

University of  
Lethbridge



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #502

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, June 1, 2015**

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

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), D. Adams, B. Black, R. Bo  re, B. Boudreau, V. Brickley, L. Brown, C. Carnaghan, C. Cooper, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, L. Escobar, A. Hakin, C. Helmer-Smith, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, E. Jurkowski, D. Kaminski, L. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, J. Lapadat, B. Lee, M. Letts, P. Loewen, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, M. Pijl Zieber, N. Piquette, A. Predoi-Cross, V. Rodych, J. Sanders, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, T. Spagnolo, G. Vardazaryan, C. Vokey, J. Vokey, N. Walker, E. Wasiak, R. Wood
- Regrets:** S. Bubel, L. Elias, T. Gunn, K. Haight, M. Hawkins, P. Henzi, C. Howey, L. Jacobs, M. Lindsay, C. Loewen, I. MacLachlan, J. Poulsen, G. Singh, D. Sirbu, R. Sutherland, S. Thomas, K. Ueland, C. Williams, P. Wilson, S. Wismath,
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, K. Fuglerud, M. Sawa, C. Takeyasu

Thank you to all those members of GFC that are finishing up their terms.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.01

Black/Nugent

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #502 held Monday, June 1, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.02

Carnaghan/Brickley

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #501 held Monday, May 4, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Government Update, in regards to newly elected NDP Government: There was a phone call with the new Innovation & Advanced Education Minister, Lori Sigurdson along with the other 25 post-secondary institutions. Our Deputy Minister Marcia Nelson remains. The

message was be patient for the dust to settle and then we will move forward. We have been liaising with her and the CARI institutions regarding government expectations.

- Met with MLA Lethbridge West Shannon Phillips on May 19 and toured her through the science labs.
- Budget will be presented later as a separate agenda item.
  - Had a phone call Saturday with Elizabeth Cannon, UofC President, and Indira Samareskera, outgoing UofA President. We have decided to be patient and give the government a chance to find their way. There is another meeting with them scheduled in early July with the three individuals and it will be the first meeting with the new UofA president.
- Universities Canada meetings in Ottawa. Also met with Ian Shugart, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development while he was there.
- Council of Presidents Meeting in Calgary on May 15. Large part of the discussion was on transition of government.
- Busy week on campus last week with many events - Installation of our 13th Chancellor, Janice Varzari on Thursday as part of our Convocation Ceremonies. Alumni Honor Society Event Wednesday, Chancellor's Dinner Thursday, FNMI Round Dance Friday – there were 54 FNMI graduates.
- Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (Academic) appointment committee has met. A recommendation has been forwarded to the Board for their approval later this month.
- Long Service/Retirement Awards & Annual Paul Lewis Retirees Luncheon both were held last month and were both well attended. Always a great way to recognize and honor those who have given years of service to the University
- This past Friday night our women's rugby team was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in Red Deer.
- Board Retreat is next week on campus. We will be looking at the strategic plan metrics that GFC had an opportunity to give feedback on. We will talk about the transition of government and begin planning for next year.
- M. Mahon will be doing a presentation to Mayors & Reeves in Taber June 12 to continue to position the UofL effectively in Southern Alberta.
- Meeting with the new CEO of Economic Development Lethbridge, Trevor Lewington, on June 12.
- Canada Mexico Roundtable will be in Nanaimo the week of June 15
- Trip at the end of the month to Germany which will provide an opportunity to tour 2 new partners and 1 prospective partner who is doing a lot of interesting work with regional innovation and small business.

#### **4. QUESTION PERIOD**

- D. Kaminski – Regarding the meeting with Shannon Phillips – Was there any hint of news on post-secondary education? M. Mahon replied that she talked very positively about post-secondary institutions. We haven't received any concrete signals budget wise and the like. They are working through the budget more methodically than usual according to the Deputy Minister. The supply bill may give us a few more signals and we may hear something in the next few weeks.
- B. Black – Can you tell us more about the partnerships for the Germany trip? M. Mahon discussed the University of Bielefeld. He met the president at a forum in Ottawa. They are similar to us but are now bigger in size. They have developed an innovation platform that is university wide and focusses on their region. He is interested in seeing how they tied regional innovation to academic programming to become one of the innovation leaders in

Germany. These are new agreements which will foster opportunity for exchanges. Any signs for cultural exchanges? M. Mahon replied that the Munich University of Applied Sciences agreement started with Management but is looking to expand the agreement university wide.

- J. Vokey – Was there any mention of opening up the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* in the meeting with Shannon Phillips. M. Mahon suspects that there will be some continuity going forward with the government but it may not be in the same directions. We have had the same government for 44 years so there is a kind of language that becomes common and priorities of the government of the day. That “language” may have to change with the priorities of the new government. We will have to build our case for our priorities that resonate with the new government.
- D. Kaminski – Was there any word on Tim Grant’s working groups? M. Mahon suspects that they will rely on the Deputy Minister, Associate Deputy Ministers as well as the professional staff to give them a little more guidance especially in the early days.
- J. Vokey – With our change in government and with the possible change in government federally as well, are you concerned about the innovation push changing? No, M. Mahon replied. If you look at it universally, there is a strong focus to maximize the use of resources that we have from a research and discovery perspective. The extent in which a government changes the focus of innovation could happen but may take on different flavours instead. M. Mahon stated that he had encouraged S. Phillips to reintroduce social innovation previously brought forward by the previous government using different language and perhaps seeing it in a different way.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1. GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee

There were May, October and November meetings of CCC. Program changes are contained in the four reports in the agenda package. The recommendations are attached to these minutes.

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.03

Cooper/Jurkowski

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1-#2 – Arts & Science from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1.*

Motion: Carried

A question was raised of what if a student wanted to take Economics, for example, as a general course in management instead of towards their degree. Are they allowed that possibility? C. Cooper responded that he was not sure about other faculties but that option can happen in Arts & Science. Other deans commented, and M. Mahon suggested that it be discussed at CCC.

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.04

Kennedy/Ellis

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #3-#4 – Registrar from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.05

Wood/Siaroff

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1-#3 –Graduate Studies from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending Ministerial approval.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.06

Hosgood/Cooper

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #4 –Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending Ministerial approval.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.07

Ellis/Cooper

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #5 – Management from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending Ministerial approval.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.08

Lapadat/Hosgood

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1-#3 – Liberal Education from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.09

Cooper/Osborn

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #4-#9 – Arts and Science from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.10

Wood/Nugent

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #10-#11 – Graduate Studies from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.11

Hosgood/Brickley

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #12-#15 –Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.12

Kennedy/Ellis

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #16 – Registrar from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.13

Kennedy/Piquette

*That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1-#3 – Registrar from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 4.*

Motion: Carried

Thanks were given to faculty and staff for their hard work on the Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1. Destination Project**

C. Cooper gave an update on the progress of the Destination Project. The initial project cost was \$330 million but over the last 6-8 months we have reduced those costs to \$265 million for all in costs and \$210 for the construction costs of the building itself. During the last 3-4 weeks there has been a value engineering process undertaken and we have reduced it a further 16.5 million dollars, leaving us with a shortfall of \$8 million. The reductions do not include inflation in construction costs. We have completed the schematic design stage and are moving into the

detail design stage. It now changes to small groups working on details during super weeks. The goal is to keep labs generic to provide flexibility and sustainability. There will be mock up lab modules in the Atrium to allow visualization of what can be accommodated in the space. A question arose on how budget reductions were made and they worked on reducing space in labs, classrooms, energy centre, and public spaces while still preserving as much functionality as possible. A change in materials also helps to reduce costs. It was indicated that it is very typical to reduce down from what you want to have to what reality of funding will provide. C. Cooper gave an example of the grand staircase which is not so grand anymore but still functional.

#### 6.2. University 2015-16 Operating Budget

N. Walker presented the 2015-16 Operating Budget as contained within the agenda package. The approval process was outlined and it was indicated that our guiding principles used to develop the budget were the core values developed by the UofL a few years ago. The budget is delayed this year and it is based on assumptions from the previous government. All positions that were funded March 2015 will be funded and any unfilled essential positions will also be funded. Grant and tuition revenue are held centrally. Expenses are paid centrally as well. The following years are only approved in principal. The government may reverse the 1.4% reduction and is talking about freezing tuition. We need to wait and see what will happen after they look at the numbers.

A question was brought up regarding investment income. The budget shortfall looks to be an artifice in that we are underestimating investment income. N. Walker stated that we are very conservative in our investment income because in the past, as an example, we had investment losses of \$16 million. A certain percent of investment income is put into endowments while most of it is in restrictive funding. Income from those investments have to be put back into the project the money was given for. Discussion on unrestricted deficit occurred with C. Takeyasu giving feedback.

#### 6.3. Articulation Agreements

B. Boudreau presented the articulation agreements from Lethbridge College, Norquest College and Medicine Hat College for information. Two are with the Faculty of Health Sciences and relate to the Post-Diploma in Therapeutic Recreation. C. Hosgood hopes that a couple of other articulation agreements from BC and Ontario will be forthcoming. The one with Medicine Hat College is with Arts & Science to facilitate a transfer into Environmental Sciences. The Provost and President approve agreements on recommendation from the Deans. This is contained in the institutional Signing Authority Policy.

#### 6.4. GFC Academic Quality Assurance Committee Update

B. Boudreau gave an update on AQAC. In February, we came to GFC looking for new chair. From now until December 2015, Ian MacLachlan will chair the committee. It will then be up to the new Vice-Provost and Provost to move forward in finding a new chair.

#### 6.5. GFC Executive Committee Report – May 25, 2015

This report was included for information. There were no questions.

#### 6.6. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – April 27, 2015

This report was included for information. There were no questions.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2015.06.14

Loewen/Helmer-Smith

*That the GFC meeting #502 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried

**(June 1, 2015) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1 to General Faculties Council  
Summary**

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the adjustment to the Cross-listed Courses paragraph in Part 7 (Faculty of Arts and Science) in the Calendar. [\(p. 3\)](#)

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 2/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of KNES 1160/HLSC 1160 and KNES 1161/HLSC 1161 to List III for the General Liberal Education Requirement. [\(p. 6\)](#)

Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15 m.:  
Curriculum Coord. Co May 11/15

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve the simplifications to the application deadline chart. When possible, admission types and/or programs have been grouped together and the notes have been limited to those related to deadlines. [\(p. 8\)](#)

Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Co m.: May 11/15

Recommendation #4

That General Faculties Council approve the introduction of differential application deadlines for the Calgary campus that better reflect the target audience for programs offered at that campus. Some editorial changes to the deadline chart are also included and are intended to add additional clarity to some deadlines. [\(p. 12\)](#)

Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Co m.: May 11/15

**(June 1, 2015) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 to General Faculties Council**

**Recommendations for Programs, Pending Implementation Dates**

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the new Master of Health Services Management program, pending Ministerial program approval. [\(p. 13\)](#)

Prior approval: Graduate Council: Mar. 5/15  
Management Council: Nov. 21/14  
Health Sciences Council: Feb. 11/15



Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the new Graduate Certificate in Health Services Management, pending Ministerial program approval. (p. 26)

Prior approval: Graduate Council: Mar. 5/15  
Management Council: Nov. 21/14  
Health Sciences Council: Feb. 11/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve the HMGT subject code for the Health Services Management courses, pending Ministerial program approval. (p. 38)

Prior approval: Graduate Council: Mar. 5/15  
Management Council: Nov. 21/14  
Health Sciences Council: Feb. 11/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #4

That General Faculties Council approve the creation of the General Major in the Health Sciences in the Post-Diploma Bachelor of Health Sciences program, pending Ministerial program approval. (p. 40)

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Feb. 11/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #5

That General Faculties Council approve the deletion of the Information Systems major B.Mgt., Post-diploma B.Mgt., Second degree in Mgt., and Systems the Information Certificate, pending Ministerial program approval. (p. 43)

Prior approval: Management Council: Feb. 27/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

**(June 1, 2015) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3 to General Faculties Council  
Summary**

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the title change from General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER) List to Liberal Education Course List (Lib Ed List). (p. 5)  
Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve opening the Liberal Education List to all Faculties. (p. 5)  
Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve a new section for Liberal Education in the Introduction of the Calendar. (p. 5)  
Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #4

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Canadian Studies for the B.A. (p. 6)  
Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #5

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Biochemistry for the B.Sc. (p. 8)  
Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #6

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of IDST 2601 to List II for the General Liberal Education Requirement. (p. 11)  
Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #7

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of Statistics 4995 as an option to the B.Sc. for students completing the major in Applied Studies. (p. 13)  
Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #8

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the minor in Religious Studies. (p. 16)  
Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15

Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #9

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Writing entry for the General Liberal Education Requirement.

(p. 18)

Prior approval: Arts & Science Council: Apr. 2/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #11

That General Faculties Council approve the removal of the employment restrictions identified in the Graduate Calendar for the M.A., M.F.A., M.Mus., M.Sc., M.Sc. (Mgt.) and Ph.D. programs.

(p. 22)

Prior approval: Graduate Council: Apr. 8/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #12

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to receiving a B.H.Sc. after completion of a professional degree.

(p. 26)

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Jan. 14/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #13

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the academic probation section in Part 10 of the Calendar.

(p. 28)

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Jan. 14/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #14

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Extended Post-Diploma Bachelor of Health Sciences program requirements.

(p. 30)

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Jan. 14/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #15

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the General Liberal Education Requirement statement for the Post-Diploma Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation program.

(p. 33)

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Feb. 11/15  
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #16

That General Faculties Council approve the implementation of changes to domestic, undergraduate general admission application and document deadlines for 2016/2017 and as extensions to the Fall 2015 deadlines.

(p. 35)

Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

**(June 1, 2015) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 4 to General Faculties Council  
Summary**

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the title change in the definitions of concentrations and minors.

(p. 3)

Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the new part to the Undergraduate Calendar – Part 14 Minors.

(p. 6)

Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve the renumbering of Undergraduate Calendar Parts to accommodate the new Part 14 Minors.

(p. 16)

Prior approval: Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 11/15