



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #498

Approved Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2015

3:00 p.m. in W646

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2015.02.01

Wasiak/Copeland

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #498 held Monday, February 2, 2015 be approved with addition of 6.10 GFC Board Member and A. Hakin to report on 6.4 Deans' and Executive Directors' Council – Changes.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2015.02.02

Carnaghan/Wasiak

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #497 held Monday, December 8, 2014 be approved with minor change in attendance.

Motion: Carried

A question arose on the wording of the Liberal Education Revitalization motion and clarification on it was given by A. Hakin as well as S. Wismath who spoke to it in December. It was also mentioned that the GFC meetings are audio recorded and then that is destroyed once the minutes are approved. Another question arose on the details in the minutes and it was explained that the GFC Bylaws do contain rules on how we minute certain things, but Council can always amend this if they wish.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Budget - an email with all the information we have was sent out to the university community on Jan. 29. The challenge, even in meeting with the Deputy Minister, is that they know no more than we do. The Government has changed the budget process. There is now a 7 person budget committee. M. Mahon attended a lunch with Treasury Board head, Robin Campbell today – nothing new in the presentation but among the highest priorities was education (including K-12 and post-secondary). What that means, the President doesn't know but it is potential good news. The budget committee is doing scenario planning in a vacuum for 0 to -8% reductions.
- People Plan World Cafes are completed- thanks to those who attended.
- Communication:
 - We have adopted the practice of direct email communication with faculty and staff on issues of institutional importance or issues requiring urgency. The recent budget update (noted above) is an example of this.
 - We will ensure that faculty and staff receive direct communication on relevant issues if we are also communicating directly to students.
 - Not all messages will be sent via email as we recognize the frustrations of the volumes of email we receive daily. Platforms like the Notice Board, UWeekly, UNews, the Frequent Messaging Area of the homepage, and the digital signs throughout campus are tools available to us and they are utilized when appropriate.
 - The Emergency Notification System and Crisis Communication practices are related to this will be discussed at a future GFC meeting (April).
- Various meetings with government officials lobbying on a few fronts, macro-level of funding for post-secondary, the second level is related to our operating funding, the third is related to capital funding, and the fourth is innovation and support.
- Congratulations to Dr. Helen Kelley as she was appointed Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies.
- \$150,000 in funding to Dr. David Naylor from the Canada Foundation for Innovation to go towards the purchase of cryogenic testing facility which will help position the UofL as a leader in cryogenic testing and open the doors to participation in future space missions.
- Faculty of Management inaugural Executive in Residence Presentation for the FNMI Scotiabank Mentors Program - Honorable Jennifer Campeau on January 29. M. Mahon had coffee with her the next day. She is a graduate of UofL and a Minister in Saskatchewan government. She is the only Aboriginal person in the cabinet.

- Council of Presidents meeting in Edmonton on January 28. It is an informal meeting of 26 institutions and became more formal at this meeting as the Council of Presidents
- Vice-President (Research) Search update - process is moving along with the next meeting scheduled for February 6 to consider a list of candidates.
- Dean of Management search is also ongoing.
- \$15,000 RBC funding announced for agility and innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Upcoming Events
 - Canadian storyteller Margaret Atwood the featured speaker at 2015 Calgary Alumni & Friends Dinner March 27.
 - International Dinner will be held on February 26 with guest speaker Geoff Haines-Stiles, the producer and director of PBS series *COSMOS* (same evening as Joint GFC/Board reception)
 - Play Day on February 16 become a huge success for families to spend some time at the UofL
 - Donor Gala is taking place on March 4
- Mental Health First Aid highlighted. Pamphlets will be left at the back. Faculty and staff are part of the solution for students facing challenges. M. Mahon attended this course when he was in Edmonton and took away from the experience, having the opportunity to help individuals identify supports for themselves.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- W. Osborn asked for the dates of the mental health workshops? Workshops are Feb 17-18 and Apr 23-24.
- A. Hakin sent out congratulations to Fine Arts for a successful Abbondanza, a showcase for many of our students. David Naylor's presentation to Public Professor's was also a sellout crowd.
- I. MacLachlan – A number of events are also on February 26, and this is the same evening as the Public Professor's night. Discussion occurred on a central calendar utility to prevent multiple things on one evening. The challenge is that it is easy to do for university wide events but hard to do when you get down to the faculty level. R. Westlund will bring that back to the communications department.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Associate University Librarian Committee: Bylaw Amendment and Process

MOTION: gfc.2015.02.03
Nicol/Hawkins

That General Faculties Council approve the attached process for the Associate University Librarian Appointment Committee.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.02.04
Nicol/Hakin

That General Faculties Council approve the removal from the GFC Bylaws of Part 4, Section S, 3.: "The candidate recommended for appointment shall normally be a Librarian IV."

Motion: Carried (2/3 approval needed)

Normally it is a Librarian III and it mirrors the associate dean process in other areas. Candidates will still be librarians.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Edmonton Campus

B. Boudreau reported to GFC that there has been a heightened awareness of the northern campus for the last 2 ½ years. On December 11, 2014 the Board of Governors moved to begin closing the Edmonton Campus. We will help the students there finish their degrees at the UofL. They are in the process of setting up meetings with individual students, and there are 20 different options identified on how they can finish their degrees. There was a question regarding the lease. The lease is up in June and Concordia has been very supportive. It was mentioned that the faculty and staff in Edmonton have been outstanding through this and are vital to assisting our students there.

6.2. Destination Project Update

A. Hakin updated the committee on the project and the overall project cost is \$320 million dollars for phase 1 including the energy centre. Phase 2 is the revitalization of UHall after sciences move out and phase 3 is the CCBN. Our most optimistic timeline was finishing the energy centre in Fall 2018 and moving into the science building in the Spring of 2019. Now with the decline in oil, the government is close lipped over the project. Construction and capital are still part of the discussions with the government. We are still going forward with our planning and we want to be ready to get into the ground as soon as possible. We are starting to challenge the people going into the building looking for the maximum space efficiency of the building. Another super week is coming up where the architects, science and utility team, and facility teams get together. Space reductions have brought the project costs down already as we try to keep budget in mind.

A question was asked regarding the fact that the building costs may come down but we are hampered by the drop in the loonie. M. Mahon stated that there are always ebbs and flows around this type of project. The government understands that we need the project, their question is how we finance it. Some discussion occurred on the repurposing of CCBN as due to it being an animal holding facility, it has limited lifespan. Thoughts for the CCBN were around Health Sciences expansion, and additional office and classroom space.

6.3. Articulation Agreements

A. Hakin reported on two new articulation agreements as we are creating new pathways with transfers from partnerships. NAIT is already in place with the Applied Sciences technology diploma transfer. The Lumiere agreement allows 10 students to go on French language experience.

6.4. Deans' and Executive Directors' Council – Changes

A. Hakin updated GFC on the changes as N. Walker is in Edmonton. At the fall senior leaders retreat, the amount of repetition for some administrators on multiple committees was discussed. In trying to respect people's time and to reduce redundancy, there was some reorganization of the committees. Executive Directors' Council and Deans' Council were combined into Statutory Deans' Council. The Provost and the VP Finance both have their own advisory committees. There was discussion on the delegation of the chair of Deans' Council by the president and the membership of Assistant Deans on the committee. Dean Loewen asked for clarification on which Assistant Deans are supposed to be on the committee.

6.5. GFC Academic Quality Assurance Chair

A. Hakin referred this on to B. Boudreau. Since 2009, he has chaired the University Review Committee which is now AQAC. Last week they closed their 31st quality assurance review. It's time for B. Boudreau to step down as chair and it is important for others to have this opportunity to try an administrative experience. If anyone is interested you can speak with B. Boudreau. The deadline for a decision on the chair is March 13th. There will be no hires if this cannot be filled. This is coming to GFC for information because it is a GFC Standing Committee.

6.6. Seeking Nominations:

Speaker Research Medal (*Deadline Feb. 27, 2015*)

President's Awards for Service Excellence (*Deadline Mar. 20, 2015*)

This was received for information.

6.7. Joint Board of Governors/General Faculties Council Event

J. Gallais reminded everyone about the joint Board and GFC event to be held after the Board meeting on February 26th. She also mentioned that the International dinner is that same evening and invited everyone to attend. Deadline is February 20th. Name tags will be provided.

6.8. GFC Executive Committee Report – January 26, 2015

This was received for information.

6.9. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – December 1, 2014

This was received for information.

6.10. GFC Board of Governors Representative

J. Gallais reported that Jennifer Copeland's term as the GFC representative on the Board of Governors ends in March 2015. A candidate needs to be brought forward to GFC at the March meeting for approval for a three year appointment to the Board of Governors. The nominee does not have to be a member of GFC but if they are they would have to step down and be replaced. The GFC Nomination committee will begin the process of advertisement.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Graduate Students Association President M. Carrell informed Council of the 9th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference and three minute thesis presentations on March 20 & 21. He encouraged GFC members to participate. The conference introduces graduate students to the conference side of academic life. They are looking for faculty to do peer review judging. Alumnus Blake Evernden will be speaking of his experience here at the UofL. This is open to undergrads and honors thesis students as well. For more information email conference@ulgsa.ca.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2015.02.05

Wasiak/Hawkins

That the GFC meeting #498 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried