



Monday, September 9, 2013

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), S. Alam, L. Ambedian, G. Bedard, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, B. Ellis, S. Glydon, M. Hawkins, M. Helstein, P. Henzi, C. Hollingsworth, C. Horbachewski, E. Jurkowski, K. Kalmar, M. Kawchuk, L. Kennedy, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, A. Long, I. MacLachlan, C. Malacrida, K. McCallum, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, N. Peters, J. Poulsen, A. Siaroff, T. Spagnolo, S. Talbot, J. Usher, P. Visentin, J. Vokey, K. Vos, S. Wismath, R. Wood, J. Youngdahl, W. Yuan (phone)
- Regrets:** P. Asaana, T. Babalola, C. Carnaghan, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, T. Gunn, A. Hakin, C. Hosgood, D. Hunt, L. Jacobs, M. Kavanagh, C. Kingfisher, B. Lee, M. Lindsay, F. Naeem, C. Nicol, D. O'Donnell, N. Piquette, D. Siminovitch, I. Townshend, N. Walker, D. Weeks, P. Wilson, R. Yalamova-Usher
- Other:** J. Black (recording secretary), L. Corbiere, V. Grisack, Muriel Mellow, S. Sproule, P. Visentin, R. Westlund

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2013.09.01

Laurendeau/Lapadat

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #487 held Monday, September 9, 2013 be approved with the addition on an update from the School of Grad Studies as Items for Information 5.7.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2013.09.02

Glydon/Talbot

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #486 held Monday, June 3, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported:

- Flooding
 - Occurred on campus over the summer – thanks to all who contributed. We are close to being finished the renovations needed and we have made great progress.
 - In Calgary and High River – we hosted 250 displaced individuals in our residence until early August. Thanks again were given to many volunteers who helped, and those in housing and food services to ensure everyone was well taken care of.
- Grand opening of our newest student residence Mt. Blakiston house just occurred. The naming committee decided the next residence facilities will be named after the peaks in Waterton. It was good to stay in the realm of southern Alberta as the other residence was named with an aboriginal focus. Our next challenge will be to build another residence.
- The new Urban Market and Starbucks are now open on campus and Tim Horton's and Subway are opening soon. There have been some positive reports received on our new food provider.
- The Welcome Back BBQ will occur this week in our new quad for first one thousand individuals.
- Premier on Campus – Premier Redford was in southern Alberta and came to campus, and in her opening remarks she affirmed commitment to our destination project and spoke of the importance of this to the province and community. The feedback is that the province seems strongly committed to this project.
- Our new student success centre has opened. It is good to provide high quality support to our students and in turn it is equally important to faculty and staff.
- We have our new BFA in Native American Art and there is one student already registered.
- Condolences were given on the passing of Gerald Conaty who was a former Honorary Degree Recipient and faculty member.
- Enrolment update – it is too early to state, but as of Sept 3, the number is at 8,237 and we are predicting over 8,300. This means right now an 11% increase in high school students so that is terrific in this category.
- New student orientation just occurred and it went well.
- M. Mahon has completed a welcome back video and this will be available on the website.
- Convocation invites went out and everyone was encouraged to attend, we are honouring our own: Dr. Gary Bowie, Honorary Degree recipient and Dr. Robert Morrison, our Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.
- Letter of Expectation (LOE) – there has been a work in progress throughout the summer on three components: the system, the sector and the institutional element. The first two components are for the most part completed through negotiations within the 26 institutions for the system, and then within four institutions within the Comprehensive Academic Research Institutions (CARI) sector. Overall, we are relatively pleased with these two sections, and it is quite different from the initial

piece from the spring. In regards to the institutional component, it is created from our mandate statement and there is nothing new that is contained within this piece. This section takes the mandate and turns it into outcomes. The LOE will come for information to GFC in October and then approval to the Board in October.

- Budget – this remains a concern with the reduction of 7.3% from our operating grant. We still have between \$3.2 and \$4 million dollars to find. We have made great progress with 75% of our cut being found, but the last bit as said by N. Walker is the hardest part. The seven budget review committee reports have been submitted in an initial draft report and they are being reviewed. Any actions that are being pursued will eventually be made available as part of the ongoing budget communication. M. Mahon thanked everyone for their work in these committees. It was mentioned that the ULFA collective agreement is in arbitration and we have to wait until that is completed. Also, there is a grievance filed by the AUPE regarding the lay-off days and we are working through that as well. We also need to start the 2014/2015 budget and an update is being prepared and will be sent later this week, but much of what was provided here will be included in this. We will try and continue to move the university forward in a positive manner.

Question Period:

- What was the ultimate cause of the break in the water for the on-campus flood, and what are the budgetary implications (I. Maclachlan)? The cause was a broken water main due to construction, and the extent of responsibility is dealt with by insurance companies. We have construction related insurance and university insurance as well, and all companies have their own. The number was somewhere beyond \$5 million, and it is now out of our hands as it is up to the insurance companies to sort through the logistics of who pays.
- Was there any damage to musical instruments in the on-campus flood (M. Hawkins)? Ed Jurkowski responded that luckily there was no damage to art or instruments, and the only real damage was to the recording studio and that has been dealt with.
- In regards to the grievance by AUPE and the ULFA arbitration, what is a sense of the time line on the decisions of these (J. Laurendeau)? It was indicated that we cannot comment on either elements, but can only say those elements remain there until resolved.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed GFC Members

MOTION: gfc.2013.09.03

Boudreau/Kalmar

That GFC approves the appointed ex-officio members, and appointed faculty/school/library members as indicated in the 2013/2014 General Faculties Membership enclosure with removal of Victoria Wells.

Motion: Carried

MOTION TO AMMEND:

Usher/

gfc.2013.09.04

To strike out of the membership the Interim Dean of Internationalization.

Motion: Out of Order

A question arose on the membership of the Interim Dean of Internationalization on GFC, and a motion was going to be made about this by J. Usher; however, the motion was determined to be out of order as it does not refer to an appointed member of this motion. This could be referred to executive committee to examine legislation and could be

MOTION:

gfc.2013.09.05

MacLachlan/Hawkins

That GFC refer to the Executive Committee the examination of the membership of the Interim Dean of Internationalization on GFC.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

It was also requested for the Executive Committee to examine the use of ex-officio and why we approve these positions annually.

4.2. GFC University Review Committee - Bylaw Revisions

MOTION:

gfc.2013.09.06

Boudreau/Helstein

That GFC approves the revisions to the University Review Committee Terms of Reference effective immediately with amendment to Students' Union instead of Council.

Motion: Carried 2/3

B. Boudreau provided an overview of the changes and noted that the review process we underwent also had recommended changes to the Terms of Reference. A question arose on what the major differences are between the former and the new versions? The major difference is having a system and more heightened monitoring. It was noted that they should indicate units affected by this is all, instead of none. A question arose on facilitating access to university data in their review. B. Boudreau indicated that there are nine ongoing reviews, two closed this summer, two are starting up and then 8-10 are scheduled for 2014. This committee is doing tenfold of what was done in past.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Program Suspensions Update

B. Boudreau indicated that we received the two attached letters from the government. They accepted the recommendations in terms of our program suspensions that we approved in June at GFC.

5.2. Experts Database

R. Westlund did a presentation on the Experts Database and encouraged faculty to sign up.

5.3. Human Subjects Research Committee Annual Report

L. Brown indicated that the three reports are provided for information.

5.4. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

J. Black informed GFC that there are three upcoming vacancies on the Executive Committee. The process is different than staffing other committees, so people need to be prepared to have nominations ready at the October meeting of GFC.

5.5. GFC Nomination Committee Update

J. Black, of behalf of J. Dobbie, the GFC Nomination Committee chair, indicated that there is a vacancy for the President's Advisory Committee on Personal Security. Interested individuals were encouraged to apply and this will come for approval at October's GFC.

5.6. GFC Executive Committee Minutes – May 27, 2013

These were presented for information and there were no comments.

5.7 School of Graduate Studies Update

R. Wood indicated that the online grad application is now live. There has been an increase in applications and it has been an improved experience. We have received lots of kudos as we also have an online review process behind the scenes. It is a highly efficient workflow. Many colleagues have been active in testing this so now that it is live it is a great cause for celebration. M. Mahon indicated this is a great initiative for grad students.

The post-doctoral fellow policy was also mentioned as it was approved in May by the Board. The School of Graduate Studies will be engaging this community on an ongoing process around issues of representation and need.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

M. Mahon reminded all the members of GFC about the reception in the Theatre Foyer immediately following the meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2013.09.07

Wismath/Jurkowski

That the GFC meeting #487 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried