



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #508

Approved Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2016

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), D. Adams, D. Balderson, YJ Bao, B. Boudreau, V. Brickley, L. Brown, S. Bubel, J. Byrne, J. Copeland, M. Gale, J. Graham, A. Hakin, C. Helmer-Smith, C. Hosgood, C. Howey, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, D. Kaminski, S. Kennedy, A. Khan, J. Lapadat, M. Lindsay, C. Loewen, S. Malla, A. Martin, R. Marynowski, J. Nugent, M. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, M. Pijl Zieber, A. Predoi-Cross, J. Sanders, J. Sheriff, T. Spagnolo, M. Stingl, S. Thomas, G. Vardazaryan, P. Visentin, J. Vokey, N. Walker, B. Warren, E. Wasiak, C. Williams, R. Wood, R. Yalamova,

Regrets: J. Bocksnick, R. Boére, S. Brandford, C. Cooper, L. Escobar, P. Ghazalian, M. Hawkins, C. Horbachewski, L. Kennedy, B. Lee, C. Malacrida, C. Nicol, J. Poulsen, B. Scott, A. Siaroff, K. Ueland, S. Wickham, P. Wilson, J. Youngdahl

Other: J. Gallais, L. Corbiere, V. Grisack

M. Mahon welcomed T. Spagnolo who is a returning member for Arts & Science.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.01

Jurkowski/Vokey

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #508 held Monday, March 7, 2016 be approved with the GSA and SU update added to 7. New Business.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.02

Jurkowski/Brickley

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #507 held Monday, February 1, 2016 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- On Feb. 25, the Board approved the Design Development Report, which effectively moves the Destination Project to being shovel ready. A presentation will be provided to GFC later on in the agenda.
- In UWeekly on Mar. 1, an update on balancing the budget, guidelines & assumptions, accounting for uncertainties, and voluntary exit/retirement package was provided. I will be attending the Throne Speech on Mar. 8th. The Federal Budget is expected at the end of March.
- Board Chair Update - the deadline for applications has passed and we are awaiting the applicant list as the next step will be interviews. Congratulations to the newly appointed Chair of the UofA, Michael Phair. He is a former long-time Edmonton City Councilor who currently is an adjunct professor at the UofA in the Faculty of Education and is also a member of the Institute of Sexual Minority Studies and Services.
- A very successful Native Awareness Week was held last week. The FNMI chapter of the UofL Alumni Associate hosted Chief Wilton Little Child (a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner) as part of the week's festivities. Chief Little Child was impressed with the UofL for having created a Truth and Reconciliation Committee.
- Appointment Committees Updates - The Provost is standing for reappointment. The University Librarian search is ongoing with presentations next week. The AVP (Students) search will be starting soon and the Dean of Education Committee is in the process of being staffed.
- New Minister for Advanced Education, Marlin Schmidt was appointed on Feb. 2. There was a phone call with all Board Chairs and Presidents on Feb. 8, with a meeting of Presidents and Board Chairs on Feb 17.
- M. Mahon met with MP Kent Hehr on Feb 9
- Also met with UofA, UofC Presidents last Wednesday Mar. 2
- UofL hosted final Herschel/SPIRE consortium meeting over Reading Week. Thanks to Dr. David Naylor. The Canada Space Agency was very pleased with the meetings.
- Play Day on Feb 15th was a success. Thanks to all those who volunteered.
- Spotlight Illuminating Research March 7-12, which will include presentations, lectures, demonstrations and discussions, all focusing on the academic research being conducted at Alberta's Destination University.
- Mar. 9 - Annual CURE Event - Celebrating University Research Excellence, this year the reception will also form part of this day
- Agility Program – We hosted a Panel Discussion in Innovation and Agriculture March 2-3 in Lethbridge and Calgary
- Mar 10th – As part of the Asian Cultural Week, the International Dinner will have Kim Thuy as the keynote speaker – the event is sold out. She is a Vietnamese boat person, interpreter, lawyer, restaurant owner, guest chef and author.
 - A silent auction will be held to support World University Service Canada - a student club has formed to bring a student refugee to campus in fall 2016. They need to raise \$10,000.
- Mar. 11 - ULSU Food Bank Fundraising Gala at Galt, featuring Dory and the Weatherman. There are still tickets available.

- Mar. 11 - YMCA Women of Distinction - Congratulations to Nancy Walker our VP (Finance & Admin), who is receiving an award, as well as many other alumna
- 5 Days for the Homeless is coming up on March 13-18. There will be five students sleeping outside the PE building, collecting donations for Wood's Homes Emergency Youth Shelter
- The Calgary Alumni & Friends Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at the Westin Hotel. This year's event features guest speaker Marc-Andre Bernier, Chief of Parks Canada's Underwater Archeology team speaking on the exciting discovery of the long-lost Franklin Exhibition
- Apr. 14 - Faculty of Management to honour Marvin and Chloe Galts at annual Scholarship Dinner. Condolences on the passing away of Chloe, as the dinner will now honor her posthumously.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- There were no questions on the report.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Academic Quality Assurance Policy & Process - Revisions

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.03
Brown/Ed

That GFC approves the revision to the Criteria for External Reviewers for inclusion in the "Academic Quality Assurance Policy & Process (2012 Revision)", effective immediately.

Motion: Withdrawn

L. Brown gave background on the criteria document with B. Boudreau & P. Sparrow-Clarke also available to answer questions. Discussion occurred around the wording of the document and perhaps adding normally or wherever possible to address exceptional situations. A motion to amend the motion was made by L. Brown to change the wording. There was also a concern with the last three items of section 7. It was felt that the wording was too restrictive and severely limited the pool of external reviewers available. After much discussion, L. Brown suggested that the document be sent back to the committee because the changes proposed were more than friendly amendments. A. Hakin asked if the reviews could still continue if this criteria was not passed at this time. The response was affirmative. The delay will not affect the current review process. M. Mahon asked that the committee clarify what happens when there are exceptions. The motion was withdrawn.

5.2. GFC Curriculum Coordinating Reports

Recommendations from Report 1.

Faculty of Management

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.04
Boudreau/Warren

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1 – Management from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1.

Motion: Carried

B. Boudreau stated that this is related to the Agricultural management program. Which is the beginning of an incredible initiative. We have created and Agriculture Business minor (6 courses) and are working with the College and the Faculty of Arts & Science to build this into a major.

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.05

Hosgood/Pijl Zieber

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #2&3 – Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1.

Motion: Carried

This change is regarding the Post-Diploma program in Public Health with a creation of a minor in health leadership. A question arose on the modified GLER requirement and it was stated that there are no GLER requirements for a minor. Sit was further clarified that a post diploma has a modified GLER which is 2 instead of 3 courses.

Faculty of Fine Arts

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.06

Jurkowski/Vokey

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #4 Fine Arts from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1.

Motion: Carried

E. Jurkowski stated that this is a slight change to the Tech Design major in Drama.

Registrar's Office

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.07

Kennedy/Lapadat

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #5 – Registrar's Office from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1.

Motion: Carried

The policy change is necessary because of the current revitalization of Banner.

Recommendations from Report 2.

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.08

Hosgood/Jurkowski

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #1 – Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

This program was previously approved by GFC last year. Following the Campus Alberta Quality Council process, the proposal was sent to external reviewers. They suggested some changes which require us to bring it back to Council. Changes include courses that are now required and are not optional.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

6.1.1. Design Development Presentation

A. Hakin, Provost welcomed B. Sullivan, Program Director, Destination Project to co-present. A PowerPoint presentation on the Design Development was given and the website contains the presentation <http://www.destinationproject.ca>.

We have taken a massive step forward in the process. What we have today is very different than when we started. The building will be 2/3 the size of University Hall with 37,740 square meters in floor area. Four floors overall plus the mechanical penthouse. It will be the largest project in southern Alberta since the construction of University Hall. We want to maximize student engagement by use of glass to bring in light but also to let people see what is going on inside the labs. B. Sullivan stated that we have tried to incorporate as many sustainable design ideas into the building. Some ideas such as the sustainable heating and cooling was explained and the use of LED lights. A. Hakin reported that we have cut costs without compromise in that the building cost is now roughly \$80 million less than originally expected. Discussion and questions centered on walkways and if the 10 minute radius is still possible, effect of the new building on curriculum and the safety of glass and chemical storage.

6.2. Academic Staff Count – GFC Membership

S. Kennedy had nothing to add to the report on the calculations for the upcoming year. There are no changes in membership.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – February 29, 2016

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – January 25, 2016

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Cam Howey reported on the annual dodgeball tournament put on by the Students' Union with proceeds going to the SU food bank. He would like to see a faculty team entered in the tournament or an exhibition game played by Faculty or Senior Administration for a little friendly competition! The tournament is on March 19th.

Greta Vardazaryan from the Graduate Students' Association announced the 10th Annual Meeting of the Minds conference will take place on March 11th – 12th. The conference is open to everyone. The 3 Minute Thesis competition opens the conference on Friday. Please contact G. Varazaryan for more information. M. Mahon congratulated the GSA on the conference saying it has gotten better every year.

A. Hakin reminded the Council about the University Librarian Search and encouraged everyone to come to the public presentation because the committee has made the decision not to put recordings up on the site. It is a very important search for the university.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2016.03.09

Helmer-Smith/Gale

That the GFC meeting #508 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried