

MINUTES OF A MEETING #437 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Seamus O'Shea (Acting Chair), Nancy Walker, Murray Lindsay, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Chris Nicol, Marinus Swanepoel, Chris Hosgood, Jo-Anne Fiske, Leslie Lavers, Andrew Hakin, Lynn Ambedian, Lesley Brown, Cheryl Calver, Anne Dymond, Steve Ferzacca, Rex Forsyth, Jennifer Franks, Trudy Govier, Jean Groft, Michelle Helstein, Mary Kavanagh, Charlotte Kingston, Joanne Luu, Jennifer Mather, Christopher Ng, Ken Nicol, Wilf Roesler, Brent Selinger, Rhys Stevens, David Townsend, Melissa Vieglaiss, Edwin Wasiak, Nicole Wilson, Shelly Wismath, Matt Yagos, Sajjad Zahir

Regrets: Bill Cade, Chris Horbachewski, Dustin Fuller, Inge Genee, Nancy Grigg, Goldie Morgentaler, Mary Runte, Elizabeth Schultz

4178.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4178.1 MOTION:

Lindsay/Lavers                      That the Agenda for Meeting #437 be approved, with the withdrawal of the Faculty of Management Report, Item 6.3, and replaced with the distributed materials regarding Common Final Examinations.

MOTION:      CARRIED

4179.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4179.1 MOTION:

Mather/Hakin                      That the Minutes of Meeting #436, September 11, 2006, be approved as circulated.

MOTION:      CARRIED

4180.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4181.0 REPORT TO GFC

4181.1 Construction Update

Brian Sullivan, Project Manager for the Regional Health & Wellness Centre gave an update on the progress of the new building.

Brian explained that a portion of the Health & Wellness Centre is open, including the Fitness Centre, Climbing Wall, and one auxillary gym. It was noted that the lack of manpower has contributed to the delays.

Brian thanked everyone for their patience as they continue to work on the old gymnasium space in the Physical Education building. Due to the level of noise, it was suggested that classes may have to continue being held in the Ballrooms until the end of the semester, instead of PE250.

Updates on other buildings on campus were also given:

- Turcotte Hall is scheduled to open September 2007, and is still on target.
- CCBN re-opened with the new addition in July.
- The Service Buildings are scheduled to be completed for May/June 2007.
- The Management & Health Sciences Building is still in the planning stages. Work has begun with the Architects, but no government funding has been received for the project at this point.
- The Sports Stadium was scheduled to be complete in August 2007. Unfortunately the tenders came in over the budget that was planned, and the project was halted. The University is working with the City of Lethbridge over the next year to get within the budget. The completion date is atleast 2008, if at all.

4182.0      PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
There was no report from the President.

4183.0      ITEMS FOR ACTION

4183.1      Approval of Appointed Faculty Members and Student Appointments to GFC

4183.1.1    MOTION:

Skinner/Lindsay	That General Faculties Council approve the appointed Faculty and Students as attached to the Agenda.
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MOTION:    CARRIED

4183.2      2006/07 Student Appointments to GFC Committees

4183.2.1    MOTION:

Kingston/Ng                      That nominations cease.

MOTION:      CARRIED

The names as attached to the Agenda were approved.

4183.3      Common Final Examinations

4183.3.1    MOTION:

Lavers/Lindsay                  That Recommendations #1 & #2 be approved as distributed.

MOTION:      CARRIED

The recommendation for common final exams was first brought to GFC by the Faculty of Management on February 6, 2006. At that time the Faculty of Arts & Science, and the School of Health Sciences were also looking at making this change.

It was explained that a review of the Final Examination Policy is currently underway, and the future of common final exam times could be discussed further once the Policy review has been completed and comes to GFC at a later date.

4183.4      School of Graduate Studies Report

4183.4.1    MOTION:

Hakin/O'Dea                      That provision be made in the University Library for a number of assignable spaces with appropriate storage for graduate students while they are writing their theses, and that priority in assignment be given to those engaged full-time in writing their theses but who have no specific research space on campus.

MOTION:      CARRIED

It was explained that this has been a long standing issue, and the Library seems like a suitable space. This space would be made available to grad students hopefully within the next few months. There will also be a lockable space for storage, within the policy of what is allowed to be stored there. This space will accommodate approximately twenty students. It was also noted that there is additional space provided to grad students within their individual academic units.

4184.0      ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
There were no items for discussion.

4185.0      OTHER BUSINESS  
There was no other business.

4186.0      ADJOURNMENT

4186.1      MOTION:

Mather/O'Dea                      That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION:      CARRIED

4187.0      QUESTION PERIOD  
Question period was not minuted.