



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #479

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, October 1, 2012**

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

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), J. Adolf, S. Alam, S. Anderson, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, C. Campbell, H. Cheng, J. Copeland, L. Elias, B. Ellis, A. Escher, D. Gill, A. Hakin, E. Hasebe-Ludt, M. Helstein, P. Henzi, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, L. Jacobs, L. Kennedy, L. Kleemola, J. Knapp, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, P. Loewen, R. Mallard, I. McAdam, Z. Moline, C. Nicol, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, N. Piquette, D. Rochfort, N. Rosen, B. Schnell, M. Sedgwick, A. Siaroff, D. Siminovitch, M. Stingl, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, J. Usher, J. Vokey, N. Walker, D. Weeks, V. Wells, J. Wiebe, S. Wismath, R. Wood
- Regrets:** G. Bedard, J. Dobbie, M. Gerken, P. Hayes, D. Hunt, J. Kulig, R. Lencucha, M. Letts, C. Loewen, B. Mathenia, K. McCallum, A. Morning Bull, D. Oye, P. Visentin, K. Vos, M. Wang, R. Yalamova-Usher, W. Yuan
- Other:** J. Black (Recording Secretary), S. Olson, S. Sproule, J. Newberry

C. Eagan, Executive Director Facilities gave a presentation on the Destination Project focussing on the phases and progress to date.

Prior to the meeting, commencing, a moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of two University of Lethbridge employees: Don Li, a database administrator working in Information Technology, and Tatiana Arjannikova, an Academic Assistant in Biology.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.01

Laurendeau/Siaroff

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #479 held Monday, October 1, 2012 be approved with the addition of further Faculty Council Appointments.*

Motion: Carried

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.02

Piquette/Laurendeau

*That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #478 held Monday, September 10, 2012 be approved with an amendment to indicate advancement alumni, not alumni association.*

Motion: Carried

## 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Edmonton Campus Open House – September 20<sup>th</sup> at Concordia University in Edmonton our Open House was held to celebrate our Edmonton Campus move to their facility. The Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister from Enterprise and Advanced Education attended as well as the Senior Administration at Concordia. It was a great celebration and a student of ours spoke on the increased accessibility to student services that they will receive in the new facility.
- Farewell to B. Turner outgoing Board Chair- An event was held in Edmonton the evening of the open house. The University of Lethbridge is still waiting to see who the next Board Chair will be, and we were told it will happen shortly. As soon as possible we will have a welcoming event for the new Chair.
- SOS Campaign Launch – The Supporting out Students campaign was launched. It has been a great success throughout the years and thanks was given to all the Faculty and Staff who support this.
- Strategic Planning – On September 24<sup>th</sup> a two- hour workshop was held. The consultation process was discussed and the steering committee will now take the suggestions back and develop a process of consultation that will hopefully start within the next few weeks. The plan is to have the process completed before Christmas. There will be a variety of options available for individuals to provide input..
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fiat Lux Address – Thank you was given to the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) for giving the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual address on Liberal Education. This was a great start to the strategic planning process discussions.
- Open Forum Budget Presentation Process – This was just held all day, and is newly introduced from the budget task force review. This was open to everyone and the turnout was good as many faculty and staff took place in certain parts of the open forum.
- Convocation is next Saturday and it is our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Everyone was welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Questions Period

No questions arose.

#### **4. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **4.1. GFC Membership Appointments**

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.03

Hakin/Escher

*That GFC approves the appointed members as indicated below:  
Liisa Kleemola (Student, Education)  
Scott Anderson (Student, Health Sciences)*

Motion: Carried

##### **4.2. GFC Executive Committee Nominations**

A. Hakin explained the process.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations.

M. Helstein  
S. Alam

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.04

Hakin /Nicol

*That nominations close.*

Motion: Carried

M. Helstein and S. Alam were appointed by acclamation to the GFC Executive Committee for a two-year term ending September 30, 2014.

##### **4.3. Faculty Council Appointments**

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.05

Hakin/Nicol

*That GFC approves the appointed members indicated within the enclosure as members of Arts and Science Council for the 2012/2013 academic year.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.06

Hakin/Ellis

*That GFC approves the appointed members as brought forth by Management as members of Management Faculty Council for the 2012/2013 academic year with the addition of Fahid Naeem as the GSA Representative.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.07

Hakin/Hosgood

*That GFC approves the appointed members indicated below as members of Health Sciences Faculty Council for the 2012/2013 academic year:*

*Bente Hansen – Fine Arts  
Dan Kazakoff – Management  
Jennifer Thannhauser – Education  
Aaron Gruber – Arts and Science  
Judy Vogt – Library  
Don Hunt – Registrar*

Motion: Carried

## **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **5.1. GFC Standing Committee Reports**

The Strategic Planning Committee report was not included in the agenda package, but sent out as a post-agenda attachment. J. Black noted that as indicated within the GFC Bylaws, the reports are provided to GFC for information.

Discussion occurred around admissions standards and convocation recognition of FNMI students through the honour song.

### **5.2 Policy Updates**

N. Walker explained the new process for updating policies as everything is now done through the policy website. Some policies currently being developed and/or updated are: Travel and Business and Hospitality, also disclosure for travel, also update on signing authority, delegation of authority, communicable diseases, survey policy, and art placement policy.

A question arose regarding the process, and it was explained that individuals are notified about the policies being updated through UWeekly and the notice board. A question also arose on if comments provided through that process are then carried over. N. Walker indicated that all comments are brought forth and considered as it is good for transparency of the process.

### 5.3 The Institute for Child and Youth Studies – Research Institute

L. Brown indicated that this is a Type A Research Centre/Institute that has gone through five rounds of proposals and was reviewed by the Centre/Institutes Review Committee. This will receive final approval at the Board of Governors. As part of process this is brought for questions or discussion. J. Newberry was present to address any questions.

A comment arose regarding acronym confusion with other institutes. There was lots of support expressed for the creation of this institute.

### 5.4 GFC Membership Delegation - Librarian

A. Hakin explained that as previously reported at GFC, C. Nicol is now in two *ex-officio* positions within the GFC Membership. To ensure the appropriate administrative librarian experience is on GFC, the *ex-officio* Librarian position will be delegated to B. Mathenia as an Associate University Librarian.

### 5.5 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – August 27, 2012

The minutes were presented for information. M. Mahon thanked A. Siaroff and D. Kazakoff for their time and contributions given to the GFC Executive Committee during their term.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### *Coat of Arms*

M. Mahon reported that the official Coat of Arms will be unveiled at Fall Convocation by a Herald. A request to do this started at GFC and then an official motion from the Board of Governors in 2008. Communications is looking at the best ways to use and display this.

### *Canada Research Chair*

D. Weeks announced that next Friday, October the 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Minister Goodyear will be making an announcement that the next Canada Research Chairs at the University of Lethbridge will be Locke Spencer in Physics and Astronomy.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2012.10.08

Adolf/Weeks

*That the GFC meeting #479 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried