University of Lethbridge

# GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #523 Approved Minutes



Monday, November 6, 2017 3:00 p.m. in W646

Present:	M. Mahon (Chair), A. Hakin, (Chair), M. Abubakari, C. Adams, A. Amelinckx,
	H. Babb (phone), B. Black, B. Boudreau, L. Bryan, J. Byrne, P. Cardozo, J. Clark,
	J. Copeland, B. Cummins, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, N. Grigg, T. Gunn, K. Hallett,
	J. Harrowing, M. Helstein, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, H. Jansen,
	D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, R. Marynowski, G. Metz, C. Nicol,
	J. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, W. Osborn, S. Parmar (phone), A. Pyde,
	V. Rodych, F. Salins, A. Shaw, A. Siaroff, T. Spagnolo, C. Steinke (phone),
	M. Stingl, A. Taylor, J. Usher, J. Vokey, N. Walker, S. Wismath, R. Yalamova
<b>Regrets:</b>	P. Adams, R. Adkin, K. Alexander, M. Collins, E. Jurkowski, C. Malacrida,
U	K. Massey, J. Mather, J. McGinley, D. McNeill, R. Mueller, M. Nugent, C. Peta,
	P. Shao, D. Slomp, D. Smit, P. Visentin, J. Whitehead, R. Wood

Other: J. Gallais, V. Grisack, H. Mirau, D. McIntyre, H. Fudge

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

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

gfc.2017.11.01

Stingl/Black

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #523 held Monday, November 6, 2017 be approved with additional item to Other Business.

Motion: Carried

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

gfc.2017.11.02

Nicol/Stingl

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #522 held Monday, October 2, 2017 be approved.* 

Motion: Carried

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

M. Mahon reported:

- Reminder for the Distinguished Teacher Award Deadline December 15, 2017 encouraged everyone to think of a nominee for the award.
- We had a special meeting of GFC Executive last Thursday for suspension to deal with an academic staff suspension under the Post-Secondary Learning Act 22 (3). We have worked closely with ULFA on this personnel matter.
- We had a wonderful gift announcement today with the Brawn Family Foundation announcement of a scholarship for a student to attend the Semester at Sea program. Students take 5 courses and are at sea for roughly 100 days visiting 15 countries. We will get contact information out to the faculty so faculty members can apply to teach a semester at sea. There are about 70 faculty members on ship at any one time.
- Rankings have come out in the last month from Maclean's and Research InfoSource. We are bouncing around the rankings but staying in the top 3 or 4 in the country. Interesting element in the InfoSource ranking was that we were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in funding of graduate student research money.
- Visit from Dr. Fred Wrona, Chief Scientist with Department of Environment and Parks. One of the things we are looking at doing is a memorandum of understanding around environmental research and engagement.
- Meetings in Ottawa for Universities Canada meetings and spent a day on the hill and had meetings with Minister Jane Philpott who is the new minister of Aboriginal Engagement and Supports.
- Team Lethbridge in Edmonton M. Mahon is leaving today to join the team in Edmonton.
- Super Clusters Competition Short List the federal government has called for universities and industry to come together around creating superclusters in various industries. We are part of 2 of the 9 superclusters proposals shortlisted with both being in agriculture.
- Visit from Juan Carlos Wiechers (CONACYT) Funding body in Mexico that supports Masters students. In final stages of memorandum of understanding proposal to get a new consortium of universities that are funded by CONACYT. It is a way to garner more support for masters and doctoral students from Mexico. The MOU will be signed in Mexico City in a few weeks.
- Successfully hosted the Women's Rugby Nationals Nov 2-5 in the cold and snow. Our team did well. Thanks to Sport and Rec Services for a successful event. The Senate also hosted a night during nationals.

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- The Pronghorn Hall of Fame unveiling occurred and it is now in a different location that is much more visible.
- Reminder was given on Fall Reading Break Nov. 11 17th (Stat Nov 13) classes resume Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- R. Yalamova stated she was pleased with rankings. She asked Mike to tell the committee of the announcement made last week. M. Mahon stated that he was elected as board chair of Universities Canada. He looks forward to taking on this role and the UofL having a voice in Ottawa.
- J. Byrne referred to a previous meeting where he asked about groups using our branding especially Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA). He thanked the chair for the follow up email he had received. He asked that we have a University of Lethbridge representative on SACPA. M. Mahon stated that we provide about \$9,000 a year in funding support to SACPA which was a group borne out of the University of Lethbridge faculty members. We have been careful to give funding support but not be responsible for SACPA as there is a concern in being seen as responsible for or championing their various perspectives.
  - R. Yalamova disagreed on distancing ourselves from SACPA. There was concerned that we are positioned as more involved with the group than we are. A statement was read off the SACPA website which stated that "SACPA is supported and promoted by the University of Lethbridge, where special sessions and speaker competitions are also held, organized in collaboration with the ULSU and LPIRG." M. Mahon commented that we will take a look at that.
- J. Byrne mentioned that electronic devices in classrooms can be disruptive. Do we have a policy or plan to deal with technology? A. Hakin said he thought that there is something regarding the use of cellphones in the testing centre. A. Hakin suggested that we should be looking into this in greater detail as the climate has changed in regards to technology. He will ask the Registrar and the Teaching Centre to look into emergent practice and report back to General Faculties Council. The smart watch is the latest concern as well as smartphones being used as calculators and such.

[M. Mahon turned over the chair to A. Hakin and departed the meeting for his above noted Edmonton trip.]

## 5. UPDATE

5.1. School of Liberal Education Dean Update

A. Hakin welcomed S. Wismath, the first Dean of the School of Liberal Education and asked her to update General Faculties Council on progress with the new school. S. Wismath told Council that she is very busy teaching three courses as well as being added to numerous committees in her new role. There is ongoing promotion of Liberal Education at various University of Lethbridge events. They are working on school and advisory councils with discussions on moving faculty from Arts & Science into Liberal Education. There have been discussions on creating a vision and mission statement to guide future activities. Comments from GFC members included how pleased they are to see this process move forward and that they also hope that some of the courses continue to be taught.

#### 6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed Members MOTION: gfc.2017.11.03

Copeland/Cummins

That General Faculties Council (GFC) approves the remaining appointed student member below to GFC for a term ending on April 30, 2018.

APPOINTED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS		
(Nominated by Students' Union) [8] Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC		
Appoints)		
Student (Arts and Science)	Alaina Pyde	April 30, 2018

Motion: Carried

6.2. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Reports

C. Hosgood chaired the last CCC meeting and 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 – Bob Boudreau MOTION: gfc.2017.11.04

Boudreau/Clark

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

Motion: Carried

**Recommendations from Report 2: Implementation date May 1, 2018** 

University Library – Chris Nicol MOTION: gfc.2017.11.05

Nicol/Helstein

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 – University Library from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1, 2018.

Motion: Carried

The Library doesn't have its own section in the calendar. They have been developing this over the last 18 months and are now ready to put it in the undergraduate calendar. They will soon have a similar section in the School of Graduate Studies calendar as well.

#### **Faculty of Education – Thelma Gunn** MOTION: gfc.2017.11.06

Gunn/Marynowski

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

Motion: Carried

Prior to now the Native Education majors had to use their minor in order to complete the program but students will now complete their Professional Semester II in Native Education, and not in their minor.

**Faculty of Fine Arts – James Dobbie** MOTION: gfc.2017.11.07

Dobbie/Gunn

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #3 - 7 – Fine Arts from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1, 2018.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Health Sciences – Chris HosgoodMOTION:gfc.2017.11.08

Hosgood/Abubakari

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #8 – 10 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1, 2018.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Management – Bob Boudreau MOTION: gfc.2017.11.09

Boudreau/Hosgood

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #11 - 19 – Management from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

**Registrar's Office – Susie Kennedy** MOTION: gfc.2017.11.10

Kennedy/Hosgood

General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #20 - 22 – Registrar's Office from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1 2018.

Motion: Carried

#### **Recommendations from Report 3: Pending Ministerial Approval**

Faculty of Management – Bob Boudreau MOTION: gfc.2017.11.11

Boudreau/Clark

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 - 2-Management, from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 3, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

A. Amelinckx gave a brief description of the changes in terminology to Indigenous which is used across the country and of the consultation they did with different groups.

6.3. Degree Conferral MOTION: gfc.2017.11.12

Kennedy/Cummins

That General Faculties Council approve a provision for the granting and conferral of credentials "in absentia" after completion of the fall term, effective May 1, 2018.

Motion: Carried

S. Kennedy stated that we don't have any way of proving completion of credentials for students finishing in December. Students need that recognition for employment or for application for further education. This recognition will be provided in early spring but students will also be invited to participate in spring convocation. A discussion occurred on past practices and what is best for the students.

6.4. GFC Bylaw Revisions – School of Liberal Education MOTION: gfc.2017.11.13

## Siaroff/Nicol

That GFC Executive Committee recommend to the General Faculties Council approval of the noted revisions to the GFC Bylaws effective immediately with a friendly amendment to remove the reference to the Edmonton Campus.

Motion: Carried with 2/3 majority

With the addition of a Dean of Liberal Education, we need to amend the bylaws to represent the new School. It was asked that the references to the Edmonton Campus be removed as a friendly amendment.

## 7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin introduced M. Letts who gave several updates on the project. The bridge span was installed during the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The greenhouse pads have been installed. They have been an interesting process as the price to build them has risen because of the legalization of marijuana. KPMB and PCL are in concert with our mission and are pleased about how the construction is progressing. A. Hakin stated that we had a capping off celebration last week which means that 50% of the building has been constructed.

7.2. GFC Council Membership – School of Liberal Education

J. Gallais gave an update on the academic staff count with the addition of the School of Liberal Education. The appointment of the Dean of the School of Liberal Education requires an increase of two positions in statutory seats - one Arts & Science and one Fine Arts. The calculations for academic staff will be done again in March.

7.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – October 30, 2017 Received as information. No questions raised. GFC November 06, 2017

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7.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – September 25, 2017 Received as information. No questions raised.

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

R. Yalamova brought forth an item regarding the recent events occurring with Governor General Julie Payette and academic freedom. There was good discourse on the subject. It was referred back to GFC Executive Committee for discussion.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2017.11.14

Stingl/Copeland

*That the GFC meeting #523 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

# THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION IS MAY 1, 2017

(November 6, 2017) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to General Faculties Council

#### Summary

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to add Management 4421 -Financial Institutions and Markets as an alternative to Management 4451 - Derivative Securities Markets as one of the required courses in the Finance major and add MGT 4451 as a possible elective.

This change has already been implemented in the single degree program.

Prior approval: Management Council: January 29/16 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

# **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	University Library
Recommendation #2	Education
Recommendation #3-7	Fine Arts
Recommendation #8-10	Health Sciences
Recommendation #11-19	Management
Recommendation #20-22	Registrar's Office

# THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION IS MAY 1, 2018

(November 6, 2017) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to General Faculties Council

#### Summary

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of a University Library part within the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval:	Library: September 13/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Native Education Major where students will now complete Professional Semester II in Native Education, and not in their declared minor.

Prior approval:	Education Council: May 10/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Music major and Digital Audio Arts major requirements in the Bachelor of Music program.

Prior approval: Fine Arts Council: September 28/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #4

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Music major in the Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education Combined Degrees program.

Prior approval: Fine Arts Council: September 28/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #5

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Music major in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts and Science programs.

Prior approval:	Arts and Science Council: October 11/17
	Fine Arts Council: September 28/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Music major in the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education Combined Degrees program.

Prior approval: Fine Arts Council: September 28/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #7

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Music major in the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Management Combined Degrees program.

Prior approval:	Fine Arts Council:	September 28/17
	Curriculum Coord.	Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #8

That General Faculties Council approve the revised text in the Advice and Information section of Part 10.

Prior approval:	Health Sciences Council: May 11/17	
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17	

Recommendation #9

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Aboriginal Health major in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program.

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: September 13/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #10

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Public Health major of the Bachelor of Health Sciences program.

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: September 13/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #11

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Minimum Grade Requirement box for the B.Mgt., Post-Diploma B.Mgt. and Combined B.A./B.Mgt. and B.Sc./B.Mgt. programs.

Prior approval:	Management Council: September 15/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to add MGT 4125 - Accounting and Agricultural Enterprises to the list of Accounting electives in the B.Mgt., Post-Diploma B.Mgt., Second degree B.Mgt. and Combined B.A./B.MGT. and B.Sc./B.Mgt. programs. This course will not be added to the Professional Diploma in Accounting (PDA) as one of the elective options.

Prior approval:	Management Council: May 10/17	
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17	

Recommendation #13

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to update the Agricultural Enterprise Management Major to reflect the regularized Accounting course.

Prior approval:	Management Council: September 15/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #14

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the First Nations' Governance Major, including program changes for the B.Mgt., Post-diploma B.Mgt., and Second Degree B.Mgt..

Prior approval: Management Council: September 15/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #15

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the First Nations' Governance Major in the combined B.A./B.Mgt. and B.Sc./B.Mgt. programs.

Prior approval:	Arts and Science Council: October 11/17
	Management Council: September 15/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #16

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Human Resource Management and Labour Relations Major for the B.Mgt. Post-diploma B.Mgt., Second Degree B.Mgt., combined B.A./B.Mgt. and B.Sc./B.Mgt. programs, as well as the Human Resource Management and Labour Relations Certificate.

Prior approval:	Management Council: September 15/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

That General Faculties Council approve the deletion of the 4-course Minors available to Management students from Part 11 of the Academic Calendar,

Prior approval:	Management Council: January 29/16
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #18

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to update the Agricultural Enterprise Management Minor. This minor will be removed from Part 11 – Faculty of Management in the 17/18 Calendar and added to Part XX – Minors.

Prior approval:	Management Council: September 15/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #19

That General Faculties Council approve the deletion of the six-course First Nations' Governance (FNG) Minor (which was approved at May 2016 CCC and September 2016 GFC); and the introduction of two new minors that will replace the FNG minor: Indigenous Governance Minor and Indigenous Business Management Minor.

Prior approval: Management Council: September 15/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #20

That General Faculties Council approve the replacement of Library information in Part 16 – General Services with a reference to the new Library part in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval:	Library: September 13/17
	Registrar's Office: August 4/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #21

That General Faculties Council approve the creation of the new subject code and title MUSS – Music Studio.

Prior approval:	Fine Arts Council: September 28/17
	Registrar's Office: September 27/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

That General Faculties Council approve the creation of the new subject code and title ABHL - Aboriginal Health.

Prior approval: Health Sciences Council: September 13/17 Registrar's Office: September 27/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

# **Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report #3 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 #1-2

Management

# THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION IS PENDING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

(November 6, 2017) Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to General Faculties Council

#### Summary

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the name of the First Nations' Governance major to the Indigenous Governance and Business Management Major.

Prior approval:	Management Council: September 15/17
	Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the name of the First Nations' Governance major to the Indigenous Governance and Business Management Major in the B.A./B.Mgt. and B.Sc./B.Mgt. programs.

Prior approval: Management Council: September 15/17 Curriculum Coord. Com.: October 16/17