



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #520

Approved Minutes

Monday, June 5, 2017

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), M. Abubakari, C. Adams, R. Adkin, H. Babb, D. Balderson, YJ Bao, B. Black, B. Boudreau, S. Bubel, P. Cardozo, C. Cooper, B. Cummins, J. Dobbie, J. Graham, A. Hakin, J. Harrowing, M. Hawkins, C. Hosgood, D. Jarvie, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, A. Kumar, C. Malacrida, S. Malla, D. McNeill, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, M. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, S. Parmar, C. Peta, F. Salins, J. Sanders, J. Sheriff, D. Slomp, T. Spagnolo, C. Steinke, A. Taylor, N. Walker, J. Wishloff, R. Wood

Regrets: A. Amelinckx, J. Bocksnick, J. Byrne, C. Ciona, M. Collins, B. Ellis, P. Ghazalian, N. Grigg, K. Hallett, C. Horbachewski, C. Loewen, J. MacKenzie, A. Martin, R. Marynowski, J. McGinley, W. Osborn, A. Shaw, A. Siaroff, D. Smit, M. Stingl, S. Thomas, J. Vokey, C. Williams,

Other: J. Gallais, L. Corbiere, V. Grisack, J. Croil, P. D'Agnone, P. Pickles, M. Theriault

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.01

Jurkowski/Adkin

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #520 held Monday, June 6, 2017 be approved with the addition of Item 6.5 Banner Revitalization Update and consecutive renumbering in Items for Information.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.02

Hawkins/Parmar

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #519 held Monday, May 1, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported:

- ABC Review – the government has kicked off a review of the Roles and Mandates document and the six-sector model. Mount Royal and MacEwan have asked for more elements like Senate, Chancellor and GFC. Red Deer and Grande Prairie want to become polytechnic universities. This is a new blend of both which we do not have now. It would cut across four sectors - universities, colleges, polytechnics and in Red Deer's case, specialized institutions because of fine arts programming. Concordia wants to become a public university instead of a faith-based university. Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) also wants to become a university. Our perspective will be keeping diversity across the post-secondary landscape. We will be mindful of the cost of transitioning these institutions as well as the demand for these kinds of changes. We are developing the response with the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta. There are other consultations on things like funding model and tuition, as well as meetings with Minister and Chairs but there is nothing new to report.
- Convocation was very successful; events included the Chancellor's Dinner, Lunch for former Presidents, Board Chairs, Chancellors, and a very successful FNMI Feather Ceremony held on Wednesday evening.
- Our Chancellor recently had a meeting with the University of Alberta and University of Calgary Chancellors to see how they do business.
- He attended Simon Fraser University President Roundtable looking at Social Infrastructure and how do we enhance this on our campuses.
- Also attended Calgary Campus Appreciation with 42 instructors present. It is important to recognize the Calgary campus and the important, integral role they play.
- Presentations at SACPA and Cardston Rotary were both related to how we are evolving with the University's anniversary.
- Celebration in honour of Bryan Kolb's recent appointment to the Order of Canada
- Board retreat happening soon.
- Thank you to all the GFC members especially those who are ending their terms on GFC.
- Enjoy your summer!

4. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- M. Hawkins – what is the 6-sector model? M. Mahon stated that it is the formal distinction of roles of the different institutions and only Alberta has this classification. They included Comprehensive Academic and Research Institutions (CARI), Baccalaureate and Applied Studies Institutions, Polytechnic Institutions, Comprehensive Community Institutions, Independent Academic institutions and Specialized Arts and Cultural Institutions. We are supportive of the model because of the diversity it offers the province.
- YJ Bao – thank you for recognizing the Calgary campus.
- M. Hawkins – how do they define university. Define what the requirements of what constitutes a degree. A. Hakin stated that baccalaureate institutions are

defined by diplomas/degrees and certificates that they offer, CARI is baccalaureate and graduate level programming. There is a whole range of mandates of what they offer and differences in levels of funding. M. Mahon replied that many of the concerns expressed would be included in our response.

- E. Jurkowski – Is ACAD interested in primarily undergraduate or CARI status. M. Mahon stated that they are looking at a primarily undergraduate. They are using Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD) as their example.
- C. Cooper – similar system in the USA with junior colleges. The danger is moving to the Ontario system where there is no differentiation between institutions and now they are trying to differentiate which is putting a huge financial strain on the whole system. M. Mahon we have communicated that with our minister and deputy minister. There are similar sentiments coming from many institutions other than the six who are pushing for this change.
- B. Black – Things were homogenized with the conservative government. Do you know what the NDP government is doing? M. Mahon – the previous government was resistant to this opening this up for review. The more we homogenize the less opportunities for students across the province. We need to create diversity of opportunity. B. Black – I thought that the previous government doubled the amount of universities. M. Mahon stated that the last government let faith based institutions call themselves universities. They did not change their status.
- J. Graham – I find it interesting that ACAD is modelling after OCAD who's last academic plan is modelling itself as a liberal arts university. We could lose good people to those kinds of institutions. We need to call them on having the standard of being a university. M. Mahon stated that an emphasis on quality is important.
- M. Hawkins – what is social infrastructure? M. Mahon stated that there are a variety of terms. Positioning and activities that are on or off campus such as our UVolunteer program which gives students an opportunity to volunteer while contributing to the social infrastructure of the community. The roundtable was answering the question of how can institutions come together with foundations to support students on and off campus. It would also include outreach to the community such as the Public Professor series.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Reports

A. Hakin provided an overview of the CCC reports. The Deans were asked to move their respective motions. The full list of recommendations is filed as an attachment to these minutes.

Recommendations from Report 1: Implementation date May 1, 2017

Faculty of Management

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.04

Boudreau/Cooper

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 - Management, from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1, effective

immediately.

Motion: Carried

This is bringing into line some changes from international management to make sure that programming fit with Banner revitalization.

Recommendations from Report 2: Implementation date May 1, 2018

Faculty of Arts & Science

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.05

Cooper/Brendan

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 – #5 – Arts & Science from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Fine Arts

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.06

Jurkowski/Black

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #6 – Fine Arts from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.07

Hosgood/Kumar

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #7 – Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Management

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.08

Boudreau/Salins

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #8 – Management from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

School of Graduate Studies

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.09

Wood/Cummins

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #9 - #11 – Graduate Studies from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

Registrar's Office

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.10

Kennedy/Parmar

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #12 - #19 – Registrar's Office from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin gave an update on the project. Visually it looks fantastic. Tomorrow there will be vibrations on the south side as they pushed through to connect the sewer. There was concrete buried on the construction of University Hall. Noise levels will be intense, as we are not sure how big the obstruction is. On the inside, the interior walls of level 6 are being constructed. As we move into July, there will be a full scale mock up of fume hoods and cabinetry on level six. It is useful for the construction crew to become familiar with our needs. Great progress with the steel structure for the connection to University Hall. There will be three major classrooms in this connection piece. We have lost very few days. We hope that the first classes will be offered in fall 2019.

6.2. Strategic Plan Metrics

M. Mahon introduced L. Corbiere to present on the Strategic Plan Metrics. It is a snapshot of the progress of the year. This will go to the Board of Governors. It does not get too specific. J. Croil is also here to answer any questions on the metric. There is the Okanagan charter, which is new this year. We are required to report on health outcomes

in our strategic plan process. We will take any questions before it goes to the board. M. Mahon highlighted some of the good progress such as the 5th consecutive year in a row being ranked third by MacLean's, and we are on track to have 50 research chairs this year. We use this internally as well as externally but some of the data is not released. Metrics are always a work in progress. M. Mahon thanked J. Croil for his and L. Corbiere's work on the document. Questions arose regarding the employment rate at 97% - it was clarified that the glossary definition is the labour market in general. A question was raised on indigenization and it was noted that there is an FNMI Director who has now been hired and will be in charge of working on the process.

6.3. Draft Policies – Research Policy, Research Funds Administration Policy

E. Okine gave an overview on the two Research policies. P. D'Agnone and P. Pickles were in attendance to answer questions. The policies have not been reviewed since 2012 and the Office of Research has endeavoured to put them under one umbrella. There was good feedback from various sources on three themes and the feedback that was received was explained. Questions arose on librarians and clarity was received. M. Mahon stated that this is intended for feedback before it goes to the board next week.

6.4. Honorary Degree Nominations

E. Okine spoke to the importance of nominating people for an Honorary Degree from the University of Lethbridge. The individual selected reflect the interests of this university. We do not have a big pool to work with. We would like a pool of twenty but we only have six in the pool right now. Only two honorary degrees were awarded this year due to scheduling. How can we motivate people to nominate for honorary degrees? The nomination form is very simple. M. Mahon added that we receive more external nominations than we get from internal sources. Our internal community is not nominating anyone. There is no specific criteria for Alberta connections, University of Lethbridge connections or even Lethbridge connections. It is important for GFC members to think of someone in your related fields that is worthy of a nomination and then fill out the forms. Any nominees that are not accepted in the current year will be brought forward for two consecutive years so you only do the work once and they have more opportunities to be chosen. We have broadened the process so we are as supportive to the nominators and the people as we can be. A question was asked of how many HDR we want per ceremony. M. Mahon said there was a decision by the committee to not award more than one honorary degree per ceremony. The process of the committee was revised a few years ago to make sure there was more understanding of academic nominees and to allow for more nominees per ceremony. This was done because there have been some scheduling issues in the past. There was discussion on community awards versus academic awards and identifying qualified people from internal processes in the faculties. M. Mahon commented that we should be trying to identify role models for our graduating students. This spring, Maria Klawe was very strongly supported in Senate during the nomination discussions. Until she was nominated, she knew very little about the University of Lethbridge. She left wanting to make stronger connections with our institutions. GFC Exec wants to bring this back to GFC in the fall to remind us of the need.

6.5. Banner Revitalization Update

C. Nicol gave an update on the progress. The Bridge is out from June 4 -11. The process has started and is going well. The migration is twenty percent done in transferring data. We are 3 ½ hours ahead of schedule at this point. Curriculum migration will start around midnight tonight going around the clock process. Things are proceeding really well. Congratulations to the five main departments on keeping things running.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – May 29, 2017

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – April 24, 2017

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2017.06.11

Cummins/Adkin

That the GFC meeting #520 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report #1 to General Faculties Council

Summary

For purposes of discussion at General Faculties Council, the motions have been grouped as follows and I intend to recommend to GFC that they be approved in this fashion, barring difficulties with individual recommendations.

Recommendation #1

Management

<p>THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION IS MAY 1, 2017</p>
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Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report #2 to General Faculties Council

Summary

For purposes of discussion at General Faculties Council, the motions have been grouped as follows and I intend to recommend to GFC that they be approved in this fashion, barring difficulties with individual recommendations.

Recommendation #1 - #5	Arts and Science
Recommendation #6	Fine Arts
Recommendation #7	Health Sciences
Recommendation #8	Management
Recommendation #9 - #11	School of Graduate Studies
Recommendation #12 - #19	Registrar's Office

THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS IS MAY 1, 2018

(June 5, 2017) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to General Faculties Council

Summary

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Arts and Science minors.

- Deletion of Arts and Science minors from Part 7 (Faculty of Arts and Science) and replacement with a cross-reference
- Addition of Arts and Science minors to Part 14 (Minors)

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of new Arts and Science minors.

- Addition of a minor in Anthropology
- Addition of a minor in Agricultural Economics

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the curriculum for the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

- Adjustment of the 4000-level requirement for the B.Sc. (Applied Statistics)

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #4

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the minor in Asian Studies.

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #5

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Post-Diploma B.Sc. (Environmental Science) and Post-Diploma B.Sc. (Geography/GIS).

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #6

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to Theory requirements in the Bachelor of Music degree program.

Prior approval: Fine Arts Council: Apr. 27/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #7

That General Faculties Council approve the name change for the Post-Diploma Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation program in the Calendar.

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Feb. 10/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #8

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the 1000-level maximum regulations for Management and the B.Mgt./B.Ed. combined degree program to accommodate students completing the First Nations' Transition Program.

Prior approval: Education Council: May 10/17
Management Council: Nov. 25/16
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #9

That General Faculties Council approve the requirement that all students in the M.Sc. program majoring in Neuroscience complete the following graduate seminar courses: NEUR 5901, 5902, 5903 and 5904 (total 3.0 credit hours).

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Graduate Studies Council: Apr. 21/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #10

That General Faculties Council approve the requirement that all students in the Ph.D. program majoring in Neuroscience complete the following graduate seminar courses: NEUR 7901, 7902, 7903 and 7904 (total 3.0 credit hours).

Prior approval: Arts and Science Council: Apr. 5/17
Graduate Studies Council: Apr. 21/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #11

That General Faculties Council approve the change to require a Research Methods course for students completing the thesis option in the Master of Nursing program.

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: Mar. 17/17
Graduate Studies Council: Apr. 21/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #12

That General Faculties Council approve the reorganization of the Liberal Education List.

Prior approval: Registrar's Office: Mar. 9/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #13

That General Faculties Council approve the expansion of the range of Independent Studies to include options at the 1000 level.

Prior approval: Registrar's Office: Mar. 9/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #14

That General Faculties Council approve that language within Scheduling of Assessments is updated to ensure students receive fair communication and timing of course examinations and tests.

Prior approval: Registrar's Office: Mar. 9/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #15

That General Faculties Council approve the changes and additions to policy regarding Exceeding Course Limits.

Prior approval: Registrar's Office: Mar. 9/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #16

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of Substitutions to information regarding Academic Regulations.

Prior approval: Registrar's Office: Mar. 30/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #17

That General Faculties Council approve the Academic Schedule for 2018-2019.

Prior approval: Registrar's Office: Mar. 9/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #18

That General Faculties Council approve the clarification of policies regarding the awarding of transfer credit.

Prior approval: Admissions Standards Council: Feb. 28/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17

Recommendation #19

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of an after-degree admission route to the Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation program, and renaming of program in the Calendar.

Prior approval: Health Sciences: Feb. 10/17
Admissions Standards Council: Feb. 28/17
Curriculum Coord. Com.: May 8/17