

# GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #480 Approved Minutes

Monday, November 5, 2012 3:00 p.m. in W646

**Present:** 

A. Hakin (Chair), J. Adolf, S. Alam, S. Anderson, G. Bedard, B. Boudreau,

H. Cheng, J. Copeland, J. Dobbie, A. Escher, D. Gill, M. Helstein, P. Henzi,

C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, D. Hunt, L. Kennedy, L. Kleemola,

J. Knapp, J. Kulig, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, M. Letts, P. Loewen, R. Mallard,

B. Mathenia, I. McAdam, Z. Moline, C. Nicol, W. Osborn, D. Oye, N. Piquette,

B. Schnell, A. Siaroff, D. Siminovitch, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, J. Usher, P. Visentin,

J. Vokey, N. Walker, M. Wang, D. Weeks, V. Wells, J. Wiebe, S. Wismath,

R. Yalamova-Usher, W. Yuan (by phone)

**Regrets:** 

L. Brown, C. Campbell, L. Elias, B. Ellis, M. Gerken, E. Hasebe-Ludt, P. Hayes,

C. Hollingsworth, L. Jacobs, R. Lencucha, C. Loewen, M. Mahon, K. McCallum,

A. Morning Bull, A. Nussbaumer, D. Rochfort, N. Rosen, M. Sedgwick, M. Stingl,

K. Vos, R. Wood

Other:

J. Black (Recording Secretary), L. Corbiere, S. Olson, S. Sproule

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.01

Hunt/Gill

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #480 held Monday, November 5,

2012 be approved.

Motion: Carried

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.02

Talbot/Nicol

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #479 held Monday, October 1, 2012

be approved.

Motion: Carried

#### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of M. Mahon, A. Hakin as Acting President reported:

- M. Mahon is off for a planned medical procedure and is doing well health wise. He has planned to return on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Minister, Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education on Campus were on campus October 15<sup>th</sup>. They toured the Science Labs, and we made a strong impression on the need for a new facility and now we have to look at the process of how to move ahead.
- Premier Redford was on campus October 18<sup>th</sup> and went through the trading room as well as the science labs. This also was very positive and we were mentioned very favourable that night at the Premier's Dinner.
- Team Lethbridge An event was held in Edmonton to help promote and provide information about the Lethbridge community. The various groups each met with four to five Members of the Legislative Assembly and as an extended group they were able to put forth the needs of our institution and this community. It was great event covering a wide range of portfolios.
- Announcements The University of Lethbridge has received some tremendous news on being named by Research Infosource the 2012 Canadian Research University of the Year for undergraduate institutions. A congratulations was given to the faculty as it is their hard work that makes this happen. Globe and Mail Report Card was released and we ranked well there. Within Macleans we rose to number 3 of 19 universities, and in particular our reputation results placed us 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. These results are due to everyone who works so hard here.
- ASTech Awards This was a great event for the UofL as K. Burke received an award for her Destination Exploration Youth Science Camps, and HJ Wieden was honoured for his work with the iGEM Team.
- N. Walker reported that we just received the Auditor General Report and we
  have all green lights and we are the only institution in Alberta that has
  received this great news.

Question Period. No questions arose.

#### 4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Library Procedures for Staffing Handbook Personnel Committees

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.03

Nicol/Kulig

That GFC approves the procedures established by the Professional Librarians' Committee for the selection of voting members on the Professional Librarians' Search Committee and the Professional Librarians' STP Committee, pursuant to the provision of Articles 14.02.1(a) and 14.04.1(a), respectively, of the Faculty Handbook.

Motion: Carried Opposed: 7

C. Nicol explained the rationale on why this proposal is being brought forth. As there were recent changes within the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association (ULFA) Handbook a meeting of the Professional Librarian Committee (PLC) was held to assist in defining their procedures for staffing of the search and STP committees.

MOTION TO AMMEND: gfc.2012.11.04

Usher/Gill

To delete the responsibility of members of Library STP committee as contained within the procedures.

In Favour: 8 Motion: Defeated.

- J. Usher indicated that he is pleased to have the Acting Librarian move this forth; however, a motion was made to amend the presented procedures by removing the responsibility of the members of the Library STP Committee as it was felt that it could open the possibility of potential conflict with the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association (ULFA) Handbook.
- C. Nicol indicated the PLC stressed the importance of keeping this portion within the procedures as this was specifically requested and approved from that committee. Further discussion occurred around non-verbatim text being an interpretation of the handbook. It was clarified that the main discrepancy was that a member of the STP committee can write a letter of reference and at PLC they decided it is not appropriate; however, everything within this procedure is referenced to the appropriate handbook location.

Discussion occurred around deferring or referring this back to the PLC; however, by them approving the procedures, they already clearly indicated their wishes.

# 4.2. CCC Report – Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.05

Hosgood/Visentin

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1-3 from the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report, pending Ministerial approval:

Recommendation #1 – That General Faculties Council approve the new Post-Diploma Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation program, pending Ministerial program approval.

Recommendation #2 – That General Faculties Council approve the creation of a new TREC subject code, pending Ministerial approval of the Post-Diploma Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation program.

*Recommendation #3 – That General Faculties Council approve the* new courses for the Post-Diploma Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation program, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried. 1 opposed (J. Vokey)

C. Hosgood explained that the creation of this program was developed through thorough consultation within the institution, professional associations and employers in the province and there is a disciplinary fit and a need for this in the province. The approval process was through Health Sciences Council and then Curriculum Coordinating Committee. A question arose on the GLER requirements in comparison to other programs and an amendment will be made to the total credit hours required on page 11 as there was an addition error.

4.3. Faculty Council Appointments – Fine Arts, Education

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.06

Dobbie/Nicol

That GFC approves the appointed members below as members of the Fine Arts Faculty Council for the 2012/2013 academic year.

Glenna Westwood Library

Wilf Roesler Faculty of Management Ed Wasiak Faculty of Education Craig Coburn Faculty of Arts & Science Bernie Wojtowicz Faculty of Health Sciences

Rafaela da Cruz *Undergraduate – Students' Union* 

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.07

Nicol/Piquette

That GFC approves the appointed members below as members of the Education Faculty Council for the 2012/2013 academic year.

Wendy Osborn Faculty of Arts & Science Marie Matkin Faculty of Management Phil Jones Faculty of Health Sciences Professional Librarian Judy Vogt Stephanie Vincent Undergraduate Student Daniel Wyton Undergraduate Student

Joanne Polec Graduate Student

Don Hunt Registrar

Motion: Carried

J. Black explained that the delegation back to each faculty council to approve their own members is still currently being worked on.

#### 5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

## 5.1. GFC Executive Bylaw Requests – Ad Hoc Committee

A. Hakin reported that A. Escher, L. Kennedy and M. Helstein have agreed to sit on an ad hoc committee to look at a few bylaw review requests that have been received. This committee is scheduled to meet at the end of the month and they will put out a call for any suggested revisions.

## 5.2. GFC Nomination Committee

A. Hakin reported that the Nomination Committee was established last year to expedite staffing of the committees and GFC Executive approved R. Mallard, S. Alam, J. Dobbie and L. Kennedy to serve on the Nomination Committee for this year.

## 5.3.GFC Minutes – Institutional Repository

- J. Black reported that Mike Perry in the Archives completed a digitization of all GFC minutes from 1967 to 2001 and these are now searchable for those on campus within the institutional repository. A thank you was given to him for all the work on this. The remaining minutes from 2001 to the present are on the governance website (www.uleth.ca/governance).
- 5.4 GFC Executive Committee Minutes September 24, 2012 The minutes were presented for information.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2012.11.08

Adolf/

That the GFC meeting #480 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried