

**MINUTES OF A MEETING #441 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

Present: Bill Cade, Seamus O'Shea, Nancy Walker, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Chris Nicol, Marinus Swanepoel, Chris Hosgood, Andrew Hakin, Lynn Ambedian, Leslie Brown, Melanie Collado, Cheryl Calver, David Clearwater, Murray Lindsay, Kelly Kennedy, Goldie Morgentaler, Ken Nicol, Wendy Osborn, Mary Runte, Rhys Stevens, John Vokey, Edwin Wasiak, Jo-Anne Fiske, Michelle Helstein, Bernie Williams, Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Others: Donna Seyed-Mahmoud, Jason Pan, Adam Vossepoel, Richie Evans

Regrets: Chris Burton, Jean Groft, Peter McCormick, Shelly Wismath, Chris Horbachewski

4206.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4206.1 MOTION:

O'Dea/Fiske That the Agenda for Meeting #441 be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

4207.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4207.1 MOTION:

Vokey/Nicol That the Minutes of Meeting #440, March 5, 2007, be approved

MOTION: CARRIED

4208.0 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4208.1 **Medical School**

Bill Cade commented that the medical school will not be going forward at this time. The opportunity to look at it in the future remains. Seamus O'Shea commented that 3 universities are pushing the Public Health Initiative and that is moving forward.

4209.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4209.1 **Emergency Preparedness**

The University community was shocked by the events of April 16 at Virginia Technical institute. An event like this makes us pause and consider our own preparedness. In the months ahead we will again be reviewing our preparedness both with security and counseling as we did after the Dawson College incident. The ability

to reach all people on campus in the event of any emergency at one time is crucial. The university is looking at all possibilities to achieve this. It may be possible with the new VOIP phone system. Both the local police and fire responders, as well as our security and counseling team will report to the next Board of Governors meeting.

4209.2 **Gymnasium Light**

Bill Cade reported that a light fixture in the 1st Choice Savings Centre gymnasium fell and that the gym continues to be shut down. All the fixtures will be examined before reopening to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff, faculty and guests. The damage to the floor is minimal. The light fell off, hit the protruding wall section and then fell to the floor. Thankfully no one was hurt. Photographs have been taken and the manufacturer was contacted. There are always issues on new building. We will have the gym reopened in time for Convocation.

4209.3 **Convocation**

This year's convocation will be on May 31st and June 1. The Lieutenant Governor, Norman Kwon will attend this year and install Richard Davidson as the new Chancellor.

4209.4 **Singer Collection**

Bill Cade reported that Melissa Singer donated the Singer collection of clothing and over 160 pairs of shoes to the University. The collection is beautiful and an amazing addition to the University Fine Arts department. Lethbridge College and Lethbridge Collegiate Institute students will have access to the clothing as well.

4209.5 **Premier's Dinner**

Bill Cade commented that there have been a number of Premier's Dinner events lately. In Calgary last week 1700 people attended the \$450/plate dinner. A member of the Board purchased some tickets for The University of Lethbridge to attend. Lethbridge West PC Association had a "Meet the Minister" Dinner on May 3 and the University of Lethbridge was well represented there as well. Bill Cade reported that the University does not pay for any political events and it is entirely up to individuals to purchase their own tickets. Bill Cade commented that he is concerned that he has not heard the Premier mention post secondary education in any of his recent speeches.

4209.6 **Citizen of the Year Award**

Bill Cade mentioned that although he cannot yet reveal the winner of the Citizen of the Year winner, we will all be very proud.

4209.7 **Canada Post new stamp**

Bill Cade informed GFC that on May 8, 2007 Canada Post will unveil a new series of postage stamps based on the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Arthur Erickson, the University Hall architect, was one of the architects chosen and a picture of University Hall will be on the stamp. Everyone is invited to attend.

4209.8 **O'Shea Celebratory Event**

Bill Cade commented that Friday night's Seamus O'Shea Dinner was a wonderful evening held at the north end of the running track.

4209.9

Religious Studies Conference

On Saturday, May 5th Bill Cade attended the Religious Studies Conference dinner and brought greetings on behalf of the University. Bill Cade mentioned that Dr. James Robinson was an excellent speaker

4210.0

ITEMS FOR ACTION

4210.1

2007/2008 Executive Nominations to GFC Committees

4210.1.1

Graduate Student Member

MOTION:

Vokey/O'Shea

That Fraser Sparks be approved as the Appointed Graduate Student Member to GFC.

MOTION: CARRIED

4210.1.2

GFC Executive Committee

MOTION:

Vokey/Nicol

That nominations cease. Nominees' are Ian MacLachlan and Ed Wasiak. Ed Wasiak is elected by vote.

MOTION: CARRIED

4210.1.3

Convocation Committee

MOTION:

Vokey/Skinner

That nominations cease. Jennifer Copeland and Douglas MacArthur are acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4210.1.4

Curriculum Coordinating Committee

Nominated is Judith Droessler

MOTION:

Vokey/Skinner

That nominations cease. Judith Droessler is acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4210.1.5

Discipline Committee

MOTION:

Nominated is Rob Kussuth

Vokey/Osborn

That nominations cease. Rob Kuseth is acclaimed.

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| 4210.1.6 | <i>Research Committee</i> | MOTION: | CARRIED |
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| | Vokey/Hosgood | That nominations cease. Michelle Helstein is acclaimed. | |
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| 4210.1.7 | <i>Student Awards Committee</i> | | |
| | MOTION: | | |
| | Vokey/Brown | That nominations cease. Maria Ng is acclaimed. | |
| | | MOTION: | CARRIED |
| 4210.1.8 | <i>University Budget Committee</i> | | |
| | MOTION: | | |
| | Vokey/Williams | That nominations cease. Abdie Kazemipur is acclaimed for a one (1) year term and Craig Loewen is acclaimed for a three (3) year term. | |
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| 4210.1.9 | <i>University Review Committee</i> | | |
| | MOTION: | | |
| | Vokey/Williams | That nominations cease. Robert Wood is acclaimed. | |
| | | MOTION: | CARRIED |
| 4210.2 | <u>Executive Nomination of two Representatives for Senate</u> | | |
| 4210.2.1 | MOTION: | | |
| | Vokey/Hosgood | That Leslie Brown and Goldie Morgentaler be appointed to the Senate | |
| | | MOTION: | CARRIED |
| 4210.3 | <u>Honorary Degree Guidelines Amendments</u> | | |
| 4210.3.1 | MOTION: | | |
| | O'Dea/Hosgood | To amend the existing Nomination Guidelines for the GFC Honorary Degrees Committee by adding a new paragraph between existing paragraphs 2 and 3 (numbering old paragraph 3 and all subsequent paragraphs) as follows: | |

Persons having a relationship with the University of Lethbridge by virtue of contract, employment, as students, or as members of the Board of Governors or Senate and current holders of political office will not normally be considered as GFC nominees for an honorary degree.

MOTION: DEFEATED

Ian MacLachlan spoke on the revision to the motion. Ian MacLachlan also commented that neither the University of Calgary nor the University of Alberta normally confers honorary degrees on current employees. Seamus O'Shea mentioned that the General Faculties Council awards honorary degrees to recognize lifetime achievements. It is an avenue to show exemplary individuals to our community. John Vokey spoke about recruiting candidates and how it would be a honour. Goldie Morgentaler questioned whether all students or former students would be included in the not normally to be considered category. Bill Cade commented that GFC makes recommendations to the Senate on who the GFC recommends for an honorary degree.

4210.4 **Proposed Revisions to GFC Bylaws**

4210.4.1 MOTION:

Walker/O'Shea	That GFC approves the addition of Executive Directors to the various appointment committees in the bylaws, as outlined in the attached revisions.
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MOTION: TABLED

MOTION:

4210.4.2 Vokey/Selinger	Request that this motion be tabled until the information can be shared with the other groups involved.
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MOTION: CARRIED

Nancy Walker spoke to the motion, stating that this is just a minor change to the bylaws to allow Directors an opportunity to serve on committees. John Vokey wondered if AUPE was aware of this motion and that perhaps we should have discussion with the other groups involved. Seamus O'Shea commented that at less than 1% of that group this would be a very modest addition.

4210.5 **Library Code of Conduct**

4210.5.1 MOTION:

Swanepoel/O'Dea	That General Faculties Council approve the University of Lethbridge Library Code of Conduct Policy.
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MOTION: CARRIED

4210.6 **Examination Policy**

4210.6.1 MOTION:

Hakin/Lindsay

That General Faculties Council extend the “common exam pilot” through to the 2007/2008 academic year, pending approval of the Assessment Policy.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.0 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

4211.1 **GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #410, April 23, 2007**

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #410, April 23, 2007 were received as information.

4211.2 **Academic Staff Count**

The Academic Staff Count was received as information.

4212.0 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

4212.1 **Dean of Graduate Studies**

Seamus O’Shea reported that the committee is in the first round of meetings and expect to move from a large list to a medium list and then to a short list by next week. The committee hopes to have a recommendation to the Board of Governors by the June meeting. Originally the position was to be a combined Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice-President (Research). The research objectives will be met in other ways.

4212.2 **Associate Vice-President (Academic)**

The committee is currently looking at the applications. Andrew Hakin reported that the Committee will meet on May 14, 2007.

4212.3 **Seamus O’Shea**

MOTION:

O’Dea/Nickel

That the General Faculties Council show a motion of Appreciation and Support for Seamus O’Shea.

MOTION: Carried

Dean O’Dea commented that it goes without saying that 16 years of a stellar record by Seamus O’Shea deserves recognition. The integrity of the University and the

quality of the programs was always maintained, even when dealing with annoying faculty. Dean O'Dea went on to say that the University of Lethbridge has been extraordinarily lucky to have Seamus O'Shea on the team as his position is stressful, requires a great commitment and great faith.

Seamus O'Shea responded by saying that he heard many flattering things on Friday night and that it wasn't always an easy job. Seamus thanked everyone and commented on what a tremendous time he has had in his position. People at The University of Lethbridge take a strong interest in their students and Seamus mentioned how incredibly grateful he was for the opportunities that he has had. Bill Cade mentioned that Seamus will not be too far away, as he was appointed to the Prentice Oversight Board.

4213.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

4213.1 MOTION:

Vokey/Osborn That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

4214.0 **QUESTION PERIOD**

There was no question period.