



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #482

Approved Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2013

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), J. Adolf, S. Alam, S. Anderson, G. Bedard, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, B. Ellis, A. Escher, D. Gill, P. Hayes, M. Helstein, P. Henzi, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, L. Howard, D. Hunt, L. Jacobs, L. Kennedy, C. Kingfisher, J. Kulig, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, M. Letts, P. Loewen, C. Malacrida, R. Mallard, B. Mathenia, K. Mazurek, I. McAdam, K. McCallum, Z. Moline, C. Nicol, D. Oye, N. Piquette, B. Schnell, M. Sedgwick, D. Siminovitch, M. Stingl, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, J. Usher, J. Vokey, M. Wang, V. Wells, J. Wiebe, S. Wismath, R. Wood, R. Yalamova-Usher
- Regrets:** B. Boudreau, L. Brown, C. Campbell, J. Copeland, M. Gerken, A. Hakin, C. Hosgood, L. Kleemola, J. Knapp, R. Lencucha, C. Loewen, A. Morning Bull, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, D. Rochfort, N. Rosen, P. Visentin, K. Vos, N. Walker, D. Weeks, W. Yuan
- Other:** L. Corbiere, R. Hopkins, S. Olson (recording secretary)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.01

Alam/

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #482 held Monday, February 4, 2013 be approved with the change of item 4.6 to 4.1.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.02

Piquette/Talbot

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #481 held Monday, December 10, 2012 be approved as amended.

Motion: Carried

Revisions will be made to the question period following the President's report to include a question from L. Jacobs regarding the key parameters. M. Mahon indicated that this will be done once J. Black returns from medical leave. Under item 4.4, the department of physics will be corrected to read the department of physics and astronomy.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- A new minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education was just announced this morning, Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk, who has previously served as the Minister of Education. M. Mahon has requested a meeting with the Minister.
- Budget – M. Mahon indicated that he has tried to get further information regarding the budget, but the government has not let any information out. The budget team is currently working through different scenarios, trying to have a plan in place to manage the affairs of the University. A solid decision cannot be made until the provincial budget is announced on March 7. M. Mahon noted that we might have to get creative in order to move forward as an institution during these fiscally challenging times.
- The strategic planning sessions concluded on January 9 with a presentation to the Alumni Association. A draft consultation report will be available on the website by February 8.
- On January 8, the UofL received \$3 million in funding over three years to support mental health on campus. This is a critical area on campus and the University is fortunate to have received it.
- Congratulations to the UofL Computer Science and Physics students who placed 2nd of 49 teams from western Canada and northwestern United States in the ACM International collegiate Programming Contest. Three students, led by H. Cheng (Math and Computer Science) will be headed to Russia on June 30 for the international competition. M. Mahon noted that this is an exciting way to highlight the strength of our undergraduate programs.
- The Board of Governors recently approved a new food services provider. Aramark will officially take over on May 1, although the transition has already begun. As part of the contract, Aramark will be responsible for various renovations, including Coulee Junction.
- The campus master plan wrapped up with an open house and presentation on January 28.
- The UofL hosted the boards of Economic Development Lethbridge and the Chamber of Commerce on January 30, which included a tour of our science facilities. A joint press release in support of the Destination project was made by both boards. A letter will be sent to the government from both boards which will indicate this support. M. Mahon indicated that this is part of a strategy to engage the community with the project.
- The UofL will be hosting the Canada-wide Science Fair May 11-18. This event will bring hundreds of young people to campus. The organizers are currently looking for volunteers.

- On February 18, the UofL will host the second annual Play Day. Due to the overwhelming success last year, multiple venues will be open throughout campus.
- Annual Donor Gala will be held on February 7 in the University Hall atrium
- Official opening of the Penny Building downtown will be on March 14. University Advancement – Development, as well as Alumni Relations, have moved over to the new space.

Question Period:

What is different with the new food services contract (J. Vokey)? M. Mahon indicated that the contract will be for 10 years, which is pretty common for this type of contract as a change in food services is a significant undertaking. One of the main differences with this contract is that Aramark will not maintain exclusivity on campus; currently LA Chefs is the only off-campus company able to come on campus. Aramark has committed to employ the staff from Sodexo.

Will the resources made possible with the mental health funding be available to anyone other than students (D. Siminovitch)? With the hopes to expand services at the northern campuses as well as add additional healthcare providers in the Health Centre, J. Lapadat reported that the services will maintain a student focus.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Comprehensive Institutional Plan 2013/14 – 2015/16

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.03

Horbachewski/Alam

That General Faculties Council approves the academic and research components of the University of Lethbridge Comprehensive Institutional Plan 2013/14 – 2015/16 with the modification noted on page 44.

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon noted that there was a change to page 44, which was distributed. The Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) is a government-required document which brings together multiple documents, some of which GFC has already approved. R. Hopkins added that the CIP is also comprised of financial and capital documents, which will go to the Board for approval.

R. Wood referred to page 30 and commented that the name of the Master of Health Services Management should be the Master of Health Management; R. Hopkins will look into this. There was a question regarding faculty composition and if the government supplies a template that we fill in. Although the government does outline the areas that need to be discussed, R. Hopkins noted that many of the numbers are coming from the metrics that were previously approved alongside the Academic Plan.

Following a comment regarding sustainability (as mentioned on page 46), M. Mahon noted as part of the strategic planning process, the goal is to identify a set of metrics that relate to each of the strategic priorities, sustainability being one of them. This will be the first time that metrics will be a part of the strategic plan and will be able to provide us with the best sense of progress.

4.2. Associate Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. No additional nominations were received.

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.04

Nicol/Stingl

That all nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.04

Dobbie/Laurendeau

That General Faculties Council approves the appointment of Noella Piquette, Kent Peacock, and Claudia Malacrida to the Associate Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee.

Motion: Carried

J. Dobbie indicated that the names were recommended by the nominating committee. They were acclaimed.

4.3. GFC Bylaws – Aboriginal Education Committee

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.05

Lapadat/Hunt

That General Faculties Council approves the proposed revisions to the GFC Aboriginal Education Committee Membership.

Motion: Carried

Required approval 2/3

J. Lapadat reported one small language change to Academic Staff for consistency.

4.4. Aboriginal Education Committee

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. No additional nominations were received.

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.04

Kennedy/Laurendeau

That all nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.06

Dobbie/Kingfisher

That General Faculties Council approves the appointment of Andrea Amelinckx, Michelle Hogue, and Blythe Shepard to the Aboriginal Education Committee, for a two-year term ending June 30, 2015.

Motion: Carried

The Aboriginal Education Committee was approved by GFC on December 10, 2012 and an open call for nominations went out on December 19. Of the eight nominees, two self-identified as First Nations Metis or Inuit. Because of the overwhelming interest in the committee, J. Dobbie noted that the Nominating Committee let GFC vote on the candidates via an online ballot for the three positions.

M. Mahon added that the new Nominating Committee has added transparency to the nomination process. The current Bylaws require the floor to be opened to nominations, which has been already done and is redundant, and as such, the Bylaws need to be cleaned up.

4.5. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Membership

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.07

Nicol/Laurendeau

That GFC approve the proposed change to the composition of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee to increase the membership to include a professional librarian.

Motion: Carried
Required approval 2/3

Currently there are two faculty members that sit on the Curriculum Coordinating Committee (CCC), and it has been the practice to ensure that a librarian was elected to one of those positions. C. Nicol indicated that it makes sense to formalize the important role of having a librarian on the committee while still maintaining the two faculty positions.

J. Vokey commented that expanding the size of the ex officio membership on the committee weakens the faculty and student vote proportion. Z. Moline responded that even though the student votes are weakened, it is great to have representation on the committee and students still do have a vote.

4.6.CCC Report

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.08

Lapadat/Dobbie

That General Faculties Council approve the revisions to Part 4 – Academic Regulations, Policies and Program Requirements to add a note to the Grading Mode ‘I’ in Section 3.a. and a cross-reference to Section 9, Assessment of Student Learning Policy and Procedures for Undergraduate Courses.

Motion: Carried

J. Lapadat reported that this recommendation relates to the grading mode ‘I’, which now will not be assigned to a practicum course in Health Sciences. She noted that it cleans-up the section of the Calendar that makes that statement.

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.09

Lapadat/Hunt

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Public Health Major in the B.H.Sc., pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

J. Lapadat added that this involves some restructuring of the public health curriculum. This will now make the calendar description for the program clearer as to course requirements.

There was a question as to the length of time that it will take for approval at Campus Alberta Quality Council. M. Mahon commented that A. Hakin and B. Boudreau are working hard to express our concern over this issue, as the approval process has been quite lengthy in the past. They are trying to help the province understand the functionality of a speedier process and the student-centred academic focus.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. GFC Bylaw Review Update

A. Escher reported that since J. Black is on a planned leave, the review process has been pushed back about a month. They hope to bring the Bylaws to GFC in March for information and for approval in April.

5.2. Meliorist Board of Directors

The Meliorist Publishing Society is looking for one member of GFC to sit on their Board of Directors. J. Dobbie noted that the constitution is within the agenda package, and anyone interested should contact S. Olson. B. Schnell added that the Board is currently working on updating the constitution from 1987 and would appreciate having a member of GFC serve on the Board.

5.3 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – December 3, 2012

The minutes were presented for information.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2013.02.10

Alam/Talbot

That the GFC meeting #482 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried