



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #474

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, February 6, 2012**

**3:00 p.m. in W646**

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), S. Alam, K. Bernes, R. Boéré, B. Boudreau, L. Bradley, L. Brown, S. Dawson, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, A. Escher, P. Ghazalian, A. Hakin, P. Hayes, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Jacobs, D. Kazakoff, L. Kennedy, C. Kingfisher, D. Le Roy, M. Letts, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, I. McAdam, C. Nicol, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, D. Oye, D. Rochfort, L. Rodych, C. Schneider, M. Sedgwick, A. Siaroff, D. Siminovitch, M. Stingl, R. Sutherland, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, K. Vos, D. Weeks, A. Williams, B. Wojtowicz, N. Walker, R. Wood
- Regrets:** G. Bedard, C. Campbell, D. Dahle, A. Dymond, L. Escobar, M. Gerken, D. Gill, E. Gorny, E. Hasebe-Ludt, L. Howard, M. Hawkins, H. MacDonald, D. Hunt, R. Lencucha, K. McCallum, L. Meredith, Z. Moline, N. Rosen, D. Rutledge, R. Sept, P. Walz, R. Yalamova-Usher
- Other:** J. Black (Recording Secretary), L. Corbiere, R. Hopkins, S. Olson, S. Sproule, R. Westlund

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.01

Kingfisher/Escher

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #474 held Monday, February 6, 2012 be approved as circulated.*

Motion: Carried

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.02

Hosgood/Nicol

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #473 held Monday, December 12, 2011 be approved as circulated.*

Motion: Carried

### **3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Emergency Student Loan Fund Update**

A question arose at the last GFC meeting and N. Walker prepared a response to the question as Enclosure #1. A question was asked of N. Walker regarding the timelines for paying the loan back and the time frames are decided in consultation with the student.

### **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon highlighted a few items.

- 2012 is the U of L's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and a public kick-off event was held a few weeks ago. Want to enhance existing events as a way to celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have 48 spots on Global television each Thursday night, so everyone was encouraged to watch on television or the website as there are many individuals who will be highlighted.
- The Donor Gala was on campus last Thursday and 430 people were in attendance. Congratulations went to the Advancement Office for putting this on and to the Alumni Association on the unveiling of the new Fiat Lux ring.
- Creation of a white paper. From the Fiat Lux address last Fall the importance of being intentional and looking into the future was emphasized and the strategic plan is coming to an end in 2013, so discussion has occurred and a decision has been made to create a white paper to help move forward in a strategic perspective. This will be done by the President over the next few months, and it will provide an opportunity to reflect on where the university has come from over the last 5 years on our strategic plan, its' aspirations, and thoughts for the future. This will serve as a catalyst for a discussion on campus leading into our next reiteration of the strategic plan. So it will build on the past, celebrate history and build on the future. This will be written as a starting point. Some things within the Fiat Lux address will be highlighted in this paper. Things such as FNMI initiatives, growing as a comprehensive institution, and looking at the structure of the university from an administrative perspective as well as a programmatic perspective to ensure we are best positioned to build on the past and look into the future. All options will be considered in regards to structure for moving forward. This will start over the next few weeks to one month. Many of the current ideas have come from discussions over the past 18 months with numerous people on campus. Please email any thoughts that you may have about this as he welcomed all those ideas.
- The budget is announced this week, and the throne speech is tomorrow. Usually it starts at a high level so once we have a clear sense of what the budget means for the U of L we will communicate this to the University. There will be information made available on the website.
- Spring enrollment is on track. Numbers at the graduate level look quite good, and undergraduate enrolment is basically where we expect them to be. We also received word that the doctoral program in education has been approved by the province.
- D. Weeks reported to the President that the GFC Research Committee is hard at work in considering a number of CRC proposals. Thanks to everyone for their

work. The interdisciplinary research fund offering also resulted in a significant number of proposals and he is happy that the GFC Research Committee is the vehicle for this work.

- The U of L cosponsored a conference on diversity with the City of Lethbridge. It was a success and congratulations to the people who supported this. We are pleased to support diversity and inclusion within the city as it is important to the university as well.
- The Metis Nation of Alberta and Rupertsland have given \$500,000 towards Metis student scholarships, and we are working to match these fund so we can get this endowment up to \$1 million to support Metis students on campus.
- Scotiabank will announce tomorrow \$150,000 to help fund a FNMI Mentor Program.
- For information, going to the Board will be a transition in name for the Associate Vice-President (Academic) to the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic). This is a title change to reflect the revolving duties that have occurred over time within the Vice-President (Academic) Office.
- M. Mahon spoke at the high school in Pincher Creek on Friday. There are lots of enthusiastic students thinking of the U of L, and it was great to connect with future students.

There were no questions at this time.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1. Appointments

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.03

Hakin/Boéré

*That GFC approves the appointment of Leona Jacobs, as the appointed Library member to GFC, for the remainder of Nicole Eva's term, effective immediately and ending on June 30, 2012.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.04

Hakin/Nicol

*That GFC approve Shannon Spenceley to replace Janice Newberry during her study leave, as an Academic Staff member representative on the Student Awards Committee, effective immediately and ending on June 30, 2012.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.05

Hakin/Loewen

*That GFC approve Leah Fowler to replace Maria Ng as the GFC representative on the Personal Security Advisory Committee.*

Motion: Carried

## 5.2. Comprehensive Institutional Plan

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.06

Hakin/Weeks

*That GFC approves the academic and research components of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan 2012/13 – 2014/15 including a few areas identified that need to be refined.*

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin indicated this is a constantly changing document, and it is an annual government reporting requirement. It started as an academic plan, last year research components were included, and now this year it is all rolled into one. This plan shows where we are headed. R. Hopkins indicated that a section has been added from the environmental scan, and everything else remains the same. The final approval deadline for submission is March 15, 2012.

A comment was provided on spelling and editorial changes, and these can be identified and rectified. Comments were also given on the lower-field NMR spectroscopy being a centre of excellence in Canada, enrolment and direct entry in Management, our strengths and opportunities, and some graduate programming initiatives need to be double checked for accuracy.

## 5.3.STP Faculty of Health Sciences Supplementary Guidelines

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.07

Hosgood/Wood

*That GFC approve the Faculty of Health Sciences Supplementary Guidelines as presented.*

Motion: Carried

C. Hosgood indicated that this has been revised over the years and this relates to the creation of STP committee in relation to academic assistants. There were no questions and/or comments.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1. President's Task Force Budget Process Review**

M. Mahon indicated this item is for information, as there have been communications already about this. This task force was created in the New Year as an opportunity for community to comment on the budget process and for the task force to then contemplate and suggest a process going forward. This is to inform GFC and encourage people to attend the open forums or to provide comments through the website identified within the agenda. No questions were asked at this time.

### **6.2 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – December 5, and 6, 2011**

There were no comments or questions about the presented minutes.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business at this time.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2012.02.08

Le Roy/Kingfisher

*That the GFC meeting #474 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried