned that it has been anticipated by the Students' Union that faculty and staff will be included as well.

- David Slomp – reference to PSLA funding in regards to labour relations at the post-secondary level. Has the board considered how it is going to respond to this issue? M. Mahon stated that we are in a wait and see mode until we see what the government comes back with. A. Hakin stated that he had a conversation with P. Leclaire (ADM, Advanced Learning and Community Partnerships Division, Advanced Education) in which he stated that they will be talking to a lot of different people on this topic.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed GFC Members

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.03

Hakin/J. Nugent

That GFC approves the appointed members as indicated in the 2016/2017 General Faculties Membership and listed below:

		<i>Term End Date</i>
Arts & Science	Dan O'Donnell	June 30, 2018
Education	Nancy Grigg	June 30, 2018
Fine Arts	Aaron Taylor	June 30, 2018
Health Sciences	Devan McNeill	June 30, 2018
Management	Deb Jarvie	June 30, 2018
Library	Paula Cardozo	June 30, 2018

Motion: Carried

5.2. GFC Curriculum Coordinating Reports

Recommendations from Report 1.

Faculty of Arts & Science

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.04

Hakin/Vokey

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1 - #4 – Arts & Science from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective May 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Fine Arts

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.05

Jurkowski/Black

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #5 - #15 – Fine Arts from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective May 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.06

Hosgood/Ciona

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #16 - #18 Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective May 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Management

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.07

Boudreau/Jurkowski

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #19 - #26 Management from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective May 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

Registrar's Office

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.08

Kennedy/Burke

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #27 - #33– Registrar's Office from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective May 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

Academic Schedule

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.09

Kennedy/Burke

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #34 – Academic Schedule from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective May 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

Recommendations from Report 2.

Faculty of Management

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.10

Boudreau/Hakin

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1 – Management from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

5.3. GFC Representative on Senate

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.11

Siaroff/J. Nugent

That General Faculties Council approve the nomination of Adriana Predoi-Cross to serve GFC on Senate for a term commencing immediately until June 30, 2019.

Motion: Carried

5.4. Faculty of Education Salary, Tenure and Promotion (STP) Committee for Professional Librarians in Education Composition

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.12

Loewen/Nicol

That the General Faculties Council approve the composition of the Faculty of Education Salary, Tenure and Promotion (STP) Committee for Professional Librarians in Education.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin said that the official sod turning was held June 23rd, with a blessing by Blackfoot elders. It was attended by M. Schmidt, the Minister of Advanced Education. Lots of trucks have been moving dirt for the excavation process and this was done very quickly. No incidents involving the trucks that he knows of. They are pouring concrete now. The Grove had electrical services put through it and remediation will take place this semester with the area being put back in order shortly. We are working hard with the government to ensure that we have the appropriate cash flow in place.

6.2. Human Subjects Research Committee Annual Report

E. Okine introduced S. Entz to comment on the reports. Summary of the research done by university researchers. The reports were presented for information were the annual report, as well as the Faculty of Education and Management reports.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

J. Gallais stated that we will be looking at October GFC to nominate 2 GFC Executive Committee members. She gave an overview of what GFC Executive does and encouraged members to think about nominating themselves or a colleague.

6.4. GFC Meeting Schedule 2016- 2018

J. Gallais reported that the November 7th meeting falls within the Fall break and needs to be bumped to November 14th. November meetings have been cancelled in the past but we don't want to make that call right now. This scenario will be incorporated into the guidelines for accommodating the Fall break.

6.5. Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy

J. Gallais reported that this policy is on the Policies website and that they are looking for feedback prior to it coming forth for approval in October.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 6, 2016
Received as information. No questions raised.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – May 13 & 30, 2016
Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Hakin introduced C. Hosgood. After 3 years of work, the NESAs program received national accreditation from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing this summer. It is a great accomplishment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.13
Jurkowski/Loewen

That the GFC meeting #512 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried