
**MINUTES OF MEETING #449 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

Present: Ken Allan, Joey Baranyay, Jochen Bocksnick, René Boéré, Bob Boudreau, Chris Burton, Bill Cade(Chair), Cheryl Calver, Ioulia Devenney, Sandra Dill, Christopher Epplert, Inge Genée, Andrew Hakin, Michelle Helstein, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Shahadat Hossain, Lori Kopp, Leslie Lavers, Pam Loewen, Kris Magnusson, Ian McKenna, Craig Monk, Goldie Morgentaler, Chris Nicol, Willis Norrie, Jane O'Dea, Jason Pan, Brodie Pattenden, Jenn Prosser, Desmond Rochfort, Victor Rodych, Kyle Shaw, Alan Siaroff, Rhys Stevens, Aaron Taylor, John Vokey, Adam Vossepoel, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Robert Wood, Richard Westlund, Kendall Yamagishi, Erin Zelinski and Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Regrets: Anne Dymond, Murray Lindsay, Ian MacLachlan, Alison Nussbaumer, Noëlla Piquette-Tomei, Adriana Predoi-Cross, Will Smith

449.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

Rochfort/Kopp That the Agenda for Meeting #449 be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

Nicol/Wood That the Minutes of Meeting #448 May 5, 2008, be approved as amended. Rhys Stevens mentioned that Item # 448.5.4 Institutional Repository Guidelines needs amending. The word depository should be repository, thesas should be thesis.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.3 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There were no items arising from the minutes.

449.4 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

449.4.1 **New Deans**

President Cade introduced the new Dean of Fine Arts, Desmond Rochfort. Alison Nussbaumer, the new University Librarian had sent her regrets to today's GFC meeting. Bill Cade welcomed both Desmond Rochfort and Alison Nussbaumer to campus.

449.4.2 **Enrollment**

Andrew Hakin reported that enrollment is down slightly which is about what we had expected. We should maintain about 8,000 students over the next couple of years. John Vokey asked if enrollment would go up with the onset of a recession. Andrew Hakin mentioned that

any growth would probably be in mature students and graduate students, and that it will be
a challenge to meet their needs.

449.4.3 **Searches**

Searches are underway for the Dean of Education and the Vice-President (Research). The Dean of Education, Jane O'Dea has indicated that this will be her last year. Andrew Hakin commented that three submissions were received in response to a Request for Proposal for a Search Consultant. The committee hopes to make an appointment in the new year for a July 1, 2009 start date.

Bill Cade reported that Dennis Fitzpatrick has indicated that this will be his last year as Vice-President (Research). The Search Committee is in place with the first meeting on October 21, 2008. It is hoped that a recommendation can go to the Board early in the new year. President Cade thanked Dennis Fitzpatrick for his work on behalf of the University, and for the successful and strong evolution of research on campus.

449.4.4 **Construction Projects**

A number of construction projects are behind schedule because of the wet summer. The Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building official opening is scheduled for November 13, 2008. Dean Nicol reported that staggered move ins will occur as the building is completed. Markin is scheduled to open in the fall of 2010. The Stadium has been under water for much of the summer and completion is expected by late fall, depending on the weather. The Penny Building will hold the Alberta 55 Plus Games on the top floor and Southern Alberta Art Gallery on the main floor until next year. Deconstruction has begun on the forty-year-old temporary buildings and they will be moved away. One will be destroyed as it would not survive a move.

449.4.5 **Canada Day**

On Canada Day a torrential rainstorm halted the Canada Celebrations at Henderson Park that the U of L was participating in. The 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness suffered extensive water damage to the walls and gymnasium floors. Some repairs will be done over the Christmas break and the rest will be after convocation in the spring of 2009. Nancy Walker mentioned that a contract is out to review the storm water situation on campus in the hope of preventing this from happening again.

449.4.6 **Investment Portfolio**

Nancy Walker reported that we do not know the impact yet of the market downturn on the U of L investments. The University has two investment management companies with balanced funds in each company, along with another external company that monitors the two investment management companies. The University does not rely on the approximate \$90 million investment portfolio for operating funds, although it may affect the scholarship funds.

449.4.7 **Armorial Bearings**

Bill Cade reported that the University has applied to The Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant of Armorial Bearings.

449.4.8 **Convocation**

October 18, 2008 is fall convocation day. Ian MacLachlan will be the Chief Marshall and John Poulsen will take over as Chief Marshall for June 2009 Convocation. Honorary Degrees will be conferred on Ben Heppner and Connie Prentice. Ben Heppner will perform on October 19, 2008 at Southminster United Church in Lethbridge to benefit student scholarships.

449.4.9 **October 23, 2008**

President Cade remarked that October 23, 2008 will be an important announcement day at the University. Premier Ed Stelmach will make the Polaris Award Announcement at 12:30 pm in the CCBN. Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) established the award which will be a \$20 million dollar award over 10 years. Dennis Fitzpatrick has played a major role in making this happen. The Polaris Award recipient is Bruce McNaughton.

449.4.10 **Prentice Institute**

Andrew Hakin reported that The Prentice Institute is currently working with a Search Consultant to fill an Endowed Chair and a Research Chair positions.

449.4.11 **Strategic Plan**

The Strategic Plan process is ongoing and is currently on Version 11 having considered the community feedback. Once it has been through the Councils, Students' Union, Graduate Students' Association and Employee Groups, it will be reviewed in GFC and then the Board of Governors. Once completed, hopefully by year end, a GFC Strategic Plan Committee may be struck to review it yearly.

449.4.12 **General Liberal Education Requirements**

Kris Magnusson reported that a summary report of the GLER Committee is included in the Agenda package. Once the committee determines how to operationalize the proposed GLER structure all will be brought to the Faculty Councils for review and approval.

449.4.13 **Priestly Lecture Series**

Bill Cade mentioned that in last year's GFC a question came up in regard to why there were no more Priestly Lectures. Kris Magnusson reported that in working on the Priestly Lecture Series, has learned that, because of the caliber of speakers, it requires three years notice and the costs are upward of \$25,000. There is a tentative Priestly Lecture Series booked for the Fall of 2010. An official announcement will be made once the Speaker is confirmed.

449.4.14 **University Budget Committee**

The University Budget Committee is hard at work and Bill Cade reported that he met with them last week. President Cade mentioned that it is worth thinking about the future. Ralph Klein brought in Bill 1, Access to the Future Act, in 2005 that ensured spaces for students and guaranteed 6% operating increases for three years. We have been told that the 6% will not continue for 2010/2011 and that the operating increase could be 3%. Bill Cade suggested that when making budget decisions in the near future, this be considered.

449.5 **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

449.5.1 **Approval of 2008/2009 Membership**

449.5.1.1 **GFC Membership**

MOTION: That the Statutory and Appointed Faculty and Student Membership is approved as attached to the agenda.

Boéré/O'Dea That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.1.2 **GFC Executive Committee**

MOTION: That Rob Wood is nominated for a two year term to the Executive Committee.

Monk/Rochfort That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.1.3 **Advisory Committee on Athletics**

MOTION: That Ioulia Devenney be nominated for a one year term to the Advisory Committee on Athletics.

Hosgood/Rochfort That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.1.4 **Convocation Committee**

MOTION: That Helen Kelley be nominated for a two year term to the Convocation Committee.

Vokey/Vos That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.1.5 **Curriculum Coordinating Committee**

MOTION: That Nicole Eva is nominated for a two year term to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.1.6 **GFC Grade Appeal Committee**

That Gary Nixon is nominated for a two year term to the GFC Grade Appeal Committee.

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.1.7 Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee

Alan Siaroff was nominated from the floor to serve as an alternate member.

That Dayna Daniels/Alan Siaroff & Malcolm Greenshields/Brent Selinger are nominated for a two year term to the University Review Committee.

That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.2 **Senate Honorary Degree Committee**

MOTION:

That Christopher Burton and Victor Rodych are nominated to the Senate Honorary Degree Committee for a term of three years.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.5.3 School of Health Sciences

MOTION:

That the General Faculties Council recommends to the Board of Governors that the School of Health Sciences be granted Faculty status, effective May 1, 2009.

MOTION: CARRIED

Dean Hosgood spoke to the motion. Dean Chris Nicol mentioned that the Arts and Science Council supported the motion. Andrew Hakin supported the motion on the basis of the growth in Health Sciences and the caliber of the programs. Victor Rodych suggested that changes will

need to be made to the Faculty Handbook. Leslie Lavers reported that the change will be effective as of May 1, 2009.

449.5.4 **Volunteers in Research and Creative Activities Policy**

MOTION:

Hakin/Walker

That the General Faculties Council recommends the Volunteers in Research and Creative Activities Policy to the Board of Governors for approval.

MOTION: CARRIED
AGAINST: Ian McKenna

Nancy Walker spoke to the motion, remarking that it has taken 2 years to be established, to ensure proper training, supervision and safety. Discussion followed about how it applied to Applied Studies students. René Boéré suggested that line item 3.3 should read, "Volunteers may not perform work directly involving the use of ionizing radiation."

449.5.5 **GFC Schedule**

MOTION:

Lavers/Prosser

That the Meeting Schedule for 2008/2009/2010 is approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

449.6 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

449.6.1 **Minutes of September 22, 2008 GFC Executive Meeting**

The minutes were received as information.

449.6.2 **Password Policy**

The Password Policy was received as information. Discussion followed. There were some questions in regard to IT security. It was recommended that someone from IT attend the next GFC Meeting to answer IT Security questions.

449.6.3 **GFC Annual Committee Reports**

The Annual GFC Committee Reports were received for information.

449.7 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

449.7.1 **UPASS**

John Vokey mentioned that the roll out of UPASS with the Graduate Students Association has been quite successful and wondered if it could be a campus-wide item. Bill Cade

commented that the University route is the busiest route that the City runs. Adam Vossepoel explained that the Students Union referendum about bus passes was defeated by quite a large margin because there was no opt out program. Jenn Prosser is currently looking at having a student sit on the City Transit Board. There was much discussion in regard to parking on campus, rates for parking and support of public transit. Nancy Walker will look into the issue further.

449.8 **ADJOURNMENT**

449.8.1 MOTION:

Rochfort/Rodych That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED