

MINUTES OF A MEETING #428 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005 AT 3:00 PM. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Andrew Hakin, Catherine Kingfisher, Cheryl Calver, Ches Skinner, Chris Epplett, Chris Hosgood, Christopher Nicol, Dagmar Dahle, David Clearwater, Dustin Fuller, Jan Newberry, Jane O'Dea, Jennifer Mather, Jim Thomas, Jonathan Lane, Kas Mazurek, Leslie Lavers, Locke Spencer, Lynn Basford, Marinus Swanepoel, Nafisa Jadavji, Nancy Walker, Peter Alward, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Rex Forsyth, Tom Johnston, Toni Nelson, Tyler Tanner, Wilf Roesler, Kendra Armstrong (Secretary)

Regrets: Brian Parkinson, Diana Young, Hiroshi Shimazaki, Inge Genee, Jean Groft, Joy Morris, Nancy Grigg, Pamela Winsor, Seamus O'Shea

4088.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Johnston/Thomas

That the Agenda for Meeting #428 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4089.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Kingfisher/Mather

That the Minutes of Meeting #427, March 7, 2005 be approved as circulated, with an addition to item 4081.2 as follows:

Last sentence: and the Lois Hole *Digital Library*, Humanities, and Social Sciences Scholarship.

Motion: Carried

4090.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4091.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4091.1 Students' Union

Bill Cade welcomed the new Students' Union President, Tyler Tanner, Vice-President Academic Students' Union, Dustin Fuller, and Graduate Student representative, Jonathan Lane.

4091.2 Construction on Campus

Construction of the new Regional Health and Wellness Centre has started. There is \$30.8 million being spent, with possible additional funding from City Council. One of the next initiatives is going to be in finding a name for the building.

There is concern regarding other projects on campus that require building or renovating of buildings. With the rising costs of lumber and other significant inflations it has increased the initial estimated costs substantially.

4091.3 Donors

A major donor has paid a substantial amount of money in support of the Management and Health Sciences Building. An announcement will be made in the Fall.

A deceased Lethbridge resident left a substantial amount of money in her will as endowments to be allocated to students at the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Community College.

Encana donated a substantial amount of money to the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience expansion.

4091.4 Vice-President (Advancement)

Chris Horbachewski has been selected as the new Vice-President (Advancement). His official start date will be August 1, 2005.

4091.5 Mount Royal College

The proposal to make Mount Royal College a University was rejected at Cabinet recently. This has been pushed back in order to give the government more time for reviewing the proposal before making a final decision.

Members of Mount Royal College attended the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce meeting recently. The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce voiced their opposition to Mount Royal College becoming a University. This issue will also be going to the Provincial Chamber for discussion in the next month.

4091.6 Appointment and Review Committees

The Appointment committee for Chris Nicol, Dean of Arts and Science, and Review Committees for Marinus Swanepoel, University Librarian, and Lynn Basford, Dean of Health Sciences are currently in the process of being struck.

Bill urged the council members to send in their comments, which in turn helps guide the committee and the candidate. It was reminded that all letters are held in confidence.

A Mid-term Review committee for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts is also needing to be struck, but this will be put off until the Fall.

4091.7 Nafisa Jadavji

Nafisa Jadavji, a Neuroscience student at the University of Lethbridge, has received a Leaders of Tomorrow Award. Nafisa is also coordinating a Bioethics Conference to take place in early 2006.

4091.8 Fraternities on Campus

Bill Cade explained that he had received a critical letter from a former faculty member concerned about the creation of a fraternity on campus. It was explained that this fraternity is being organized solely by the students, and that it would not be right to tell them what they can or cannot be involved in.

4092.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4092.1 GFC & GFC Executive Meeting Dates 2005, 2006 and 2007

4092.1.1 MOTION:

Skinner/Kingfisher

That the GFC and GFC Executive Meeting Dates be approved as attached to the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

4092.2 2005/2006 Executive Nominations to GFC Committees

Advisory Committee on Athletics

4092.2.1 MOTION:

Nicol/Thomas

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Jean Groft was acclaimed.

Convocation Committee

4092.2.2 MOTION:

Kingfisher/Jadavji

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Michael Pollard and Judy Vogt were acclaimed.

Curriculum Coordinating Committee

4092.2.3

MOTION:

Kingfisher/Hosgood

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Shelley Ross was acclaimed.

Discipline Committee

4092.2.4

MOTION:

Spencer/Mazurek

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

David Siminovitch was acclaimed for a one year appointment.

Research Committee

4092.2.5

MOTION:

Nicol/Nelson

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Don Gill, Janice Rahn, and John Usher were acclaimed.

Student Awards Committee

4092.2.6

MOTION:

McCormick/Epplett

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Tim Pope was acclaimed.

Travel Committee

4092.2.7

MOTION:

Skinner/Nicol

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Muriel Mellow was acclaimed.

University Budget Committee

4092.2.8

MOTION:

Clearwater/Nicol

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Judith Kulig was acclaimed for a three year appointment and Steve Wismath and Jennifer Mather were acclaimed for a one year appointment.

University Review Committee

4092.2.9

MOTION:

Hosgood/Mather

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Mary Kavanagh was acclaimed for a two year term. Robert Rogerson and Kas Mazurek were acclaimed for an additional one year term, and Angela Downey was acclaimed for a two year term, subject to consent.

Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee

4092.2.10

MOTION:

Nicol/Mazurek

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

John Poulsen was acclaimed as an alternate for a one year term.

4093.0

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4093.1

Academic Staff Counts

This was received as information.

4093.2

Strategic Priorities Report Card

Bill Cade explained that two and a half years ago, the University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan was approved by General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors. The report card is meant to inform everyone about what has been done in the past two and a half years since it was created.

The members of GFC were asked to give feedback and input on the report card, as the primary goal is to make it as informative and useful as possible. Some of the suggested changes were to add the Women's Scholar Speaker Series under the gender inclusivity section on page 2, and the omission of the word April in the second last paragraph in the gender inclusivity section also on page 2. Bill Cade asked that any additional changes or suggestions be emailed to him.

4093.3 Admission Standards

The motion as passed by GFC Executive through email on March 22, 2005 was included for information. Bill Cade explained that the admission averages were reversed due to the fact that the government has made access it's main concern, and it would not be appropriate to limit access. Leslie Lavers explained that the University of Lethbridge admissions are up compared to last year, but still under eight thousand students.

4093.4 GLER Update

The March 14, 2005 version of The Proposal for a new General Liberal Education Requirement at the University of Lethbridge was distributed in a pdf. format to the General Faculties Council. Victor Rodych spoke to GFC and requested approval of the following changes:

The March 23 version contained the following three minor changes:

1. The underlining of "or Writing 1000" under 'Skills' on p.2 of the March 14 version of "A Proposal for a New General Liberal Education Requirement at the University of Lethbridge." has been removed in the March 23 version of the document (i.e., the underlining has been removed, but the text has been retained in the more recent document).
2. On p. 4, the underlining in the former document of "Since some GLER Units (e.g., Psychology, Geography, Native American Studies) will have some courses on one List and other courses on another list, this is indicated below" has been removed in the March 23rd version of the document (i.e., the text has been retained in the more recent document).
3. Under "GLER LIST ELIGIBILITY" on p. 4, in (2c) the word 'Series' was underlined in the former document and deleted in the more recent document.

Additionally, he asked that GFC accept the following minor changes:

4. Consonant with #3 above, the word 'Series' should also be deleted in (1c).
5. In the Science document (p. 8), under (2e), "foundational issues" should be changed to "fundamental themes" (as suggested by Dr. Wolf Holzmann, accepted by Dr. M. Roussel and Dr. Steve Wismath, and then accepted by the G.F.C. GLER Committee).

6. In the Science document, under 'Definitions,' (b), "Courses in the mathematical sciences," please change "methodical testing of a computer program" to "the construction of an algorithm to solve a given problem and the implementation and debugging of the resulting computer program..." Dr. Wolf Hozmann originally suggested a change to this wording. Very recently, Steve Wismath settled on this wording after discussion with V. Rodych.
7. The March 14th document listed the GLER Units within the Faculty of Arts and Science (p. 3), but it erroneously omitted English as a GLER Unit. Please further amend the current document to include English as an A & S GLER Unit (i.e., so that the document would now list all (20) GLER Units in A & S).
8. Please change 'One of the 12 courses completed must be a designated "Quantitative Skills Course"' under 'Skills' on p. 2 to 'One of the 12 courses completed must be a designated "Quantitative Reasoning Course'.' (This wording was changed in the Quantitative Reasoning (criteria) document (p. 10) in the main document, but we failed to make the concomitant change under 'Skills' on p. 2.)
9. Lastly, we ask that G.F.C. approve changing the name of the document from "A Proposal for a New General Liberal Education Requirement at the University of Lethbridge" to "The New General Liberal Education Requirement at the University of Lethbridge, 2005."

A report was also given on the status of the GLER website and course submissions for the new GLER. The following were the key issues:

- The GLER website was functional and accepting GLER course submissions on Tuesday, April 19th. It had a couple of bugs that were detected on April 26th and fixed by April 28th. This fix has resulted in a slightly different user interface.
- The different Faculties have requested different internal submission procedures, which has necessitated that the GLER website be built in stages to accommodate the needs of our five Faculties.
- As of Noon on May 2nd, we have received 106 "saved course submission forms" from most GLER Units. Of these 106 saved course submission forms, approximately 65 have been submitted to the Faculty approval level.
- We expect that most course submissions for 1000- and 2000-level courses will be made by the Faculty of Fine Arts, the Faculty of Management, the Faculty of Education and the School of Health Sciences by approximately May 4th (i.e., 5 days after the original April 30th deadline).

- The Faculty of Arts and Science has requested a multi-tiered submission procedure, which includes A & S list-specific sub-committee vetting and multiple levels of access for Cheryl Calver and her designated staff. As of April 29th, level-2 access was available for Cheryl Calver. The rest of the requisite GLER website functionality for the Faculty of Arts and Science should be completed by May 2nd or 3rd.
- It is our hope that the Faculty of Arts and Science will be able to complete its internal course submission procedure by May 6 or May 9th.
- The G.F.C. GLER list-specific sub-committees need about two weeks to fully vet course submissions for each list.
- All course submissions at the 1000- and 2000-level will be vetted by the entire G.F.C. GLER Committee on May 24th. If a course is rejected, the submitting GLER Unit has 6 months to re-submit the course. After 6 months, a GLER Unit must wait 12 months before submitting a course a second (or, e.g., a third) time.
- The GLER website can presently receive 3000- and 4000-level submissions. The deadline for such submissions is May 25th. The G.F.C. GLER Committee will have its final Vetting meeting for these submissions on June 23rd.
- By the end of June, the new GLER lists will be populated by 1000-through 4000-level courses. At that point, the Faculties will be in an excellent position to assess combined degree programmes, post-diploma programmes, etc., to determine whether additional upper-level courses are needed on the four GLER lists.

General Faculties Council agreed that these changes would not need to come back to GFC at a later date as they were only editorial changes.

4094.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4094.1 Vice-President (Academic) & Associate Vice-President (Academic)

Bill Cade informed GFC that Dr. Seamus O'Shea's appointment as Vice-President (Academic) ends in 2007. Also, Dr. Shamsul Alam's term as Associate Vice-President (Academic) & Dean of Graduate Studies ends next year. Seamus has indicated that he does not desire to seek another term, and Shamsul has also given his notice that he does not wish to seek another term in his position. There is concern with having two new people in these positions. Thoughts have been given to the idea of proceeding with an internal search for replacement of Dr. Alam in the near future, rather than waiting until next year. This would provide an overlap for a smoother transition. There has also been thought of dividing the Associate Vice-President position into two, having one deal with the academic side, and one with the International Program.

A suggestion was made that perhaps Grad Studies could be integrated with Research Services.

4094.2 Roller skating in Hallways

4095.0 OTHER BUSINESS

4096.0 ADJOURNMENT

Mather/Spencer That the meeting be adjourned.

4097.0 QUESTION PERIOD

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