

**MINUTES OF A MEETING #434 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006 AT 3:00 PM. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Nancy Walker, Seamus O'Shea, Chris Horbachewski, Ches Skinner, Christopher Nicol, Murray Lindsay, Leslie Lavers, Marinus Swanepoel, Shamsul Alam, Andrew Hakin, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Karen Clearwater, Allan Hall, Cheryl Calver, Brent Selinger, Brian Parkinson, Chris Epplett, David Clearwater, Ivan Townshend, James Alexander, Jan Newberry, Jason Blades, Jean Groft, Jennifer Mather, Jonathan Lane, Ken Nicol, Lesley Brown, Leslie Robison-Greene, Nancy Grigg, Nicole Wilson, Pamela Winsor, Peter Alward, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Rene Boere, Rex Forsyth, Shelly Wismath, Tim Pope, Tom Johnston, Tyler Tanner, Wendy Osborn, Kendra Armstrong (Secretary)

Regrets: Chris Hosgood, Jane O'Dea

4148.0      APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4148.1      MOTION:

Grigg/Mather

That the Agenda for Meeting #434 be approved as circulated, with the addition of Item 5.2, Appointment to Naming Committee.

Motion:          Carried

4149.0      APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4149.1      MOTION:

Lindsay/Blades

That the Minutes of Meeting #433 be approved as circulated with the revision to motion 4142.1.2, allowing the Faculty of Management until the May 2006 GFC Meeting to indicate changes to final exams, rather than March 2006.

Motion:          Carried

4150.0      ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bill Cade announced the names of the Honorary Degree recipients for the Spring and Fall 2006 Convocations. The recipients are, Tom Droog, The Honourable Catherine A. Fraser, Allan Markin, Chava Rosenfarb, Lena Russell, Dr. David Schindler, Blaine Thacker, Dr. Roger Tomlinson, and Willard H. Yuill.

Seamus O'Shea explained that there is still no news from the government in regards to Access Funding. Details are expected to follow once the provincial budget is struck.

Meetings are still taking place with groups on campus regarding the Daycare Feasibility Study. No decisions have been made.

Bill Cade commented that he will be attending a meeting in Edmonton tomorrow as part of the Advanced Education System Transformation Sub-committee. Discussion will take place regarding funding, quality, and accountability.

4151.0      PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4151.1      Tuition

Bill Cade mentioned that there has been no report from the government regarding tuition. It is expected that this will follow with the provincial budget announcement from the government.

4151.2      Pronghorn Booster Club Annual Dinner & Auction

The Pronghorn Booster Club Annual Dinner & Auction will be held this evening in the Students' Union Ballrooms.

4151.3      Donald Ziraldo

A lecture by Donald Ziraldo, CEO and Co-Founder of Inniskillian Wines will take place this Wednesday as part of the CMA Speaker Series.

4151.4      Fine Arts Events

The annual Abbondanza event was recently put on by the Faculty of Fine Arts. It was a successful event, and the students did a great job.

A dance theatre production called Streaming will be coming to the University of Lethbridge theatre on March 8.

4151.5      Gender Research Symposium

The first annual Gender Research Symposium recently took place on campus. It was a successful event.

4151.6      Meeting with the Federal Government

Bill Cade along with the Presidents of the University of Alberta and University of Calgary will be traveling to Ottawa to meet with the new Federal Government. They plan to discuss issues regarding Post-Secondary Education in Alberta.

4152.0      ITEMS FOR ACTION

4152.1      Animal Welfare Committee Policy

4152.1.1      MOTION:

Fitzpatrick/Nicol

That the revisions to the attached Animal Welfare Committee policy (noted in bold and italicized) be approved, with the following additional revisions:

Membership Terms:

- a. Separate Psychology and Neuroscience into two separate departments.
- f. Change Associate Vice-President (Research) to Vice-President (Research).

Responsibilities:

- j. Protocol Review (fourth paragraph, last sentence): change to within 1 to 6 weeks, rather than, within 1 to 4 weeks.

Motion: Carried

4152.2 Appointment to Naming Committee

4152.2.1 MOTION:

Parkinson/Mather

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Nicole Wilson was acclaimed.

Bill Cade noted that the Fitness Centre in the Regional Health & Wellness Centre is to be the first item to come to the Naming Committee.

4153.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4153.1 Draft Report of the University Budget Committee 2006-07 to 2009-10 University Budget  
Nancy Walker introduced Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning), and Chair of the Budget Committee.

Karen Clearwater reviewed the Budget and pointed out the new initiatives for the next three years. A detailed description is filed with these minutes.

Rene Boere inquired on funding for items such as Chinook Scholarships and Undergraduate Research Grants. Karen noted that funding for these types of things have never been requested in the past. Nancy Walker explained that a report has been done which shows all the funding for various scholarships and grants. Nancy agreed to provide this report for information.

It was requested that the letters FTE be included somewhere on the Faculty Staffing Plans 2006-07 to 2009-10 on Page 16 of the report for clarification.

Tom Johnston requested that the \$50,000 for an academic development fund for the new Vice-President under point VIII. One Time Allocations, be explained. Seamus O'Shea clarified that this money is used for things such as program reviews, speaker funding, and Teaching Development Funds.

4154.0      ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
There were no items for discussion.

4155.0      OTHER BUSINESS

Seamus O'Shea described the recent Lethbridge Herald article showing the increasing number of students leaving high school before completion, particularly in Alberta which has the lowest number of students graduating from high school in the country.

Seamus explained that the University of Lethbridge has seen a decrease not only in high school students and mature students, but transfer students as well. Seamus stressed the importance of planning recruitment strategies in the next few years, and the importance of working with the colleges and schools to remain competitive. Seamus noted that there may be opportunities to increase programs at the University, mostly in the areas of public health and environmental science.

Bill Cade mentioned that he is currently working with the Chinook Health Region with plans in the case of a pandemic.

4156.0      ADJOURNMENT

4156.1      MOTION:

McCormick/Lane	That the March 6, 2006 meeting of General Faculties Council be adjourned.
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Motion:	Carried
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4157.0      QUESTION PERIOD  
The question period was not minuted.