



Monday, April 3, 2017

3:00 p.m. in W646

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

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2017.04.01

Jurkowski/Cooper

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #518 held Monday, April 3, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2017.04.02

Adams/Adkin

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #517 held Monday, March 6, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A. Hakin reported for M. Mahon:

- Budget - Provincial – The 2% increase was promised and delivered by the government. The backfill to tuition was not given and tuition is still frozen. We are awaiting more details of the budget and hopefully will have the agreement within the next month. Mental Health funding was announced but we do not know how the funds will be distributed amongst the 26 institutions. The Destination Project was given \$65 million. MLA S. Phillips toured the project last week. We are now looking for planning money for Phase 2.
- Thanks to all of our outgoing Students' Union and Graduate Students Association representatives as this is their last meeting. We look forward to welcoming the incoming representatives at our meeting next month.
- ABC Review/Compensation – no new information has been given out yet.
- Science fair took place last weekend. A. Hakin was a poster judge, which was a good experience.
- Women's Pronghorn hockey team fundraiser was very successful – over \$20000 were raised.
- 5 Days for the Homeless – the students surpassed the fundraising goal of \$10,000, which goes to benefit Woods Homes. It is a wonderful fundraiser – Congratulations to the students.
- International Dinner - Turning Obstacles into Opportunities on March 21st featured Alums Julie and Lowell Taylor who appeared on the Amazing Race Canada. The silent auction funds go to the international student emergencies fund. Scotia Bank matches what was raised so over \$8000 was raised in total.
- Calgary Alumni and Friends Concert March 16th featured alumnus John Wort Hannam and the Highway 3 Trio. It was a lovely evening.
- Successful Native Awareness Week last month with the unveiling of the ceremonial pipe for 50th Anniversary.
- Drieger lecture took place last weekend.
- Congratulations to all involved in the successes of Research Week, Meeting of the Minds Conference with the Meeting of the Minds journal launching on March 25th.
- On April 7th - the UofL is partnering with other community organizations by signing the Southern Alberta Water Charter, via the Oldman Watershed Council.
- M. Mahon will be attending a Kainai Chieftainship Special Meeting in Standoff later this week.
- Management Scholarship Dinner with Leroy Little Bear and Amethyst First Rider will take place on April 13, 2017.
- Spark 2017 Teaching Symposium will be held April 27-28
- Convocation June 1 & 2, A. Hakin encouraged all to attend and celebrate the success of our students. It is important to support our graduates.
- Homecoming Weekend including the Shine On Festival is September 1-3 - concert announcement of performers included Dallas Smith, Corb Lund, The Washboard Union, Millz Skillz, as well as a Canadian Fireworks extravaganza.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- No questions raised.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Fine Arts STP Policies

MOTION: gfc.2017.04.03

Jurkowski/Black

That General Faculties Council approve the revisions to the Faculty of Fine Arts' Supplementary Policies document, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

E. Jurkowski gave some background on the new document. Article 12.01 in the Faculty Handbook identifies criteria for a Faculty member's teaching, research and service while Article 12.02 allows the provision for supplementary policies for each faculty. Five years ago, Fine Arts developed the Supplementary Policies document. This year a couple of items needed changes or modifications such as a name change for the Drama Department. The document was approved at the last Fine Arts Faculty Council meeting and needs to be approved by GFC for next round of STP hearings.

5.2. Academic Plan

MOTION: gfc.2017.04.04

Brown/Cooper

That General Faculties Council approve the attached Academic Plan 2017/18 pending any minor editorial revisions.

Motion: Carried

L. Brown stated that the background is there to provide information on the journey of the document. It was mentioned that what is listed as Cinema minors in New Media will be concentrations not minors. It was also mentioned that in the appendices on page 82 there is a typo regarding the International dinner.

5.3. Course Evaluation Committee

MOTION: gfc.2017.04.05

Hosgood/Jurkowski

That General Faculties Council approve the recommended language identified in the attachment that shall be featured at the outset of each University of Lethbridge course evaluation (electronic or paper); the recommended language may be included on course outlines at the discretion of the instructor, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Mandate was to recommend process to preserve student anonymity and ensure that student feedback should be civil. Deans became aware of some harassment of faculty members so this became important to address. It was asked if gender was discussed. C. Hosgood stated it was discussed at the committee level and this document will be reviewed in a year. The ULFA Gender Equity Diversity Committee has been doing some work on gender and ethnicity. A. Hakin suggested that the Teaching Centre should introduce this subject in workshops for faculty. J. Gallais stated that this comes under the non-academic discipline if there are concerns on this topic. Dean Cooper suggested that this next year until the review is done that faculty let the dean know if there is an issue. It was asked why graduate students are not included. A. Hakin stated that this is an oversight on his part as evaluations usually focus on undergraduate courses. Comment was made regarding going in a different direction from this type of evaluation.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

C. Cooper initiated the conversation and then M. Letts updated General Faculties Council on the progress of construction of the Destination Project. The scale of the building is massive. M. Letts had a brief update with some photographs. The project is on schedule in regards to the milestones that were set out. These included the following: level 7 slabs sections poured/construction is moving from north to south/level 7 to level 8 columns construction ongoing. Some disruptive things will happen in the summer - storm and sanitary sewer connections as well as drainage and civil engineering work on coulee trail.

6.2. 2017-18 Operating Budget

C. Takeyasu presented an overview on the new 2017-18 Operating Budget to the committee. They start a review 6 months out with a number of budget assumptions. We have a balanced budget for this year but projecting deficits for the next two years. 83% of the budget goes to salaries and benefits. Strategic priority requests are funded with one time funding. We were told that lights on funding for the Destination Project was included. We are not so sure now. \$2.75 million needs to be found to open the building lots of conversation with the governments. The interest earned on grants now becomes part of the funding. This is a big change. A question was asked if 83% is comparable for other institutions to cover salaries. N. Walker responded that it is. Utilities were discussed at Statutory Deans Council. We can build in the costs for the carbon tax but cannot know how these costs will be passed onto us from our vendors.

6.3. Banner Update

S. Kennedy updated members on the progress of the Banner revitalization. There is very little time left so any major issues will be postponed to a later date. Start the transition on June 4 and hope to have it completed by June 10th. The Student Information team has transitioned to IT as of today. Andy congratulated the Registrar and her team on all the work done so far. It is a huge undertaking.

6.4. Research Centres & Institutes Policy

J. Gallais reported on the changes to the policy that will be going for approval at the next board meeting. Policy was updated to include the review of Type A Centres/Institutes with the review being done by the Academic Quality Assurance Committee.

6.5. GFC Nominations Committee

A. Siaroff gave General Faculties Council an update on the upcoming vacancies to GFC Committees. We are looking for academic staff members that need not be members of GFC. A list was enclosed with the agenda package but can also be viewed on the Governance website - <http://www.uleth.ca/governance/vacancies>.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – March 27, 2017

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – February 27, 2017

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The SU wanted to mention National Tartan day. They will be providing a free lunch for 650 students. Thank you to the President's Office and Advancement for the support of this event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2017.04.06

J. Nugent/Adkin

That the GFC meeting #518 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried