



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #516

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

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

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

In honour of the University of Lethbridge's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our commitment to all the local people, the UofL will start the meeting with the following: we recognize that the University of Lethbridge is located on traditional Blackfoot territory. Along with the Blackfoot, we recognize and honour the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people.

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

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2017.02.01

Jurkowski/Adkin

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #516 held Monday, February 6, 2017 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2017.02.02

Hakin/Jurkowski

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #515 held Monday, December 12, 2016 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### **3. PRESENTATION**

#### **3.1. Liberal Education – Sustainable Governance Structure**

M. Mahon introduced S. Wismath, Chair of the Liberal Education Revitalization Committee, who greeted the council with Oki (Blackfoot greeting). The proposal was included in the agenda package for information and a presentation by three students on their experiences with Liberal Education, was given. This was brought forth to GFC to allow questions and the intent is to bring it back for approval at the next GFC meeting in April. S. Wismath introduced R. Nicholson, who has participated in the dual credit Liberal Education 1000 class in grade 12 at LCI. She is now a first year student at the University of Lethbridge. Next was K. Brennan who is a 4<sup>th</sup> year student. B. Cummins was the final student speaker, and he is a graduate student in History. Each of the students discussed how Liberal Education influenced their overall education experiences.

The floor was then open to questions. Overall the comments from members were positive and in support of the proposal. Some of the questions included definitions of some terms, the amount of administrators on the advisory council, indigenous content and including the northern campuses with their unique dynamics. Digital literacy and space concerns were also discussed. A question was asked about the Liberal Education minor. S. Kennedy stated that it has been approved that students in faculties other than Arts and Science will now be able to take a minor in Liberal Education. A discussion also occurred on how the School of Liberal Education will be staffed. It was noted that the proposal is looking at hiring a new dean for the school but the final decision is made by the Board. Dr. Mahon told GFC members that it is important for the Board of Governors to hear that GFC supports the creation of the School of Liberal Education and they will rely on the recommendation because this is also an academic matter as well. It was stated that the dean is a leadership position as identified in the Faculty Handbook and there has been discussion about different models of financing a new position. The Board will also be thinking about the costs. A. Hakin thanked the students for their presentation and the committee for their hard work on the project.

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

M. Mahon reported:

- Happy 50th to the UofL and welcome to the first GFC of 2017!
- Founder's Weekend (Jan. 13 – 14<sup>th</sup>) - kick off to our 50th Anniversary year. Highlights included: the beer can unveil by Coulee Brew Company; University of Lethbridge tartan revealed (Dr. Mahon wore his tartan tie to GFC), the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary song by alumnus John Wort Hannam; a University Hall replica birthday cake made by Sugar Bakeshop owner Alumnus Amy Whipple; Retirees brunch and the launch of Shine On - UofL 50th Anniversary fund in support of student scholarships.

- Fiat Lux Address (Jan. 12) – was presented by A. Hakin and E. Okine on Building a Destination. The conversation on this topic will carry on for the whole year with various groups.
- US Travel ban order and Refugee panel/lunch – M. Mahon made a statement on the goings on in the United States. The recent US travel ban happened at the same time as our refugee panel celebrating the first year of the Syrian refugees living in Lethbridge. The University is trying to support all faculty, students, and staff as this new US policy unfolds.
- The UofL made the list of the top five best-kept secret universities in Canada (according to the Huffington Post, in partnership with UniversityHub.ca)
- Government meetings in Edmonton two weeks ago (John Brown, ADM, Science and Education; Richard Feehan, Indigenous Relations; Joint minister meeting with CARI presidents), subjects included funding and tuition, employee groups and what the post-secondary landscape should look like going forward. Our present funding model is more of an arrangement. Conversations are continuing to unfold and M. Mahon will report to council as he hears details.
- Next week Dr. Mahon is in Ottawa with the CARI presidents and the Minister of Advanced Education's group. First time there has been a trip like this to meet with federal ministers ranging from agriculture to innovation.
- Winter Walk day was on Feb. 1 and he led a group of people around the lake.
- Abbondanza on Jan 28 at the Galt Museum was a terrific success! Congratulations to E. Jurkowski and his staff for a wonderful event.
- Operation Red Nose update - the 12-night campaign saw 629 volunteers provide 1,159 safe rides totalling over 23,000 km. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Operation Red Nose campaign raised \$44,341.29 between cooperate and patron donations for Pronghorn Athletics. Thanks to those who volunteered!
- Professor Dr. Bryan Kolb was elected to the Order of Canada. Congratulations on a great achievement.
- Spring Open House, February 4 - L. Brown mentioned that the first Spring open house happened on the weekend. A total of 331 people attended with 84 applications received. The Liberal Education session was the third most highly attended session out of all of them. Thanks to the Recruitment team and the Deans for making this a successful event.
- Donor Gala will be on Friday, February 10 in the University Library.
- Dr. Mahon is traveling to India over reading week – student recruitment in Delhi and northern India is on the agenda.
- M. Mahon informed the council that he had received a letter from some Faculty members requesting him to present the letter to the Board. The letter was regarding the situation with Dr. Hall and the action taken place outside the Faculty Handbook as well as the suspension without pay. He reported that there are two actions underway. The first issue has been forwarded on to the Human Rights Tribunal and we have no control on that timeline. The second is a member-to-member complaint against Dr. Hall, which is being dealt with according to the Faculty Handbook.
- The President's Award for Service Excellence Poster was included for information. Please consider nominating a worthy co-worker (Deadline is March 17).

- A. Hakin wanted to add two items. He mentioned that next week, the candidate for the Associate Vice-President (Students) position will be on campus to give presentations and he will be looking for feedback. The second item was a sad one with the passing of Dr. Ian McKenna on January 16<sup>th</sup> formerly of the Faculty of Management.

## 5. QUESTION PERIOD

- C. Williams wanted to recognize that the President of the University's Muslim Students' Society did a great job of speaking at the vigil after the Quebec massacre.
- J. Graham commented that the president had addressed most of the concerns except that the faculty are questioning the fairness in handling of the situation. In regards to other members of the faculty that are suspended right now, the question of equity between the situations was also a concern.
- M. Hawkins – regarding the suspension without pay that is now suspension with pay – is the pay retroactive? M. Mahon stated that he can't answer that as it is a personnel matter. What M. Mahon has reported on previously is only because Dr. Hall had already released it to the public.
- J. Vokey questioned whether previous candidates for the President's Award for Service Excellence are carried over. It was noted that nominations are kept for a maximum of 2 years.

## 6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 6.1. Associate Dean, Graduate Studies Appointment Procedures

MOTION: gfc.2017.02.03

Wood/Hosgood

*That GFC approve the attached Process for Appointment of Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

Previously there was a process for appointment in place but it did not speak to reappointment. Graduate Council approved the new process. A question was asked regarding the length of the 3-year term vs 5 years and the appointment being sent to the Board with regards to the committee's recommendation on the appointment. R. Wood stated that Graduate Council wanted to stay consistent with the norm across campus for the length of the term but there is a caveat for a different term length. There was no appetite for the dean's recommendation to be different from the committee so it was not added to the process.

## 7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 7.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin stated lots has happened since his last report. Level 6 floor columns and stairwell supporting areas are completed. They have started the flooring of Level 7. Cement pours are starting on the south side and will progress, weather permitting, into spring. They have

begun the tie in between Phase 1 and University Hall. Level 6 construction is happening under cover with water and electrical services now at the site and in the connection phase. The design team is working on the Level 7-9 detailed schematics. We have started the LEED commissioning process and that began on January 24th. We are looking at the silver designation but hope to be higher when we are done. There have been only 6 minor safety incidents with zero time lost so we are good shape in the way the site is conducted. They do mock disaster drills. There was an incident on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> in which a sprinkler head froze in D section of University Hall and burst. Water went down in University Hall to some of the residence but it was back open in January. Some of the office space is still being restored. It is an insurance matter and not added to the cost of the project. The Destination Project is proceeding on time, with only 3 workdays lost in December because of weather. M. Mahon stated that we are still fundraising. We have a commitment of \$260 million from the province and have raised \$6 million towards the \$20 million we have to raise to cover our contribution to the Project.

7.2. Academic Quality Assurance Policy and Procedures

A. Siaroff updated the committee on the document. No content changes appear in this version as it is a reformatting to follow the standard template for university policy and procedures. Thanks to Paul Sparrow-Clarke for the document formatting. There may be content changes next year after the scheduled review of the Academic Quality Assurance Policy and Procedures is completed. It was requested that at that time, to be in line with the Research Centres and Institutes Policy, the wording should be changed to indicate that Type A Institutes will be, not can be reviewed under the process. A question arose on professional schools accreditation and timing. The committee could be informed of the dates of their accreditation process and the committee would keep them in mind when scheduling reviews. It was clarified that the highlighted section in the document is to ensure the appropriate reference and link is added.

7.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – January 30, 2017

Received as information. No questions raised.

7.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – December 5, 2016

Received as information. No questions raised.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2017.02.04

Slomp/Marynowski

*That the GFC meeting #516 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried