



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #513

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

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

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), R. Adkin, A. Amelinckx, H. Babb, D. Balderson, YJ Bao, B. Black, J. Bocksnick, R. Boére, L. Brown, P. Cardozo, C. Ciona, M. Collins, C. Cooper, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, P. Esau, L. Escobar, M. Gale, E. Galway, J. Graham, N. Grigg, A. Hakin, R. Harper-Brown, J. Harrowing, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, C. Howey, D. Jarvie, E. Jing, E. Jurkowski, J. MacKenzie, C. Malacrida, S. Malla, D. McNeill, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, M. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, W. Osborn, A. Predoi-Cross, J. Prestie, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, D. Slomp, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, A. Taylor, S. Thomas, N. Walker,
- Regrets:** B. Boudreau, J. Byrne, P. Ghazalian, M. Hawkins, S. Kennedy, A. Khan, C. Loewen, R. Marynowski, J. McGinley, S. Parmar, J. Sanders, A. Shaw, T. Spagnolo, J. Vokey, C. Williams, R. Wood
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, S. Sproule, M. Slomp

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.01  
Jurkowski/Collins

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #513 held Monday, October 3, 2016 be approved with the addition of 5.1 Approval of Appointed GFC Member with the remaining Items for Action renumbered and Other Business 7.1 Academic Quality Assurance Committee Update.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.02  
Malacrida/Bocksnick

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #512 held Monday, September 12, 2016 be approved with minor edits for clarification.*

Motion: Carried

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Congrats to Mark Slomp who is now the Executive Director of Students Services

- The Open House was on the weekend. It was a great success with 1028 engagements with students by various methods. Thank you to everyone who helped make it successful.
- The Senate met on Saturday and had an update on the Destination Project from the lookout in the Grove.
- Mental Health Funding announcement on campus on September 15 by Minister of Advanced Education Marlin Schmidt. It is a continuation of previous mental health funding. The Minister relayed the commitment of government to look beyond this year to future funding of mental health initiatives.
- Council of Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta Meeting – The Minister of Advanced Education was there and spoke to the announcement and the government's high priority to funding. Clauses related to labour were mentioned as well as appointments of Board of Governors and Senate members. There are still challenges with this process. The Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Deron Bilous was there. M. Mahon will be traveling to Ottawa and speaking with government officials on the importance of supporting research in Alberta. There has never been a time when the Provincial ministers as well as the three Comprehensive Academic Research Institutes (CARIs) have traveled to Ottawa to press government on supporting research.
- Clara Hughes spoke at Pronghorns Alumni Breakfast last week. Four hundred and thirty people attended the breakfast. She spoke on the importance of sport and university sport interfacing with mental health.
- Had Board meeting and an orientation on September 23rd for our new members. It was the first opportunity for the Board of Governors to meet with the new Chair K. Schlachter.
- Leroy Little Bear will be inducted into Alberta Order of Excellence in October.
- Convocation on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We have transitioned the celebration of the Alumni Honor Society to the Friday before Fall convocation instead of Spring. Let There Be Light is the new Fall Alumni Event. M. Mahon strongly encouraged members to attend Fall Convocation.
- M. Mahon is a keynote presenter at Opportunity South - Chamber Business Conference – he is presenting on the Destination Project.
- Reminder to everyone was given about the inaugural FALL BREAK - Nov. 7-11.

#### **4. QUESTION PERIOD**

- No questions were raised.

#### **5. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **5.1. Approval of Appointed GFC Member**

MOTION: gfc.2016.09.03  
Hakin/Jing

*That GFC approve the appointed graduate student member to fill a GSA vacancy in the 2016/2017 General Faculties Membership and listed below:*

GSA	Faye Salins	<i>Term End Date</i> <i>April 30, 2017</i>
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E. Jing gave some information about the student's background.

5.2. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

A. Hakin reported the current vacancies on the GFC Executive Committee. Two members are required for terms October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. The following nominations were received for two, two-year terms:

- James Graham
- Michael Stingl

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.04  
Hakin/Jurkowski

*All nominations cease.*

Motion: Carried

There were two vacancies on the GFC Executive Committee for two-year terms, so the candidates were acclaimed.

5.3. Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.05  
Brown/Cooper

*That General Faculties Council approve the revised Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy (formerly Students with Disabilities Policy), effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

L. Brown stated that M. Slomp is present if there are any questions. A comment was made on the list of definitions. Can we look at standardizing this across the board? M. Mahon said we will take this under advisement. It was asked how this differs from the last policy. S. Sproule stated that this was previously in the Academic Calendar but the responsibilities were unclear so who is responsible for what has now been clarified.

5.4. Strategic Research Plan Extension

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.06  
Okine/Malacrida

*That General Faculties Council approve to extend the term of the current Strategic Research Plan to June 30, 2017.*

Motion: Carried

The current plan is set to end December 31, 2016. We are still in the process of working on the new one, so we are requesting to extend the plan for 6 months to align it with the Academic Plan. We would like to shorten the Research Plan to three years instead of five years. The Office of Research & Innovation Services is working closely with the Provost's office on this alignment.

5.5. Senate Honorary Degree Committee Nominations

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.07  
Siaroff/Cooper

*That GFC approve Susan McDaniel and Maura Hanrahan to serve on the Senate Honorary Degrees committee for two year terms, effective immediately to June 30 2018.*

Motion: Carried

A. Siaroff thanked everyone for participating. M. Mahon added his thanks to those putting their names forward. The importance of honorary degrees was discussed at Senate for our 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration. He hopes that members can nominate some great individuals for this year.

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin reported that a lot has happened since his last report. M. Mahon, N. Walker and himself took Minister Schmidt over to the viewing site while he was here for the mental health announcement. There will be another massive concrete pour for the mass slab that is under the building. It takes great coordination to have this volume of concrete come to the university as 20-22 trucks will be coming to the university every hour. We are moving quickly with columns and walls now on the north end of the vivarium. A marker of how much progress has been made is the installation of the crane. A second crane will go up on the east side of the site in November. In mid-October we will have to cut across Coulee Trail for the high voltage service to be put under the road. There are 140 workers on site and we are still ahead of schedule due to the good weather. The wind is a factor for the crane as at 65kph the crane will shut off automatically. M. Mahon stated that in September, we have signed off on the final contract with the Government for the full amount committed by the government.

6.2. Standing Committee Reports

Received as information. These reports will be posted on the website for information. All committees met last year. No questions were raised.

6.3. GFC Meeting Schedule Guidelines

J. Gallais spoke to the changes to the guidelines for creating the GFC meeting schedule. As discussed last GFC we have moved the November GFC to the second week due to the Fall break. The GFC Executive meeting dates will not change.

6.4. Honorary Degree Nominations

Received for information. Next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> year. The Honorary Degree Recipients will play an important role in the celebrations. In the agenda package, there is a simple form to nominate a colleague for an honorary degree. The deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> to the Senate office. Please consider nominating someone, as we would like to get as many worthy individuals as we can.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 26, 2016

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – September 6, 2016

Received as information. No questions raised.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1. Academic Quality Assurance Committee update

A. Siaroff will be bringing quarterly updates to GFC on the reviews starting with the next GFC meeting.

C. Howey stated that Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is Mental Health Awareness day. Please wear purple and post any photos on social media.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2016.10.08  
Howey/Stingl

*That the GFC meeting #513 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried