



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #495

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2014

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), A. Andreachuk, B. Black, R. Bo  re, K. Bose, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, S. Bubel, C. Carnaghan, M. Carrell, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, L. Elias, B. Ellis, L. Escobar, M. Gale, S. Glydon, G. Gonzalez, B. Gordon, K. Haight, A. Hakin, M. Helstein, L. Hildebrand, C. Horbachewski, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, M. Kawchuk, L. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, J. Kummer, J. Lapadat, B. Lee, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, R. Miller, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, J. Parker, M. Pijl Zieber, N. Piquette, A. Predoi-Cross, V. Rodych, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, D. Sirbu, T. Spagnolo, J. Usher, J. Vokey, K. Vos, N. Walker, E. Wasiak, C. Williams, S. Wismath
- Regrets:** J. Dobbie, T. Gunn, M. Hawkins, P. Henzi, C. Hollingsworth, C. Hosgood, M. Letts, I. MacLachlan, J. Poulsen, B. Williams, P. Wilson, R. Wood
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), L. Corbiere, V. Grisack, S. Sproule

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.01

Carrell/Loewen

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #495 held Monday, September 8, 2014 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.02

Piquette/Jurkowski

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #494 held Monday, May 5, 2014 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- New Student Orientation (NSO), new Commencement ceremony, Fresh Fest all had wonderful turnouts. A commencement coin was given to all new students at the Commencement ceremony.
- Fall 2014 enrolment numbers are still in flux and we will have final numbers by Sept. 16th.
- FNMI Gathering Space is now up and running. This is housed in the Patterson Centre. There will be a formal opening in the future.
- New Masters in Nursing as well as the undergraduate Specialization in Aboriginal Health were approved by the Minister.
- Student portal and new notice board are both live.
- There is work happening with the Destination Project and the update for that is later in the agenda.
- ULFA negotiations have been complete and voting will be in process next week. AUPE has moved into mediation and we hope this will be resolved soon.
- Budget working groups are looking at sports programs and trying how to best optimize our resources in those areas.
- New Premier was just announced and we hope this will bring some stability. We will wait to see what happens with our Minister. We should know more within 1-2 weeks.
- Government made changes in the Advanced Education Ministry with new DM/ADM over the summer.
- Tuition Discussions are ongoing.
- Potato Growers Announcement for a new research chair
- Cor Van Raay Donation - \$5 million donation split between the college and ourselves for agribusiness program. We will focus on work that is already going on.
- Events at Coutts property during the summer - Shakespeare, En Plein Air, Coutts Memorial
- Canada 2019 Winter Games visit from Bid committee in August. We did a wonderful job trying to support this and thanks for all work in this.
- Working on a meeting with Lethbridge College & Medicine Hat College this Fall to look at collaboration. There is a new president at MHC.
- Fiat Lux Address will be on October 2 – everyone was invited to attend.
- Fall Convocation will be the last Convocation that Chancellor Shirley McClellan will preside over. The search process has begun, with the next chancellor taking office March 2015.
- Honorary Degree nomination deadline is November 1. Mike will be meeting with Deans' Council, and all members of GFC were encouraged to look at nominations. We need to ramp up our engagement in this.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Mahon explained that question period has transitioned to be a part of the formal agenda now.

- J. Vokey – there was a recent documentary in the media on the increased use of sessionals at universities. Can we have a report to GFC on use of sessionals at the UofL? He noted that discussion on CAFA list has inquired if we are anywhere near the Eastern institutions on the use of sessionals. M. Mahon stated that in Maclean's we have highest number of faculty with terminal degrees teaching. We can provide some data on that. J. Usher has asked staff at ULFA to look at parallel figures – particularly regarding the number of students being taught, who they are being taught by and the budgetary implications.
- B. Black – The Government is creating three new universities and what is the impact for us. M. Mahon replied that the Premier/Minister that the government was allowing university colleges and enabling them to use term university. The faith based institutions receive different amounts of funding and are degree granting but their funding model is not changing. It was surprising to us and we knew nothing about it. At this point in time, we have been told the six-sector model will remain unchanged. It can cause confusion and recruitment problems with students.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. GFC Bylaw Revision – Procedure for Appointed Members

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.03

Hakin/Lapadat

That GFC approve the following amendment to the GFC Bylaws concerning the procedure for appointed members.

9. Procedure for Appointed Members

At the first meeting of each council year, in accordance with Section 25 of the Act, the members referred to in Section 23(a) who are members by virtue of their offices, the elected members of the Academic Staff referred to in Section 23(b), and the three student members referred to in Section 23(c) shall move a motion to appoint the following appointed members to GFC: ~~Appointed ex-officio Members~~, Appointed Faculty/School/Library Members, and Appointed Student Members.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin indicated that *ex-officio* does not have to be approved as they hold the position by virtue of their job.

5.2. Approval of Remaining Appointed GFC Members

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.04

Hakin/Glydon

That GFC approves the appointed members as indicated in the 2014/2015 General Faculties Membership enclosure. (Michael Gale, Laurel de Klerk, Kimberley Bose and change in GSA – Jessica Parker replace Arif Islam.)

Motion: Carried

5.3. GFC Bylaw Revision – Standing Committee Membership

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.05

Hakin/Hildebrand

That GFC approve the following amendments to the GFC Bylaws concerning standing committee membership.

6. *Admissions Standards Committee*
 - a. *The Admissions Standards Committee comprises:*
 - Provost & Vice-President (Academic) or Designate [Committee Chair] ex-officio*
 - ~~*Associate Vice-President (Students) ex-officio*~~
 - Registrar ex-officio*
 - Manager of Admissions ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate, Arts & Science ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate, Education ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate, Fine Arts ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate, Health Sciences ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate, Management ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate, Graduate Studies ex-officio*
 - Six (6) Academic Staff Members, one nominated by each Faculty and School Council;*
 - Two (2) Undergraduate Students, nominated by Students' Council (selected from different Faculties/Schools)*
 - One (1) Graduate Student, nominated by the Graduate Students' Association*
 - Resource Member (Administrative Support): Transfer Credit Coordinator*
15. *Student Awards Committee (Amended Oct. 7, 2013)*
 - a. *The Student Awards Committee comprises:*
 - Associate Vice-President (Students) or Designate [Committee Chair] ex-officio*
 - ~~*Coordinator*~~*Manager, Scholarships and Student Finance ex-officio*
 - Vice-President (Advancement) or designate ex-officio*
 - Dean's Designate (or alternate), Arts & Science*
 - Dean's Designate (or alternate), Education*
 - Dean's Designate (or alternate), Fine Arts*
 - Dean's Designate (or alternate), Health Sciences*
 - Dean's Designate (or alternate), Management*

Dean's Designate (or alternate), Graduate Studies
Two (2) Academic Staff Members, nominated by the Executive Committee
Two (2) Undergraduate Students, nominated by the Students' Union and
selected from different Faculties
One (1) Graduate Student, nominated by the Graduate Students' Association

Resource Member (Administrative Support): Scholarship Administrative Assistant

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin stated that this change is related to the changes in the Associate Vice-President (Students) portfolio.

5.4. GFC Nomination Committee

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.06

Helstein/C. Williams

That GFC approve the slate of nominees below to fill committee vacancies.

Senate Honorary Degree Committee Linda Many Guns (immediately to June 30, 2016)
Jim Thomas (immediately to June 30, 2016)

Senate Noella Piquette (immediately to August 31, 2017)

Motion: Carried

M. Helstein explained the process. The call went out to Faculty and we got as many names as positions, so no election was required.

5.5. Graduate Studies Associate Dean Appointment Committee Procedures

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.07

Siaroff/Jurkowski

That General Faculties Council approve the attached procedures for the Graduate Studies Associate Dean Appointment Committee. With the addition of the wording from the GFC Bylaws indicating that the recommendation goes to the Board via the president and a few minor editorial amendments were noted to the document.

Motion: Carried (with Approved Amendment Below)

Discussion occurred around the language, how the recommendation process works and what if the chair is not in agreement of the decision. Comments and discussion arose around the addition of more members, the committee size, if the process is open or closed, and how this is good for transparency of the process.

MOTION TO AMEND: gfc.2014.09.08

Jacobs/Black

To add one faculty member appointed by the Professional Librarians' Committee to the Graduate Studies Associate Dean appointment committee composition.

Motion: Carried (19 opposed)

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project Update

A. Hakin reported on the progress of the Destination project during the summer months as there have been several super weeks – an opportunity for the architectural group to come in and talk to those on campus. There have been six massings put forward and now it is down to three that will be brought for community input. PCL has also just been approved as the construction management group.

6.2. Human Subjects Research Committee Annual Report

L. Brown indicated that this report is presented annually to GFC. These are all the proposals that require ethics review. It was clarified that unfunded means – it can be conducted without funding. Cudos were given to the committee and particularly to Susan Entz for ensuring the committee deals with these reviews so quickly and efficiently.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

J. Gallais had attached for information notice that next GFC there will be a need to fill two vacancies on GFC Executive, and this needs to be done via nominations from the floor. It was mentioned that it is good to have representation from different faculties, but it is not a requirement. Members were encouraged to think about serving and to ask other executive members any questions they may have.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Report - September 2, 2014

This is presented after the executive meeting and attached for information. No questions arose.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – April 28, 2014

The approved minutes were emailed for information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A reminder was given about the reception to be held following GFC in the Theatre Foyer.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2014.09.09

Vos/Helstein

That the GFC meeting #495 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried