



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #500

Approved Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2015

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), B. Black, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, C. Carnaghan, M. Carrell, C. Cooper, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, B. Ellis, L. Escobar, S. Glydon, A. Hakin, M. Hawkins, L. Hildebrand, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, M. Kawchuk, L. Kennedy, J. Kummer, J. Lapadat, M. Letts, M. Lindsay, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, I. MacLachlan, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, W. Osborn, J. Parker, M. Pijl Zieber, N. Piquette, J. Poulsen, A. Predoi-Cross, V. Rodych, J. Sanders, A. Siaroff, T. Spagnolo, S. Thomas, J. Vokey, N. Walker, E. Wasiak, C. Williams, S. Wismath, R. Wood
- Regrets:** A. Andreachuk, R. Boére, K. Bose, S. Bubel, L. de Klerk, M. Gale, B. Gordon, T. Gunn, K. Haight, P. Henzi, D. Kaminski, S. Kennedy, B. Lee, R. Miller, D. O'Donnell, D. Olsen, J. Sheriff, D. Sirbu, R. Sutherland, P. Wilson
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack

M. Mahon stated that this was the 500th meeting of GFC and that there was cake to celebrate. He also thanked the students for their participation as it is the last meeting for them.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.01

Jurkowski/Black

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #500 held Monday, April 13, 2015 be approved with the addition of Item for Information 6.1 GFC Nomination Committee Update (A. Siaroff) with renumbering of the rest of the items and Item for Action 5.4 CCC Report to GFC (A. Hakin). Judith Lapadat will now be addressing new Items for Information 6.5 and Items for Action 5.3.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.02

Lapadat/Loewen

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #499 held Monday, March 2, 2015 with wording change in 5.1 and GFC Meeting #499.1 March 26, 2015 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Community Update/Budget Town Hall on April 1 – great attendance. Apology to student whose question didn't get answered on the website. (This update can be found on the Office of the President website). There is a marathon budget meeting today.
- Honorary Degree Recipients announcement is going out very soon. This year's honorees are: Xiaoyi Bao, Chief Victor Buffalo, Gregory Fahlman, Bryan Kolb, and Ian Tyson.
- Pleased to announce our new chancellor – Janice Varzari, our first alumna to hold that position. The installation will occur at the first convocation ceremony this Spring.
- Congratulations to Claudia Gonzalez who received a renewal of Canada Research Chair in Sensorimotor Control.
- Government announcement that the Letter of Expectation has been discontinued.
- Thanks to those who attended the Donor Gala (Fine Arts focus) on March 4. Thanks to Ed Jurkowski and Fine Arts staff. Lots of positive comments about interaction with students.
- Calgary Alumni & Friends Dinner featuring Margaret Atwood was on March 27, it was a wonderful event and she was an amazing speaker.
- Congratulations to Jim Steacy, alumnus, and Kim Veldman, student, recognized as Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame 2015 Kinsmen Sports Persons of the Year.
- Sports model review in Lethbridge Herald this weekend – M. Mahon has received many letters and emails regarding the sports review which has taken place over the last 2 years. The review focussed on ensuring a program of excellence in context with our size and resources. The President's Executive met and determined that we will maintain current complement of teams but, with a heightened expectation around performance, volunteer and engagement, as well as revenue generation. We need to work collaboratively to see how we can fund programs in a different way going forward. We have a timing issue and need to decide this now to move forward with recruitment and commitment to our athletes. We will communicate this to student athletes.
- Innovative local businessman Dennis Neufeldt of Haul-All will be honoured at the Faculty of Management's Annual Scholarship Dinner on April 16.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- I. MacLachlan – 2 questions on academic schedule – The semester seems longer than it normally is? Regarding the potential for a fall reading week - What is the state on this change? A. Hakin reported that the registrar is investigating, and there are possible issues with Education and Health Sciences. C. Loewen reported that they are looking at semester

hours and they possibly could have a break at thanksgiving. They are looking at module courses which is the issue for them. C. Hosgood reported that there is some concern in health sciences with practicums. There is a possibility of maybe putting a disclaimer in the Calendar for some programs. J. Lapadat mentioned that a working group was formed and their findings will come to CCC. At the next meeting can we get a report on if this semester was longer and why did this happen? We will have S. Kennedy report back next meeting.

- J. Vokey – The president of Cape Breton University advocated for free education, and what is our President's thoughts on that. M. Mahon replied that there has been discussion that the Cape Breton's president has tried to facilitate; however, it is a broad public policy statement.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. U of L Library Collection Guidelines

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.03

Nicol/Hildebrand

That GFC approve the Library Collection Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

5.2. Associate Dean of Management Appointment Committee

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.04

Ellis/Glydon

That GFC approve the attached procedures and process for the Associate Dean of Management Appointment Committee.

Motion: Carried

That there are no students on the committee was discussed. Dean Ellis stated that the role is primarily internal and operational so it would not be as helpful as on other committees.

5.3. GFC Admission Standards Committee Bylaw Revisions

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.05

Lapadat/Siaroff

That GFC approve the revised portion of the GFC Bylaws regarding membership of the Admission Standards Committee.

Motion: Carried

5.4. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to GFC – Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.06

Hakin/Hosgood

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Post-Diploma Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation.

Motion: Carried (2 opposed 1 abstention)

Opposition was voiced to the GLER modification in the new program. It changes from 6 courses to 3 courses and it is a reduction to one fine arts and two social sciences. Dean Hosgood commented that in order to meet the certification and accreditation requirements set by the governing bodies, there is no wiggle room. Initially none of the courses count towards certification requirements. It might change in the future and we could re-evaluate. Our program is the only accredited program of this kind in Canada. Dr. Jerome Singleton from Dalhousie University is on campus to help us adapt the program to meet the requirements. Discussion occurred on why we don't require more credit hours to meet both our needs with the rebuttal that the Dean wanted to keep the program to 4 years in length. We can work with partner institutes to get some of their courses to align with the requirements, then we could backfill the original GLER courses back into the diploma. We have to make sure that the students who graduate from the program are certified.

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.05

MacLachlan/Hawkins

That GFC refer the motion back to the committee.

Motion: Defeated (2 in favour)

Dean Hosgood stated that he understood concerns but we want to create the best program in the country to put the University of Lethbridge as a leader. Under Quality Assurance, the program will be reviewed in the future.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. GFC Nomination Committee Update

A. Siaroff reported that they have extended the time period for nominations for two positions. There were more nominees than positions for the GFC Academic Quality Assurance committee, so GFC members were informed that there will be an electronic vote shortly. The slate of nominees is scheduled for presentation at May's GFC.

6.2. Crisis Communication Plan & Emergency Notification System

J. O’Keeffe and R. Westlund presented. We don’t have 1 system to access all the university community. We do have Singlewire InformaCast software with which we are developing an emergency notification system. We need a system that will communicate both on and off campus. Presentation is filed with these minutes.

6.3. AGILITY

L. Brown spoke to a number of grants that have been awarded to our faculty - 20 out of 27 grants applied for were awarded. Congratulations was given to the Office of Research and Innovation Services (ORIS). She then gave a presentation on AGILITY which is a rejuvenation of the THINC program. It is focussed on the student experience. Presentation is filed with these minutes.

6.4. Destination Project

A. Hakin stated that there still is a Destination Project. We want to talk to government again to keep momentum going. The election is stalling talks. The framework of the building has been designed and we are now getting into detailed programming designs. We are still pushing forward to be shovel ready even though we are a long way from digging a hole and putting in a foundation. The \$212 million funding remains intact. A mention was made of the physical model in Research Services Office and sustainability. It is the design of the building as it stands today but will probably change a bit. A. Hakin stated that Transsolar has built buildings that have incredible sustainability factors built into them. Some exciting features have been discussed – river cooling system, airflow patterns are novel, double curtain approach are a few. N. Walker added that the University tried to partner with the City of Lethbridge for self-generation but couldn’t come to an agreement because our needs were different. We need to raise \$50 million towards the building from donations so we have to get active in raising funds. There is opportunity to match funds, and we are also looking into financing options.

6.5. GFC Admission Standards Committee CARI Statement

J. Lapadat stated that the four Comprehensive Academic Research Institutes (CARI) have collaborated on a statement to enhance pathways for all CARI’s to put into the Calendar.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – April 7, 2015

Received for information. No questions were asked.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – February 23, 2015

Received for information. No questions were asked.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2015.04.07

Hollingsworth/Piquette

That the GFC meeting #500 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried