

MINUTES OF A MEETING #423 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Andrew Hakin, Brian Parkinson, Cheryl Calver, Chris Epplett, Chris Hosgood, Christopher Nicol, Clay Campbell, Dagmar Dahle, David Clearwater, David Hay, Dayna Daniels, Debra Basil, Gordon Hunter, Inge Genee, Jane O'Dea, Jennifer Mather, Jim Thomas, Joy Morris, Kelly Andres, Leslie Lavers, Locke Spencer, Lorelee Edwards, Lynn Basford, Michael Campbell, Nancy Grigg, Nancy Walker, Pamela Winsor, Rae Hazelwood, Rex Forsyth, Seamus O'Shea, Shamsul Alam, Tom Johnston, Toni Nelson, Wilf Roesler, Stephen Higham, Kirsten Bremer, Elizabeth Oskam, Gajendra Balachandra

Regrets: Catherine Kingfisher, Jean Groft, Beata Tymoszejko

4038.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4038.1 MOTION:

Daniels/Mather

That the Agenda for Meeting #423 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4039.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4039.1 MOTION:

Edwards/Spencer

That the Minutes of Meeting #422, September 13, 2004 be approved as circulated with the addition of Item 6.2, Upcoming Lectures under Items for Information.

Motion: Carried

4040.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4041.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4041.1 Town Hall Meetings

The University of Lethbridge Town Hall meetings held in the past week were successful. A formal report will be made in the future in conclusion of the meetings.

4041.2 Mount Royal College

Mount Royal College is working to have their status changed to become a degree granting university. A letter has been written to Alberta Learning by Bill Cade on behalf of the University of Lethbridge, explaining the University of Lethbridge disapproval of this proposal, and the negative impact it would have on Alberta Universities.

4041.3 Office Space on Campus

There is a shortage of office space on campus. Some options being considered for short-term relief are Atco trailers, renting office space in buildings downtown, adding on to existing buildings, or adding a third floor onto the Library.

Bill Cade announced that the new Health & Wellness Centre, and the 300 seat Auditorium are scheduled to begin construction in January. As well, the University of Lethbridge is still working with Alberta Infrastructure in the proposal to build a Water and Environment building on campus in the near future. Both of these buildings would include additional office space.

4041.4 Access Funding

Bill Cade congratulated Seamus O'Shea in his efforts in ensuring that the University of Lethbridge received access funding for unfunded students. Without his perseverance, the University of Lethbridge would not have been included in the original funding from the government. Due to the Access funding no cuts are necessary, and the University of Lethbridge should be able to maintain a balanced budget for the next two years.

4042.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4042.1 Approval of Appointed Faculty member to GFC

4042.1.1 MOTION:

Parkinson/Grigg

That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of David Hay as an Arts & Science Faculty representative to GFC.

Motion: Carried

4042.2 Approval of Appointed Student members to GFC

4042.2.1 MOTION:

Campbell/Edwards

That General Faculties Council approve the appointed Student members as attached to the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

4042.3 2004/05 Faculty and Student Appointments to GFC Committees

4042.3.1 MOTION:

O'Dea/Nicol

That nominations cease.

MOTION: Carried

The names as attached to the Agenda were approved.

4042.4 2004/05 GFC Membership Appointment to GFC Executive Committee

4042.4.1 MOTION:

O'Dea/Winsor

That nominations cease.

MOTION: Carried

Nancy Grigg was acclaimed.

Seamus O'Shea assumed position as Chair at this point.

4042.5 Review of Senior Academic Administrators

4042.5.1 MOTION:

Cade/Johnston

That the GFC Bylaws, Review of Senior Academic Administrators, be amended to read as follows, and that the existing Section P. be deleted. (see as attached to the agenda)

Motion: Carried

Seamus O'Shea explained that this type of review provides a mechanism that allows for a more thorough examination of the individuals progress, and that useful advise and feedback can be given by the Review Committee, rather than one annual review done solely by the Supervisor.

Bill Cade resumed his position as chair.

4043.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4043.1 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #392, September 20, 2004

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #392, September 20, 2004 were received as information.

4043.2 Upcoming Lectures

Chris Hosgood announced that the annual Tagg-Yoshida Lecture Series would take place on Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall. The lecture for this year's series is titled Looking Backward, Looking Forward: From Nucleotide Sequences to Systems Biology, by Evelyn Fox Keller.

Seamus O'Shea announced that Sir Ian Kershaw will be giving a lecture titled Hitler: Personality and Power, to be held on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

A website is currently being put together to inform the University community of visiting lecturers to the University of Lethbridge.

4043.3 Convocation

Bill Cade announced that Convocation is to take place on October 16th. There will be an announcement regarding Dr. Bryan Kolb's nomination for an ASTech Award on October 15th, and Bill hopes to have good news at Convocation on the results.

4044.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

4044.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

4045.0 ADJOURNMENT

4046.1 MOTION:

Mather/Spencer

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

4047.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The question period was not minuted.