



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #503

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2015

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), D. Adams, D. Balderson, YJ Bao, J. Bocksnick, L. Brown, S. Bubel, J. Byrne, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, L. Escobar, P. Ghazalian, J. Graham, A. Hakin, C. Helmer-Smith, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, C. Howey, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, L. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, M. Letts, C. Loewen, I. MacLachlan, C. Malacrida, S. Malla, A. Martin, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, M. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, M. Pijl Zieber, J. Sanders, B. Scott, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, M. Stingl, S. Thomas, K. Ueland, G. Vardazaryan, P. Visentin, N. Walker, E. Wasiak, C. Williams, R. Wood
- Regrets:** R. Boére, B. Boudreau, V. Brickley, M. Hawkins, D. Kaminski, J. Lapadat, B. Lee, M. Lindsay, R. Marynowski, J. Poulsen, A. Predoi-Cross, G. Singh, C. Vokey, S. Wickham, P. Wilson, R. Yalamova, J. Youngdahl
- Other:** L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, V. Grisack

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2015.09.01

Helmer-Smith/Wasiak

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #503 held Monday, September 14, 2015 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2015.09.02

Malacrida/Nicol

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #502 held Monday, June 1, 2015 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported on the following:

- A welcome was extended to the new members of GFC including Erasmus Okine, VP (Research).
- Official transition of senior administrator positions:

- July 1, 2015: Erasmus Okine (VP Research), Lesley Brown (Vice-Provost and Assoc. VP Academic), Bob Boudreau (Dean, Management), Ken McInnes (Interim Executive Director, Sport & Recreation Services).
- Reappointments (by the Board in June): Rob Wood (Dean, Graduate Studies - 5-year term beginning July 1, 2016), Chris Hosgood (Dean, Health Sciences - 5-year term beginning July 1, 2016), Lorne Williams (Assistant Dean, Northern Campuses - 3-year term beginning July 1, 2015)
- Searches: Associate Vice-President (Research) is underway. University Librarian search will be getting underway.
- Congratulated students on the New Student Orientation. It was M. Mahon's first time not participating in the Slip and Slide. The Provost filled in. We had a very successful commencement ceremony with 68% of students attending the NSO.
- Fall enrolment numbers are still in flux and final numbers won't be available until September 22. However, there were 8,417 total registrants as of September 9, it reflects a 2% increase in overall enrolment which includes a 20% increase in the number of new high school students. Congratulations to everyone for this. Retention numbers are also looking positive with approximately a 2% increase over last year. Our International numbers as well as our FNMI numbers have increased as well.
- A Committee has formed to consult with our community about the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Report expected this Fall.
 - Martha Many Grey Horses, Director of Iikaiskini is Chair and includes AVP (Students), Senior Advisor - Aboriginal, and staff from President's Office.
 - Structure is going to the Aboriginal Education Committee this week for approval and then will come to GFC.
- M. Mahon had a meeting with Minister Sigurdson, and other IAE representatives on July 6 and has an upcoming meeting on September 26 on our campus.
- He has had a few meetings with MLA Shannon Phillips over the past couple of months with discussion occurring on the Destination project and including a meet & greet this past Friday with both Lethbridge MLA's as well as Finance Minister and President of the Treasury Board, Joe Ceci – Post-Secondary Education was discussed heavily with the Chamber including infrastructure as well as consistent and predictable funding. We will following up the meeting with a letter to Joe Ceci.
- \$1.1 Million in funding through the Western Diversification Program was received in support of the establishment of the first synthetic biology maker space (called Synbridge) in Alberta.
- There was a meeting with new CEO of Economic Development Lethbridge Trevor Lewington on June 12, 2015.
- The President to a trip at the end of June to Germany, which provided an opportunity to tour examples of regional innovation in that country to lend to our expertise around the Destination Project. He visited the following universities: Universitat Bielefeld, Otto-von-Guericke University and Schmalkaiden University of Applied Sciences
- M. Mahon has taken over as chair of CIS and attended CIS meetings in Toronto.
- President's Exec retreat was held in September.
- Senior Leaders Retreat with the intent to look at common goals and then relate it to the strategic plan.

- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast September 29, Women's National Soccer Coach John Herdman is the featured speaker.
- Fiat Lux Address on Wednesday, October 7 (3pm in SU Ballrooms) – talking about where we are as a university and couched within the reality of funding and our strategic plan.
- Going to visit all of the faculty councils across campus this fall
- Following the success of the UofL's Faculty of Management team at the University Trading Challenge in New York City last November, the UofL has been chosen as the location for the event this November. This will mark the first time that the University Trading Challenge has been hosted at a Canadian location. Very exciting for the Faculty of Management.
- Welcome back BBQ will be on Sept. 15 at noon in front of SUB, by bus loop.
- M. Mahon attended the blessing of campus with Chaplain Erin Phillips and served ice-cream to students today even though it wasn't warm.
- Fall Reading Break - In October a proposal to introduce a fall reading break will be brought forward to CCC. As president, I am hoping that the recommendation will progress to GFC for final approval. The implementation of a Fall break that will not compromise the integrity of our academic programming, is in my opinion, vital to assist with the mental health of our students. And, with an increase in the number of New High School students, we as an institution need to be paying close attention to the needs of our students.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- Carol Williams –Is there any need to respond to the online threats against women and gender studies faculty and students that has occurred at the U of T. Chair has approached security for guidance. Is there a need for a statement from administration on this? Mike was aware of it but hasn't considered making a statement. He will take it under advisement. Craig Cooper reported that became aware of the issue on Friday and has discussed with John O'Keefe and will follow up with him this next week.
- Dr. Mahon has been in discussions with churches and officials in the city regarding the refugee situation. They are actively looking at how the community can be supportive. A Community of Lethbridge response will be forth coming at some point.
- James Graham – There have been a number of different radicalization situations lately in addition to the threats against women, and it would be good to have forum discussions on the issues that draws attention to them but puts it in the connotation of education.
- Michael Stingl – Were there any decreases in enrollment. Andy said we have seen continued decrease in transfer student enrolment. This was predictable because of McEwan and Mount Royal getting degree granting status.
- Ian MacLachlan – when would the fall break occur and what will it look like. A. Hakin responded that we are bringing it forward through CCC. There are 7 recommendations associated with the fall reading break. We are trying to figure out the best model approach for us.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed GFC Members

MOTION: gfc.2015.09.03

Hakin/Jurkowski

That GFC approves the appointed members as indicated in the 2015/2016 General Faculties Membership and listed below:

		<i>Term End Date</i>
<i>Arts & Science</i>	<i>Pascal Ghazalian</i>	<i>June 30, 2017</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Danny Balderson</i>	<i>June 30, 2017</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>James Graham</i>	<i>June 30, 2017</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>Deric Olsen</i>	<i>June 30, 2016</i>
<i>Health Sciences</i>	<i>Mark Pijl Zieber</i>	<i>June 30, 2016</i>
<i>Health Sciences</i>	<i>Mary Nugent</i>	<i>June 30, 2017</i>
<i>Management</i>	<i>Stuart Thomas</i>	<i>June 30, 2017</i>
<i>Graduate Studies</i>	<i>Maureen Hawkins</i>	<i>June 30, 2017</i>
<i>Student (Fine Arts)</i>	<i>Stephanie Wickham</i>	<i>April 30, 2016</i>

Motion: Carried

Three members from the Students' Union will be coming forward in October for approval.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin updated the committee on progress of the Destination Project. They are working on completing a thorough business case for the project. There is a tremendous amount of support for this project in the community and it will have a massive impact on the local economy. We are looking for \$246.8 million in funding from the government instead of the \$212 million that they had allocated. We are concerned that money will not flow forward with appropriate timelines so we want to encourage a more aggressive timeline. The new Government is very supportive of this building but are concerned with funding due to the downturn in the economy. If all goes to plan we will break ground in March 2016. We are working on sustainability measures. It looks like we will be closer to the gold level of LEEDS status than silver. We are starting to talk about Destination Phase 2 – the redevelopment of University Hall.

It was clarified that in regards to the budget it is the amount for the science and academic building only. A question arose on how much of the energy used in the new building will be renewable, and A. Hakin will supply the information that has been compiled at next months' GFC. Dean Cooper stated we are using one of the best consultants in the world on this project. He is quite confident that we will get to the level of sustainability we desire.

A question also arose on contingency documents for the other phases. There is nothing official yet, but we have been looking at a preliminary costing of what phase 2 will cost. Areas that will be explored are level C-E, Hepler Hall, CCBN and the effects on residence. We need to prioritize our needs and reinvest in the infrastructure of the university.

6.2. Human Subjects Research Committee Annual Report

M. Letts reported on the activities of the Human Subjects Research Committee. No questions arose.

6.3. Articulation Agreement (Keyano College)

A. Hakin presented the Articulation Agreement from Keyano College for information. This is for the BSc in Environmental Sciences. We started bringing these agreements forward last year as an item for information for the committee.

6.4. Nomination Committee - Associate Vice-President (Research)

A. Siaroff reported that the Appointment Committee for the AVP (Research) is being struck. The call is going out for three academic staff members to be nominated to the committee. If there are more nominations than vacancies a vote of GFC members will occur. The deadline for nominations is September 17, 2015.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

J. Gallais explained the procedure to replace three members of the GFC Executive Committee. There is a one-year term and two members are required for two-year terms. More information is found on the Governance website. Nominations will be requested at GFC on Monday, October 5, 2015.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report - September 8, 2015

This report was included for information. There were no questions.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – May 25, 2015

This item was included for information. There were no questions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

J. Gallais asked all the new members to make sure to sign the attendance sheet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2015.09.04

Adams/Loewen

That the GFC meeting #503 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried