



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #476

Approved Minutes

Monday, May 7, 2012

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), K. Bernes, R. Boéré, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, A. Dymond, B. Ellis, A. Escher, P. Ghazalian, D. Gill, A. Hakin, M. Hawkins, P. Hayes, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, L. Jacobs, D. Kazakoff, L. Kennedy, J. Lapadat, D. Le Roy, M. Letts, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, I. McAdam, K. McCallum, C. Nicol, D. Oye, B. Schnell, A. Siaroff, D. Siminovitch, M. Stingl, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, K. Vos, N. Walker, M. Wang, J. Weibe, B. Wojtowicz, R. Wood, R. Yalamova-Usher

Regrets: S. Alam, G. Bedard, C. Campbell, J. Copeland, D. Dahle, J. Dobbie, L. Escobar, M. Gerken, E. Hasebe-Ludt, C. Horbachewski, D. Hunt, C. Kingfisher, R. Lencucha, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, D. Rochfort, N. Rosen, M. Sedgwick, R. Sept, R. Sutherland, D. Weeks

Other: J. Black (recording secretary), S. Olson, S. Sproule

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.01

Hakin /Letts

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #476 held Monday, May 7, 2012 be approved .

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.02

Wood/Ellis

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #475 held Monday, March 5, 2012 be approved as circulate with a few grammatical amendments.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon highlighted a number of items.

- M. Mahon was in Brazil last week on a mission led by the Governor General. There were 30 Canadian university presidents in attendance. Brazil is the 6th largest economy in the world right now and they have identified education and research as an important strategy for them. This was the largest mission organized by AUCC. The trip identified some significant opportunities. We do have students on campus from Brazil, and they identified quality of our academic institution and a smaller safe community for being a main reason why they chose the UofL.
- Access Copyright – this has been an ongoing area of consideration for all universities in Canada. The UofL has been considering how best to move forward. After consultation, it was decided that we will sign a model licences agreement at a cost of \$26/student. We are not committed to this agreement on a long term basis. The institution needs to be very careful about the decision not to sign this agreement, and there would be significant money needed to develop our own process. This decision was based on the risks to the UofL associated with not signing.
- The discussion paper is now an open letter to the community. A draft was given to the senior leadership team for further input. The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) will receive the letter and then it will be provided to the university community.
- Encouragement was given to everyone to attend the long service awards and Convocation.
- A welcome was given to our new student members present and a thank-you to all departing students.
- A welcome was given to Judith Lapadat, our new Associate Vice-President (Students).

There were no questions at this time.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

4.1. GFC Executive Committee Membership Bylaw Revision

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.03

Hakin/Kazakoff

That GFC approve the proposed revisions to the GFC Executive membership terms as noted within the GFC Bylaws.

Motion: Carried
2/3 approval for Bylaw Review

A Hakin indicated that the current GFC terms finish on June 30th and we do not replace members on the Executive until October. This will extend the terms by three months so these individuals can be properly replaced in the new academic year.

4.2. GFC Motion for Delegation of Authority - Summer

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.04

Hakin/Escher

That GFC approve the designation of GFC Executive to act on behalf of Council during the months of July and August.

Motion: Carried

A Hakin indicated that this is an existing part of the bylaws of GFC. It covers the possibility that there may be business over the summer and it recognizes that obtaining quorum could be very problematic. To clarify the Executive Committee cannot change the bylaws or remove members from the Executive. This motion will regularly be brought forward in May. A question arose on how GFC is informed of business occurring over the summer, and this information is reported within the GFC Executive minutes at the next Council meeting .

4.3. GFC Convocation Committee – Membership Change

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.05

Hakin/Brown

That GFC approve the proposed revisions to the composition of the GFC Convocation Committee to be noted within the GFC Bylaws.

Motion: Carried

A Hakin indicated the GFC Convocation Committee approved this and it moves the Convocation Coordinator onto the voting area, and adds the Convocation Officer as a resource.

4.4. CCC Programs Pending Recommendations #1 and #2

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.06

Hakin/Wood

That GFC approve the proposed CCC Programs Pending Recommendations #1 as presented.

That General Faculties Council approve the new Master of Nursing Program, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

R. Wood indicated Graduate Studies worked with Health Sciences who had assembled a working group on this. Explanation was given on what the program entails. Our current B.N. program is of high quality and can support a master's program. This program will also allow us to retain these students who need to pursue further education.

Recommendation #2

Hakin/Wood

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.07

Hakin/Wood

That GFC approve the proposed CCC Programs Pending Recommendations #2 as presented.

That General Faculties Council approve the Calendar Entry for the new Master of Nursing Program, pending Ministerial program approval.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin added that the approval to date places the Master of Nursing program in the grey calendar before this is sent to Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) for review. A thank you was given to the Faculty and to B. Hagen who was a chief architect of this program. C. Hosgood seconded the work done by B. Hagen on this program. This CAQC approval could possibly take a year.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. GFC Nomination Committee

A. Hakin reported that GFC Executive approved the creation of a subcommittee of the GFC Executive to act as a Nomination Committee to add more transparency to the process. This Nomination Committee will prepare the slate of nominees for the June meeting.

J. Black informed GFC of the committees that have vacancies and encouraged people to nominate themselves or others. Information on all the vacancies will be sent to the university community within the next few days.

5.2 GFC University Review Committee Action Plan

B. Boudreau updated GFC on the GFC University Review Committee Action Plan. The hope is to bring the procedure documents for discussion and approval at the June meeting of GFC. M. Mahon indicated a tremendous amount of work has been put into this review.

5.3 GFC 2012-2014 Meeting Schedule

J. Black presented for information the 2012-2014 GFC meeting schedule. This will be made available on the governance website.

5.4 GFC Membership – 2012-2013

J. Black presented for information the GFC Membership to date. There are still replacement names coming forth.

5.5 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – February 27, 2012

The minutes were presented for information.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A reminder was given about the need to have a June meeting, so everyone was encouraged to attend so that business could be moved along.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2012.05.08

Le Roy/Hosgood

That the GFC meeting #476 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried