



**Monday, March 2, 2015**

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

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), B. Black, R. Boére, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, S. Bubel, C. Carnaghan, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, J. Dobbie, M. Gale, S. Glydon, K. Haight, L. Hildebrand, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, D. Kaminski, M. Kawchuk, L. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, J. Kummer, J. Lapadat, M. Lindsay, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, I. MacLachlan, R. Miller, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, J. Parker, M. Pijl Zieber, A. Predoi-Cross, V. Rodych, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, D. Sirbu, T. Spagnolo, R. Sutherland, S. Thomas, J. Vokey, C. Williams, S. Wismath, R. Wood
- Regrets:** A. Andreachuk, K. Bose, M. Carrell, L. de Klerk, L. Elias, B. Ellis, L. Escobar, B. Gordon, T. Gunn, A. Hakin, M. Hawkins, P. Henzi, C. Hosgood, B. Lee, M. Letts, N. Piquette, J. Poulsen, J. Sanders, N. Walker, E. Wasiak, P. Wilson
- Other:** J. Gallais, L. Corbiere, V. Grisack

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: gfc.2015.03.01

Jurkowski/Hildebrand

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #499 held Monday, March 2, 2015 be approved with addition of Item 6.5 GFC Nominating Committee Update (A. Siaroff) and renumbering the rest of the section accordingly.*

Motion: Carried

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: gfc.2015.03.02

Jurkowski/Pijl Zieber

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #498 held Monday, February 2, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported:

- Native Awareness Week kicked off today. Congratulations to the Native Students Association on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Budget front – there is not much to report. We have had no official discussions with the government regarding removing the tuition cap. We will have a better indication of what the government's plans are when the budget comes down. M. Mahon has heard that it will happen sometime later this month.
- We had a couple of new programs announced – the Therapeutic Recreation program and the Bachelor of Fine Arts New Media/Bachelor of Education combined degree. It is nice to see announcements of new academic initiatives instead of constantly talking about budget cuts.
- M. Mahon had a meeting with retired faculty where they discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A committee being co-chaired by Chris Hosgood and Chris Horbachewski has begun the initial planning work.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> installment in funding for student mental health has resulted in the hiring of several position. We have funding until 2016.
- VPR search update – there is now a short list and initial interviews are set for a couple of weeks from now. Outstanding response from well qualified individuals.
- Play Day was a success again with lots of faculty, staff and student volunteers.
- The Women's Rugby team announced as inductee into Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. It is the first time rugby has entered the hall of fame. M. Mahon is unable to attend as the ceremony takes place the Friday night of convocation.
- Good turnout for the International Dinner.
- GFC/Board of Governors joint event was lean on the GFC side. Hope to hold the next year's reception on a GFC day to promote attendance.
- March 27, 2015 Alumni and Friends dinner in Calgary with guest speaker Margaret Atwood. She has been tweeting about the event.
- On Saturday, M. Mahon attended the Chinese New Year's dinner with 150 Chinese students with some amazing karaoke performances.
- Donor Gala on Wednesday with 300 contributors attending. The theme is Fine Arts related.
- At the theater tonight is the performance of "New Blood" by Strathmore High School Dance. Blackfoot and Glee classes.
- Dennis Neufeld from Haul All is the Faculty of Management Dinner Honoree on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- SU Elections on the horizon.

### 4. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- M. Kawchuk announced a SU food bank fundraiser to take place on March 20<sup>th</sup> in the SU Ballrooms with Dory and the Weathermen performing and a silent auction. Piggy bank drop off has taken place and are available if you can't attend the event.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1. GFC Nominee on Board of Governors

MOTION: gfc.2015.03.03  
Siaroff/MacLachlan

*That GFC approve Janay Nugent to fill the vacancy as the nominee of General Faculties Council to serve on the Board of Governors.*

Motion: Carried

Thank you to all of the people who were willing to participate in putting their names forward.

## 6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 6.1. Destination Project Update

C. Cooper gave a power point presentation update in A. Hakin's absence. Thanks to people on technical committee to work with all departments to optimize space requirements. Changes are deleting the tenth floor except telescope and greenhouse with no research space. Eliminated the bottom level 5 where the utility centre was and this has been incorporated in the 6<sup>th</sup> level. Levels 8&9 are research areas with main entry to the building on level 8. There is also a main entrance on level 7 which contains outreach for science. Vivarium on level 6 and classrooms in link between buildings. We are now in schematic stage and it is almost complete - hope to be done in April. We then move into interior space design and hope to have it done in late 2015. Dean Cooper gave a brief overview of what will be located in various parts of the building.

Discussion occurred on the acoustic materials for the atrium, future development of 10<sup>th</sup> level, traffic flow, student space and security, and Leeds Certification. We have the cost of the building down to under \$300 million. M. Mahon mentioned that we still need to raise \$50 million ourselves in addition to the government contributions. We need to right size the building to find the balance between getting the project to fruition vs having something that we think is optimal. A question was asked regarding putting the building on hold until we can get more funding and can do it the right way. M. Mahon stated that if we say no to the building, a new building would be 15-20 years down the road so imagine what the labs in UHall will look like in that time. This building is still 5 years out. C. Cooper noted that we don't want to stop planning as that could put the project at risk.

### 6.2. Academic Staff Count – GFC Membership

S. Kennedy briefly explained how the Academic Staff Count was calculated. The count hasn't change from last year. Most universities do this only every 2-3 years. It was clarified who is included in the count and stated that this is to determine the allocation of statutory seats for GFC.

6.3. Articulation Agreements

B. Boudreau reported on the two articulation agreements from SAIT & MacEwan University. These were included for information.

6.4. GSA Research Conference – Session Chairs and Judges Needed

J. Kummer reported that the GSA needs more volunteers for the Meeting of the Minds Conference they are putting on. The time commitment is minimal on the Saturday (1 hour). They have received 71 abstracts and there will be no panel discussions. 3 Minute Thesis qualifier is from 3-5 on Wednesday and Thursday in E690.

6.5. GFC Nominating Committee Update

A. Siaroff reported that B. Boudreau has been moved to Acting Dean of Management so a search to replace him will occur. The call for nominees to make up the Vice-Provost & Associate VP (Academic) Search Committee will be going out shortly.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – February 23, 2015

Received for information. No questions were asked.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – January 26, 2015

Received for information. No questions were asked.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2015.03.04

Hildebrand/Copeland

*That the GFC meeting #499 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried