



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #478

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2012

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), J. Adolf, S. Alam, G. Bedard, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, C. Campbell, H. Cheng, J. Copeland, J. Dobbie, B. Ellis, A. Escher, M. Gerken, D. Gill, A. Hakin, E. Hasebe-Ludt, M. Helstein, P. Henzi, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, D. Hunt, L. Kennedy, J. Knapp, J. Kulig, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, R. Mallard, I. McAdam, Z. Moline, A. Morning Bull, C. Nicol, W. Osborn, D. Oye, N. Piquette, D. Rochfort, M. Sedgwick, A. Siaroff, M. Stingl, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, J. Usher, P. Visentin, J. Vokey, K. Vos, N. Walker, M. Wang, D. Weeks, V. Wells, J. Wiebe, S. Wismath, R. Wood, R. Yalamova-Usher,

Regrets: D. Dagmar, P. Hayes, L. Jacobs, R. Lencucha, M. Letts, N. Rosen, B. Schnell, D. Siminovitch, W. Yuan

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

Prior to the meeting commencing a moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of Dr. Don Birchfield, Professor of Native American Studies. A memorial in his honour was just held in the Native American Studies Department.

M. Mahon welcomed all new and returning members of GFC. Each member introduced themselves to the group.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2012.09.01

Visentin/Stingl

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #478 held Monday, September 10, 2012 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2012.09.02

Ellis/Howard

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #477 held Monday, June 4, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Enrolment Numbers – As of this morning there were 8,300 registered students. Of those 753 were in Calgary which is a significant increase, and 292 were in Edmonton which is a decrease. Of the total students 419 are graduate students.
- Minister Meeting – M. Mahon and Board Chair B. Turner had their first meeting with Minister Khan. The Ministry also has a new name Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE). Enterprise used to be part of the Treasury Board. The Alberta Economic Development Authority is also now under the Ministry as well. The meeting was to educate the Minister about the University of Lethbridge. His grandfather worked at the Research Station here so he is very familiar with our community and our university. They spoke about our academic building and our strategic priorities. Just recently a reorganization occurred within the Ministry, and one of the changes is a new entity on internationalization. There are lots of new faces so time will be spent in Edmonton reacquainting with these individuals.
- New Board Chair – The process of selecting a new Board Chair is proceeding. A recommendation was made to the Minister in June. We are hopeful someone will be named in early October. B. Turner's term ends on September 26th, but he will stay on until a new chair is named.
- Strategic Planning Process – In October the strategic planning process will begin in earnest. The discussion paper was released last Spring, and over the summer a working group of the steering committee developed the consultation process. The committee will look at the consultation process in September and once refined it will be introduced to everyone. The hope is to get consultation completed in November and December and then the external components will take place early in the new year with the plan to wrap up in 2013.
- Fiat Lux Address – September 27th (3:00 p.m. in the Theatre) The 2nd annual address will be given by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) A. Hakin regarding Liberal Education. This will be important to come together and talk about this, and it is a very fitting topic to take place during our 45th anniversary year. The address will be live streamed to Calgary and Edmonton and will take place in the University Theatre.
- Strategic Plan Open Forum – October 1st – A task force on the budget process have released a report and part of the recommendation was to move from the closed session presentation to an open process where the university community is invited to attend. The senior team will provide context and then departments will present

on priorities of each unit in relation to the strategic plan. This is great opportunity to see what all units on campus are thinking about. Information on this has been made available to the internal community and everyone was encouraged to attend.

- New Appointments – C. Nicol is taking over stewardship of the library in addition to his decanal duties within Arts and Science. A. Nussbaumer has agreed to take on a short term position to develop an international strategy on campus. She will be looking at what the future should look like and people were encouraged to engage with her.
- Edmonton Campus – Sept 20th – An official opening of the Edmonton Campus will be held at our new location on Concordia University Campus. This new location responds to the needs of our students to have a campus experience. We are optimistic and there was lots learned from our Calgary move to assist in the transition.
- Alberta Science and Technology (ASTech) Awards - Congratulations to HJ Wieden, professor of chemistry and biochemistry and K. Burke, youth science program manager as nominees. The awards ceremony is set for November 1.
- Confederation of Alberta Faculty Association's (CAFA) 2012 CAFA Distinguished Academic Award CAFA – Congratulations to Trudy Govier, professor in philosophy, as the 2012 recipient.
- Construction – N. Walker indicated that this has been the busiest summer ever for construction projects. Certain grants required us to act, so the construction projects could not have been delayed.

Parking Lots - As a result of significant flooding in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness following a storm a few years ago, work needed to be done in the parking lot to the storm water management system. Trees and sidewalks have been included to incorporate components of sustainability on campus. The discovery of surplus soil from the University Hall building has caused some unexpected delays. It is expected that the FS lot will reopen tomorrow.

The 1st Choice Centre for Sport and Wellness Renovation – A grant was received after the project was completed last year, so this is why all the renovations were not completed at the same time. This is expected to conclude shortly.

University Hall Fire Compartmentalization Project – The replacement of doors was part of the requirements from the fire code audit.

Max Bell Aquatic Centre – The pool was shut down as bulkheads were replaced and painting was completed.

Penny Building - The renovations will be complete in January. The Advancement Alumni operations will be moving over there and some meeting rooms will be built there as well. This space will be available for short meetings or retreats.

Quad (green space adjacent to Markin Hall) – There is no rush to complete this as the same contractors are completing the parking lot and that is our priority. The hope is to have this completed by the end of September or October.

Question Period:

J. Usher – A question was brought forth on the new budgeting process and timelines for faculty input this year.

M. Mahon indicated discussions occurred on when to implement the new process

as there would be compressed timelines. They are working on how this will work better in the upcoming year. N. Walker indicated the process did start behind but the plan is to still have consultation so the hope is to get the budget approved in January or February instead of December to accommodate for the required consultation.

M. Stingl – Asked if there are any ideas on how the addition of Enterprise to Advanced Education could affect funding for basic research. M. Mahon indicated it is too early to tell how this evolution will affect funding. A. Hakin stated we were encouraged by the creation of Campus Alberta Innovation Chairs and more chairs will be coming from Alberta Innovates Health Solutions, so this could be a positive indication of putting money into institutions to support basic and applied research. In the previous few years there was not much from Alberta Innovates. R. Wood – commented that the Graduate Student enrolment numbers of 419 are unstable and final numbers are all up. Within a week to 10 days more accurate numbers will be available for graduate student enrolment.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed Members

MOTION: gfc.2012.09.03

Hakin/Piquette

That GFC approves the appointed ex-officio members, and appointed faculty/school/library members as indicated in the 2012/2013 General Faculties Membership within the enclosure.

Motion: Carried

4.2. Senate and Senate Honorary Degree Committee Nominations

A. Siaroff brought forward some names from the GFC Nomination Committee. This committee was chaired by D. Kazakoff and thanks were given to him and the committee for their work.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations.

MOTION: gfc.2012.09.04

Hakin /Nicol

That nominations close.

Motion: Carried

That the following appointments were approved by acclimation:

Senate Honorary Degrees Committee:

Pamela Winsor (September 2012 – August 2014)

Wendy Osborn (September 2012 – August 2014)

Senate:

Shelly Wismath (September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2014)

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Human Subjects Research Committee Annual Reports

M. Sedgwick, Chair of the Human Subjects Research Committee was present and indicated it is a busy committee. There were no questions.

5.2 Honorary Degree Nomination Deadline – November 1, 2012

M. Mahon commented that there are numerous nominations through the Senate and not many through the GFC process. An explanation was given about the nomination process, and members were encouraged to nominate individuals.

5.3 GFC Executive Committee Nominations

An announcement was given about the vacancies on GFC Executive that will need to be filled at the next GFC meeting on October 1, 2012. Interested individuals can contact J. Black if they have any questions.

5.4 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – May 28, 2012

The GFC Executive Committee minutes were presented as information. There were no questions.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

M. Mahon spoke about the introduction of an orientation prior to the meeting and that it was well received. Immediately following this meeting will be a welcome reception in the Theatre Foyer.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2012.09.05

Moline/Escher

That the GFC meeting #478 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried