



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #507

Approved Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2016

3:00 p.m. in W646

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2016.02.01

Jurkowski/Stingl

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #507 held Monday, February 1, 2016 be approved with moving Item 5.1 to between Items 2 & 3.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2016.02.02

Hawkins/Scott

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #506 held Monday, December 14, 2015 be approved with a change in page numbering.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported on the following:

- The Budget update message was posted on UWeekly on Jan. 25th.
- The 50th Anniversary kick-off announcement was on Jan. 13th. The Planning Committee is seeking input and invites the public to share their ideas at blogs.ulethbridge.ca/50-years/. We are looking back and looking forward to celebrate.
- The Truth and Reconciliation Action Committee will be hosting the inaugural discussion about reconciliation on the UofL campus with Dr. Leroy Little Bear on Thursday, February 4, 2016 3:00 pm at the Students' Union Ballrooms. Martha Many Grey Horses will speak to this as an item later within the agenda.
- UofL welcomes new Research Chair in Potato Science, Dr. Dmytro Yevtushenko.
- He met with Shannon Phillips in Destination Project trailers, good meeting to touch base.
- Comprehensive Academic Research Institutions (CARI) President's Meeting was held last week. They continue to meet as often as possible.
- He was in Ottawa from Jan 16-20 for Universities Canada Meetings. They are optimistic in the upcoming budget of Liberal government as all interactions have been positive so far.
- Board Chair update - Richard Masson has assumed the role of Acting Board Chair, with Patrick Forrest as Vice-Chair. Advertisements are now up and the deadline is February 11th. We also have 3 public member vacancies. We are hoping for the new board chair to be in place in March or April. M. Mahon is pleased to see movement on this front.
- Senate met last weekend and approved the Honorary Degree Recipients. The Chancellor is in the process of contacting them. More information will be released in the coming months. There was an outstanding list of nominees.
- President's Award for Service Excellence is awarded annually to an Administrative staff member or team in recognition of their provision of exceptional service to the University of Lethbridge and members of the University community. Award recipients will be honored at the annual Long Service Awards and Retirement Recognition Ceremony. Nomination deadline March 18. (The poster was included within the agenda package) – M. Mahon encouraged GFC members to nominate colleagues who are doing outstanding things for the U of L.
- Faculty of Management and the Chartered Professional Accountants Speaker Series presents:

- Nancy Southern, Chair, President & CEO of ATCO Ltd & Executive VP of Spruce Meadows, Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Coast Hotel. She is also a member of the Kainai chieftainship.
- Friday, Feb. 5, Olympian Adam Kreek will present *Persevering with Strength - Success, Failure and Mental Toughness* at 3 pm in the SUB.
- Play Day will be on February 15, 2016. We are always looking for volunteers.
- Wellness initiatives -- Winter Walk Day on Wed. Feb 3; Health Check for U program.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- J. Byrne – N. Walker and A. Hakin have been meeting with faculty regarding sustainability on the new building. In light of E. Okine presentation, should we look at sponsoring faculty research on sustainability through this sustainability committee? M. Mahon asked N. Walker to update the council. The committee has limited membership and only meets sporadically. We are looking at other institutions to see what they are doing. We are in the process of drafting terms of reference and will bring that back to the small group for input soon. M. Mahon stated that both the federal and provincial governments are interested in sustainability. M. Mahon and E. Okine are meeting tomorrow in Edmonton with Bill Werry who is Shannon Phillip's Deputy Minister. Going forward, the challenge will be finding those partnerships on campus which will lead to the potential for partnerships with external industry. He invited faculty who have ideas to connect with E. Okine and C. Malacrida to move them forward. We need to enter into this opportunity collaboratively and work within university governance. Universities get into trouble in relation to sponsored research when they lose sight of working within governance. We are well positioned to do this but need to do it thoughtfully so we don't run into trouble.
- J. Graham - In the upcoming budget, diversification will be a key watchword in the document. There will be new opportunities for Post-Secondary institutions to form partnerships with industry as we move away from a petrochemical focus. We need a framework for put in place for Intellectual property. M. Mahon suggested that the government is looking at how they use their money, and we need to position ourselves so we can move forward when we know what their plans are.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Sponsored Research Overview

E. Okine gave a presentation updating the committee on Industry Sponsored Research. He introduced Penny Pickles, Project Manager in Research, to help answer any questions. We need to be able to generate revenue. There has been a decline in funding from government and industry over the years. This program allows industry to put funds into research with mutual benefits. Where do we want to be in ten years – 1/3 of total research funding should be coming from industry and we should have doubled total research from \$16 to \$32 million per year. Within 5 years, we want to be home to 3-5 research chairs funded by industry in various disciplines. What are our strategies? 1) We have hired an

industry liaison officer. 2) We build successful partnerships with industries. Invest with industry partnerships and then expand them within different departments across the university. 3) We have partnerships that do not interfere with the core mission of the university – teaching, research and service. We need to put these partnerships into place that work within our risk management policies. M. Mahon thanked Erasmus for presenting.

A question arose that there is a lot of industry money that is tied to various research funding such as NSERC. It was clarified that this money is usually represented as federal money.

5.2. Reconciliation: A Campus Conversation Event

J. Lapadat introduced M. Many Grey Horses who gave an overview of the truth and reconciliation. Truth and reconciliation was the result of class action lawsuits filed in 1990 by residential school survivors. Reconciliation is a long process that requires healing and action. She supports what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has to say in that we all have a part in addressing this issue. There will be events taking place soon that are a small step to build upon. The U of L has developed a framework for TRC. L. Little Bear will be presenting on this historic intersection on Feb 4th. We will be having panel discussion and workshops that will be happening across campus. She invites everyone to join in and be a part of the conversation to learn from each other. She is working in the Faculty of Fine Arts with regards to the Blackfoot language and art. We will be showcasing work by native graduate students as a part of the Meeting of the Minds event hosted by GSA. We are also working to develop a children's reading program with the Lethbridge Public Library. A number of different departments are helping with different reconciliation events. Education has an important role to play in the healing process. Education is a benefit and a catalyst for society. M. Mahon encouraged everyone to attend L. Little Bear's presentation.

5.3. Banner Revitalization Update

C. Nicol introduced Darren Schell from IT and Susie Kennedy from the Registrar's Office. What is Banner and why does it matter? All of the activities of the administrative and academic units are supported by this system. We have used it for over 25 years and were one of the first universities to use it. There was a lack of features in the system with the way some of our procedures work at the U of L. Elements of the program were modified and every time upgrades were done, the modifications needed to be reintroduced to the upgrade. The newer version of the program now support a number of the things that we had created modifications for. The issue now is that we can't take advantage of some of the upgrades because of our changes to the program.

S. Kennedy stated that there will be changes in Advancement/Finance/HR/RO to support our policies at the University of Lethbridge. 2000 pages of CCC changes were due to Banner revitalization. We need to be able to do mass admission processing which we are behind in doing now. We have strong representation on the committee from across campus and especially from our students. They are trying to roll out whatever they can do now because there will be lots of changes coming in the fall.

D. Schell stated that now there is lots of work going on behind the scenes to clean up the system. Former changes that have been left in the program before have been removed.

We have installed a clean version of Banner and then added in our data. There are now add on products available for the program which we can use. There is a technology transfer being done by the vendor that allow the program to work on the different platforms such as tablets, etc. By August we will be making final preparations and testing for the launch in the fall.

R. Wood thanked the team for all of the hard work. Significant changes in Banner have helped the School of Graduate Studies.

5.4. Destination Project

C. Cooper gave an update to GFC in the absence of A. Hakin. The Project Steering Committee has approved the draft of the design development report. The Report is going for board approval shortly. We enhanced some of the sustainability parts of the building. Some of the changes are that the energy centre will no longer be a part of the building, the relocation of the green house, lab expansions, location of elevators and stairs, etc. If the news is good regarding the provincial budget in March/April, we hope to start digging in May. There will be 185,000 metric tons of earth moved during this time. M. Mahon thanked the people involved in the project. Our timing couldn't be better for this project to have it shovel ready and are just waiting for the government budget. C. Cooper stated that if we start in May, we will save \$17 million in costs over the project. A question was brought up regarding parking and the energy centre. N. Walker updated the committee regarding parking in the north lot. We are sending a notice to those who park there. They will be assigned to a new lot and reimbursed for the difference. There is the lot by the stadium that is a possibility to shuttle between the parking lot and the university. The new walking path between the stadium and the university was mentioned. The power plant will remain in University Hall which will be upgraded and refurbished to work with the new building.

5.5. Articulation Agreements: Grande Prairie Regional College

L. Brown reported to the committee on the new articulation agreements for Grande Prairie Regional College with the Faculty of Management. These are renewals and will help us recruit and retain students through transfer opportunities. M. Mahon reported that GFC Executive is looking at the approval of articulation agreements and the results will be brought back to GFC for your consideration.

5.6. Policy Development Framework Overview

J. Gallais gave an overview of how the Governance Office works with and for managing how policies are developed for the U of L. It is a central place to manage both academic and non-academic policy documents for the institution as a whole. An initial document development plan is submitted to the Governance Office, it is then reviewed by the office and General Counsel prior to the sign off by the Provost and Vice-President (Finance & Administration). All draft policies go for input to Statutory Deans' Council which is the advisory body for the Board and GFC and then are posted for 2 weeks on the community website for comments. After feedback, they proceed to GFC or the Board for approval. We are looking to standardize definitions for the document process. We have a 5 year policy review and some policies will come to GFC for approval.

M. Mahon stated that the strength of the bicameral system is related to the transparency of the policy development system and being aware of what is being developed at GFC or Board levels. A question was raised that some documents may need to be on the site and have been missed. Please contact J. Gallais regarding any questions you may have.

5.7. GFC Executive Committee Report – January 25, 2016

Received for Information. No questions asked.

5.8. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – December 7, 2015

Received for Information. No questions raised.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2016.02.03

Jurkowski/Helmer-Smith

That the GFC meeting #507 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried