



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #470

### Approved Minutes

**Monday, September 12, 2011**

**3:00 p.m. in W646**

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), S. Alam, G. Bedard, K. Bernes, B. Boudreau, L. Bradley, L. Brown, C. Campbell, S. Dawson, J. Dobbie, A. Dymond, B. Ellis, A. Escher, L. Escobar, N. Eva, M. Gerken, P. Ghazalian, D. Gill, E. Gorny, A. Hakin, E. Hasebe-Ludt, M. Hawkins, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, D. Hunt, D. Kazakoff, L. Kennedy, C. Kingfisher, J. Kulig, M. Letts, C. Loewen, H. MacDonald, C. Malacrida, I. McAdam, L. Meredith, Z. Moline, C. Nicol, D. Oye, D. Rochfort, L. Rodych, D. Rutledge, C. Schneider, A. Siaroff, D. Siminovitch, M. Stingl, S. Talbot, I. Townshend, N. Walker, A. Williams, B. Wojtowicz, P. Walz, D. Weeks, R. Wood.
- Regrets:** R. Boere, D. Dahle, D. Le Roy, R. Lencucha, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, S. Patitsas, N. Rosen, R. Sutherland,
- Other:** W. Smith, L. Corbiere, R. Westlund, J. Black (Recording Secretary)

Mike Mahon welcomed all the new members to GFC.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2011.09.01

Hawkins/Kingfisher

*That the Agenda for Meeting #470 held Monday, September 12, 2011 be approved as circulated.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. MOTION: gfc.2011.09.02

Ellis/Wood

*That the minutes for Meeting #468 held Monday, April 4, 2011 be approved as circulated. The second bullet within the bylaw review motion will be double checked for accuracy.*

Motion: Carried

A question arose regarding amendment 2 within the bylaw review motion indicating:  
*“Change Associate Librarian ex officio to nominated by Professional Librarians Committee within the relevant membership area for the Library Committee”*

Verification was done after the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting by the secretary and the accuracy of this was confirmed. At the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, questions arose on the Library Committee and the process that was undertaken to gather feedback. Except for the change to indicate nominated by Professional Librarians for the associate librarian membership, the rest were not considered friendly amendments and the Library Committee was welcomed to bring back an agreed upon proposal in the future.

## 2.2. MOTION:

gfc.2011.09.03

Nicol/Kazakoff

*That the minutes for Meeting #469 held Monday, May 2, 2011 be approved as circulated.*

Motion: Carried

## 3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 3.1. Governance Website

J. Black presented the test site of the new governance website that has been worked on in collaboration with W. Smith. The site will contain all the meeting date, memberships, bylaws, and minutes. When the site goes live an email will be sent to all those on Council.

### 3.2. Emeritus Appointments

N. Walker presented the new Emeritus Appointment Policy Document. This was previously presented to GFC and then went to the Board for approval. A change was made to add Executive Directors as being eligible for emeritus appointments. A suggestion was put forth to replace “last active title” with “last eligible title” for item 3.1.

## 4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

M. Mahon attended a course at Harvard for new presidents this summer. It was seven days with 50 newly appointed presidents; two from Canada, and 48 from the US. It was a tremendous opportunity and he looks forward to sharing the information he has learned.

Funding Announcements (Advanced Education and Technology):

- Science Building - 2.3 million dollars to begin planning on a new science building. There is also a long range development plan for our campus being completed. We will look closely at how to best move the planning process forward, and this along with the science building will give us an

opportunity to examine our support for existing and future academic programs on campus.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness - 5.6 million dollars to complete infrastructure within this building. This was not a priority, but it has been on the funding request list for some time.
- Digital Audio Arts - core funded for 1 million dollars. This will ensure longevity and long term staffing plans.
- Enrolment Funding - 183,000 dollars for continued enrolment pressures. There is ongoing work on how to best use this money.

In regards to enrollment 8,438 was the latest number we have heard. It looks like we will remain the same as last year.

The GFC bylaw review process is progressing well and at this point the suggested changes will come to GFC in October for a first review. The committee will then gather feedback and bring a version back for discussion and a vote on the changes for the November meeting. A. Siaroff indicated a summary document will be provided at the October meeting, but if people want they can start contacting the committee with comments immediately.

The Campus Alberta Innovates funding has been decided. This was 6 million dollars specific to the four comprehensive universities. There were four areas of priority investment identified to establish Research Chair positions: food and nutrition; water; neuroscience/prions; and energy and environment. Within these four areas there were a total of 16 chairs allocated amongst the four Comprehensive Universities in the province. After numerous meetings to come up with a workable model three main areas were identified where we would receive chairs: brain health and dementia, aquatic health, and terrestrial ecosystems remote sensing. The allocation to us was \$800,000, and we are pleased with this amount in relation to what the other institutions received.

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. M. Mahon will give a Fiat Lux address in the theatre. This is intended to be done on a yearly basis to provide public comment to the university community on where we have been, what has emerged, what we are pursuing and to allow questions and comment. In the recent "Open Mike" column, there was talk about different vehicles to use to create interconnectedness and conversation: open office hours, open monthly office luncheons, and interdisciplinary department events at Mike and Maureen's home will be held. The goal is to build connections and to find out what is happening on campus so we can work to overcome challenges and seek different ways to enhance transparency on campus.

Question Period:

C. Hosgood – Asked to clarify what the areas of funding were for the Campus Alberta Innovates?

M. Mahon indicated the areas are: brain health and dementia, aquatic health, and terrestrial ecosystems remote sensing. These areas are broad in nature and are meant to

build on our interdisciplinary areas. A. Hakin added that there was significant input from AET on these areas. We can use this to build in new areas where we have not had potential in the past.

C. Nicol – Is the money for enrolment funding pressures one-time money?

M. Mahon indicated that we are led to believe it will be part of our grant; however, we have not received this in writing.

C. Nicol – Regarding the GFC bylaw review process, what were the bylaws circulated via email and will there be any intention of circulating the proposed revisions to the last parts of the bylaws to the broader university community?

J. Black indicated the bylaws emailed were the ones approved on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

A. Siaroff indicated a summary of the proposed bylaw revisions will be brought in October, and the comment regarding wider distribution will be taken back as a recommendation to the bylaw review committee.

## **5. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **5.1. Appointed Membership Approval**

MOTION: gfc.2011.09.04

Siaroff/Nicol

*That GFC approves the appointed ex-officio members, appointed faculty/school/library members, and appointed student members as indicated in the 2011/2012 General Faculties Council Membership within the enclosure.*

*Two amendments were made to the students: Eva Gorny is the Education representative and Armin Escher is Arts and Science.*

Motion: Carried

### **5.2. Standing Committee Memberships**

MOTION: gfc.2011.09.05

Ellis/Nicol

*That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of Thelma Gunn on the University Review Committee for a term ending on June 30, 2014.*

*That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of Phil Jones on the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Discipline Review Committee for a term ending June 30, 2013.*

*That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of Walter Wymer on the Curriculum Coordinating Committee for a term ending on June 30, 2013.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2011.09.06

The floor was open to nominations for the Executive Committee replacement term for Ian MacLachlan.

Nicol

*That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of Alan Siaroff on the Executive Committee for a term ending September 30, 2012.*

Hawkins/Hakin

*Motion for nominations to be closed.*

Motion: Carried.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1. Human Subject Research Committee Report**

As required, the Human Subject Research Committee Report was presented as information. No questions arose from the enclosed report.

### **6.2. Honorary Degree Nomination Deadline – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

There were some great nominations last year, and M. Mahon encouraged individuals to submit applications.

### **6.3. GFC Executive Committee Minutes – April 21, 2011**

The minutes were presented for information.

### **6.4. GFC Executive Committee Minutes – July 15, 2011**

The minutes were presented for information.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business at this time.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2011.09.07

Kingfisher/Moline

*That the September 12, 2011 meeting of the General Faculties Council  
be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried