



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #521

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), M. Abubakari, C. Adams, R. Adkin, K. Alexander, A. Amelinckx, H. Babb, B. Black, L. Bryan, J. Clark, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, G. Fujiwara, T. Gunn, A. Hakin, K. Hallett, J. Harrowing, M. Helstein, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, H. Jansen, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, C. Malacrida, R. Marynowski, K. Massey, D. McNeill, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, W. Osborn, S. Parmar, C. Peta, F. Salins, P. Shao, A. Shaw, A. Siaroff, D. Slomp, D. Smit, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, A. Taylor, J. Usher, J. Vokey, N. Walker, R. Wood, R. Yalamova
- Regrets:** P. Adams, B. Boudreau, J. Byrne, P. Cardozo, M. Collins, J. Dobbie, N. Grigg, L. Howard, A. Martin, J. Mather, J. McGinley, M. Nugent, E. Okine, V. Rodych, T. Spagnolo, J. Whitehead,
- Other:** J. Gallais, L. Corbiere, V. Grisack, M. Letts, H. Mirau, J. Preyde

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2017.09.01

Jurkowski/Adkin

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #521 held Monday, September 11, 2017 be approved with addition of a 50th Anniversary event to Other Business.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2017.09.02

Nicol/Jurkowski

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #520 held Monday, June 5, 2017 be approved with minor edit.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Commencement and New Student Orientation – Congratulations to those who organized these events. There was great attendance with a large number of family members and partners attending the orientation. It is a great sign of the commitment of students' families to the transition to campus life.
- Homecoming/Shine On – Congratulations to co-chairs C. Hosgood and C. Horbachewski. Lots of people came to campus. Congratulations to A. Hakin, D. Connolly, J. Varzari, K. Schlachter, and V. Christou on their Blackfoot naming ceremony. Great honour for all five to be honoured with a Blackfoot name.
- Honorary Degree Nominations – discussed at last meeting in June. Process is now open for nominations. Success of the Honorary Degree program is based on individuals nominating people so GFC members were encouraged to submit a nomination. It was also noted that Buffy St. Marie will be given an Honorary Degree at Convocation this Fall.
- General update of ongoing gov't activities – consultations continue around the funding model. There is a lot of ongoing discussion on tuition and tuition freeze. We are looking to next year's budget but the government has indicated that there may be an in-year budget challenge.
- Mental Health Grant Announcement was on Sept. 6th – Minister Schmidt announced 1 million dollars to come to the UofL. We are not sure of what the timeline is for this money. We need to be able to maintain all the services that we have as they are being heavily utilized.
- There currently are two Dean searches ongoing. The Dean of Liberal Education search is ongoing with meetings happening later this week. The Dean of Management search will be starting soon.
- Pleased to have Leroy Little Bear as Distinguished Niitsitapi Scholar at the UofL. He has contributed greatly on the national front as well as being an advisor here at the University of Lethbridge. He is consulting on restructuring of the governance model of indigenous communities that the government announced last week.
- \$2.6 Million in NSERC funding, congratulations to the successful faculty that did the work for these great achievements.
- We will be participating at the Cavendish Plant sod turning (Sept. 18).
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast (Sept. 28). Please support our Pronghorn athletes.
- Welcome Back BBQ (Sept. 21) at Lethbridge and also having on the Calgary Campus (Sept. 26) for the first time.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- D. O'Donnell commented that the Honorary Degree nomination forms are hard to find. M. Mahon responded that we will look at that to make sure the forms are easily accessible.
- C. Peta mentioned that the mental health grant is \$1 million a year for three years to transition it into the larger regional systems like AHS. M. Mahon we have had

no real dialogue aside from the initial discussion. We have talked to the government about having a primary health centre here on campus. We think that there could be space to support that with the construction of the Destination Project. This would be a good opportunity for us to provide this health services to the west side as it is underrepresented on this side of town. It would also be good for our nurses in training.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Approval of Appointed Student Members

MOTION: gfc.2017.09.04

Hakin/Babb

That General Faculties Council (GFC) approves the remaining appointed student member below to GFC for a term ending on April 30, 2018.

***APPOINTED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS
(Nominated by Students' Union) [8] Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC Appoints)***

Student (Arts and Science) Laura Bryan April 30, 2018

Motion: Carried

It was noted that there will be another position coming forward due to a resignation.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin introduced M. Letts who gave several updates on the project. We are on schedule and on budget, and are nearing the half-way point. Some highlights are they are putting the new pedestrian bridge across Valley Road in October. We are looking at the gold level in LEED efficiency with Silver being the minimum. A committee is being formed to work on what the new common science core will look like. We are hoping for approval for Director of the science building. We think classes will be held there in the Fall of 2019. Between March and May 2019 through to December 31, 2019 we will be moving in the Faculty research labs. There will be gender-neutral bathrooms. Students are happy to see the non-traditional classroom set-ups. A. Hakin stated that we are looking at classrooms across campus to experiment with different set ups. It was noted that we do not yet know about lights on funding for new building, and lights on funding will be about \$3 million. A. Hakin stated that we were told that the government was only approving funding that they were committed to providing lights on funding for.

6.2. Academic Plan Progress Report Metrics

A. Hakin introduced J. Preyde to speak to the first academic plan progress metrics report. There is a distinction between plans and reports and this document reports on the progress of the academic plan. Each Faculty/School/Library were invited to highlight a few items from their respective areas and then the floor was opened to questions.

Some questions arose on the 4-year degree from the Faculty of Education and this is just an initial consultation to ensure we remain competitive. The School of Graduate Studies teaching assistantships is a repurposing of existing dollars. The Library acquisition budget is ongoing concern as costs are rising every year and they are examining options. No other questions or concerns arose and it was noted that this new document provides a useful overview of the progress being made.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Member Nominations

J. Gallais reported on the three upcoming vacancies on the GFC Executive Committee. We will be asking for nominations at General Faculties Council on October 2, 2017.

6.4. GFC Nomination Committee - Senate/Senate Volunteer Award Committee/ Naming Advisory Committee

A. Siaroff stated that there is a GFC vacancy on the Senate and that individual also serves on the Senate Volunteer Award Committee. The Naming Advisory Committee is also looking for one member appointed by GFC. Both committees require the vacancies to be filled by a member of General Faculties Council. J. Gallais will send out an email to request names and the intent will be to approve these individuals at October's GFC.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Report – Sept. 5, 2017

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – May 29, 2017 & June 26, 2017

Received as information. A request was made to attach the membership of the Dean of the School of Liberal Education to the June 26th minutes, so this will be done. The current membership is available on the website.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

C. Hosgood stated that the Faculty of Health Sciences has a 50th Anniversary event coming up that will last for five days. They are looking to promote a healthy campus. There will be advertisements on the notice board, Facebook etc. and on the Wednesday the theme is "Let's get physical" and this will include a booth to promote mental health awareness.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2017.09.

Jansen/Stingl

That the GFC meeting #521 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried