
**MINUTES OF MEETING #442 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

- Present: Ken Allan, Peter Alward, Rene Boere, Chris Burton, Bill Cade, Michael Campbell, James Dobbie, Anne Dymond, Steve Ferzacca, Jo-Anne Fiske, Andrew Hakin, Allan Hall, Vanessa Hanel, Trish Harper, Chris Hosgood, Kelly Kennedy, Lori Kopp, Leslie Lavers, Murray Lindsay, Ian MacLachlan, Kris Magnusson, Goldie Morgentaler, Michelle Morris, Chris Nicol, Wendy Osborn, Jason Pan, Margaret Rodermond, Victor Rodych, Elizabeth Schultz, Brent Selinger, Ches Skinner, Will Smith, Fraser Sparks, Rhys Stevens, Marinus Swanepoel, Melissa Vieglais, John Vokey, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Nicole Wilson, Shelly Wismath and Gloria Roth (Secretary)
- Others: Richard Westlund, Rachael Bennett, Tanya Jacobson-Gundlock
- Regrets: Jane O'Dea, Peter Heffernan, Mary Runte, Bernard Williams, Chris Horbachewski, Lynn Ambedian, Peter McCormick, Lesley Brown, Michelle Helstein

Introductions were made.

4206.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4206.1 MOTION:

Lindsay/Skinner That the Agenda for Meeting #442 be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

4207.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4207.1 MOTION:

Osborn/Wismath That the Minutes of Meeting #441, May 7, 2007, be approved as submitted.

MOTION: CARRIED

4208.0 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4208.1 **Singer Collection**

As part of the Homecoming events, there will be a fashion show featuring fashions from the last forty years. Many of the items in the fashion show will be from the Singer Collection. President Cade mentioned that he will be Master of Ceremonies and modeling some outrageous purple bell bottoms. Kay Kerr has also donated a fantastic collection of hats

4208.2 **Citizen of the Year**

Gary Bowie was named Citizen of the Year. Gary is a Professor Emeritus from the Kinesiology Department.

4208.3 **Arthur Erickson**
Bill Cade will be meeting with Arthur Erickson in Vancouver in November and encouraging him to visit our campus.

4209.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4209.1 **Community Report**
On Friday September 28, 2007 the Community Report was launched with a large group of faculty, staff, friends of the University and community leaders. On Sunday, the Community Report was sent to 336,000 households in their Sunday paper. Last year the community report won a gold medal from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAE) and silver medal from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Tanya Jacobsen-Gundlock and Alesha Farfus-Shukaliak are going for gold in both categories this year. The main component that makes it a winning report is the people.

4209.2 **Progress at U of L**
President Cade mentioned that as he drove onto campus this morning, he noted that it can take up to three lights to turn onto the grounds and it makes you realize just what a going concern we have here. The water building is going up, students are streaming across campus, the Turcotte Hall addition is just about complete, the entrance to the sports stadium has been developed, and the new Parkway Service Complex is operational.

4209.3 **CBC Radio**
There will be report on CBC radio tomorrow talking about university enrollments. The University of Lethbridge's enrollment numbers came in at about 8167 students on all three campuses, 1000 students at the northern campuses and 1100 new high school students.

4209.4 **Board of Governors Teaching Chair**
Bill Cade extended congratulations to Shelly Wismath for being the first Board of Governors Teaching Chair.

4209.5 **Senior Administration Search**
There will be two Senior Administration searches going on this year. Dr. Swanepoel has decided not to seek another term as the University Librarian. Dean Skinner has decided not to seek a third term as Dean of Fine Arts. Andrew Hakin will chair both Search Committees. It will be a public process, involving presentations, a call for comments and a recommendation to the Board of Governors in the new year. Libby Dybikowski from Provence Consulting Inc. will be assisting the University as a search consultant.

4209.6 **Nicholas de Grandmaison Exhibit**
The opening of the Nicholas de Grandmaison exhibit was on September 14, 2007. It was attended by many, including all of his children. There are plans to tour the exhibit to other cities such as Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax and some Western U.S. Museums. It is a fabulous collection of art.

4209.7 **Pop Art**
Thursday, September 20, 2007 was the opening of the Pop Art Collection from the U of L Art Collection in Edmonton at the Art Gallery of Alberta. Bill Cade commented on how great the five Andy Warhol's are in the collection. The opening was attended by 120 Alums and was very successful.

- 4209.8 **Homecoming, Oct 12, 13 & 14, 2007**
Homecoming coincides with Fall Convocation and will be a very exciting time. GFC was encouraged to take an opportunity to attend some events. The Alumni Association has put a lot of work into making the 40th Anniversary Homecoming a special occasion.
- 4209.9 **Government Relations**
Richard Westlund is our Director of Government Relations. The Board of Governors decided to form a Government Relations office due to the recent change in the political climate. Richards's expertise comes from being the Executive Assistant to Rob Renner in two portfolios. Bill Cade commented that since Richard started he has met with many Ministers and members of government departments.
- 4209.10 **Water Building**
We have been busy working to secure funding for the capital needs of the University. We have received \$10 million for the water building and are hoping for another announcement on the water building soon.
- 4209.11 **Markin Building**
The Markin Building has been allocated \$1.5 million towards the planning of the building. We are remaining optimistic that the remainder of the funding will come to bring the building to completion.
- 4209.12 **University of Lethbridge Brain Trainers**
A group of academic staff & friends called "The University of Lethbridge Brain Trainers" formed a running team to raise funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF) and ran the CIBC- sponsored 5K RUN FOR THE CURE in Lethbridge on September 30th. The team members were Jennifer Copeland, Michelle Duke, Sarah Faulkner, Hester Jiskoot, Catherine Kingfisher, Karen Koenig, Wendy Osborn, Denise Puurveen, Brenda Rennie, Kerri Webb and Carol Williams (team captain). The team won the 2007 New Balance Women's Challenge Award for raising more than \$4500.00. Congratulations to all the runners and sponsors and a round of applause.
- 4209.13 **Whoop-up Drive Intersection**
The University has watched the Whoop-up Drive intersection with interest and concern. Last year a student was killed at this intersection by a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed. President Cade had spoken to Mayor Tarleck and was told at the time that the City of Lethbridge had ordered an engineering study on the intersection and the University has been waiting for the results of this study. The study has been released and although the Whoop-up Drive intersection is not listed as the most dangerous intersection, it is one of the most dangerous. Last week a man and a woman were injured at this intersection. President Cade mentioned his concern, as many of our staff and students cross that intersection many times a day and he will be writing a letter to the City of Lethbridge on behalf of the University asking that whatever remedial action is needed, is done, to make this crossing safe.
- 4210.0 **QUESTION PERIOD**

President Cade took questions from the floor at this time.

4211.0 **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

4211.1 **2007/2008 Nominations to GFC and GFC Committees**

4211.1.1 *GFC Appointments by Faculty, Schools and Students' Union*
MOTION:

Vokey/Smith That the names for appointments by faculties, schools and Students' Union for GFC Members be approved as presented.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.1.2 *GFC Grade Appeal Committee*

Nominated are Dennis Connolly and Cynthia Chambers

MOTION:

Vokey/Skinner That nominations cease. Dennis Connolly and Cynthia Chambers are acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.1.3 *Research Committee*

Nominated are Bob Boudreau and Amy Von Heyking

MOTION:

Skinner/Fiske That nominations cease. Bob Boudreau and Amy Von Heyking are acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.1.4 *Travel Committee*

Nominated are Gerlinde Metz and Jon Doan

MOTION:

Vokey/Skinner That nominations cease. Gerlinde Metz and Jon Doan are acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.1.5 *Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee*

Nominated is Lesley Brown as alternate

MOTION:

Hosgood/Rodermond That nominations cease. Lesley Brown is acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.2 **Revisions to GFC Bylaws**

4211.2.1 MOTION:

Walker/Osborn To take the GFC Bylaws Revision from the table: *That GFC approves the addition of Executive Directors to the various appointment committees in the bylaws, as outlined in the attached revisions.*

MOTION: POSTPONED

Nancy Walker spoke to the motion that was tabled at the last GFC Meeting. She explained that the Executive Directors are not seeking an increase in the committee size, only an opportunity to be represented on the Committees. Since the last GFC Meeting Nancy Walker had notified all employee groups involved of the intended revisions to the by-laws and has not received any comments back from any of them. John Vokey reported that he had been in contact with the APO from his department and Ryan Ito, the AUPE Chair, who expressed concerns on behalf of AUPE. The concern was that placing the Executive Directors in the same group as AUPE, APO, Exempt and ULFA would dilute the pool of candidates. Nancy Walker commented that the Executive Directors would not significantly dilute the pool since that group is only five members.

4211.2.2 MOTION:

MacLachlan/ Vokey To postpone consideration of the GFC Bylaws Revision to the next GFC Meeting.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.3 **Animal Welfare Committee Revisions**

4211.3.1 MOTION:

Vokey/Lindsay That the revisions to Section j. of the Animal Welfare Committee policy be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

Canadian Andy Hurly spoke to the motion as the Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee. The Council on Animal Care (CCAC) requires a review of all animal policy yearly. There was some discussion on what the definition of an animal is.

4212.0 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

4212.1 **GFC Committee Reports**

GFC Committee Reports were received as information.

4212.2 **GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #410, September 17, 2007**

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #410, September 17, 2007 were received as information.

4212.3 **Branding Initiative**

Tanya Jacobson-Gundlock introduced Rachael Bennett of Frank Branding Company. Rachael explained what branding is and informed the General Faculties Council about the consultation process that will occur over the next six months.

Bill Cade turned the Chair over to Andrew Hakin.

4212.4 **Strategic Planning**

Andrew Hakin and Nancy Walker spoke about Strategic Planning. In 2003 the Strategic Plan began its five-year process, with five priority areas; students, diversity, teaching and research, outreach and facilities. Andrew Hakin noted that now is a good time for us to refocus as the scene in post-secondary education has changed dramatically in the last five years. A strategic plan helps to build community within an organization by focusing on what the priorities are and what the institution is all about. A large portion of the whole process will be the community input. Two key points that Andrew Hakin would like to bring forward are engagement and value. Engagement is what a University should be all about. If we don't engage students, they disappear. It is important to identify what causes faculty to be fully engaged in an institution. Nancy has been through the strategic planning process once before, co-chairing the last strategic planning sessions with Seamus O'Shea in 2003, so she is no stranger to this process. The crucial part of the strategic planning process is getting buy in from the university community.

Nancy Walker mentioned that this is a University-wide strategic plan. The first meeting will be on October 2, 2007 with representation from all constituencies, including faculties. We are much further ahead this time, since we have the original plan that was set in 2003, although we need to ensure that we are still heading in the right direction. It is imperative that we get involvement and buy-in from all groups. The results are expected in the spring of 2008.

4213.0 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items for discussion or other business.

4214.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

4214.1 **MOTION:**

Rodych/Wismath That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

