

**MINUTES OF MEETING #462 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, W646**

- Present: Mike Mahon (Chair), Will Smith, Shahadat Hossain, Chris Epplett, Keith McLaughlin, Taz Kassam, Cheryl Calver, Zack Moline, Nathan McCowan, Nicole Eva, Anne Dymond, Mike Basil, Dan Kazakoff, James Dobbie, Deborah Saucier, Rob Sutherland, Walter Wymer, Shamsul Alam, Judith Kulig, Robert Wood, Chris Nicol, Chris Hosgood, Craig Monk, Paul Walz, Andrew Hakin, Cathy Campbell, Allan Hall, Nancy Walker, Jochen Bocksnick, Craig Loewen, Leslie Lavers, Peter Dibble, Amy von Heyking, Kerry Bernes, Alan Siaroff, Chris Horbachewski, Nicole Rosen, Inge Genee, Bob Ellis, Lisa Rodych, Desmond Rochfort, Janet Youngdahl, Bernadine Wojtowicz, Cheryl Meheden, Bob Boudreau
- Regrets: Dan Weeks, Alison Nussbaumer, Dayna Daniels, Danny LeRoy, Ian MacLachlan, Michael Stingl, Ebenezer Asem, Luis Escobar, Anne Dymond, Dagmar Dahle, Wing Li, Karen Clearwater, Don MacDonald, Tyrell Da Silva, Kyle Hammond, Rachelle Thompson, Ryan Phillips, Armen Escher
- Others: Rita Law (recording secretary)

**462.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:**

Rochfort/Walz	That the Agenda for meeting #462 held Monday, September 13, 2010 be approved with the addition of a motion under 5.1 GFC Appointed Members, addition of GFC Travel Committee to 5.2, and addition of Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee under 5.3.
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Motion: Carried

**462.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Kulig/Hosgood	That the Minutes of meeting #461 held May 3, 2010 be approved with a correction to the meeting number from 460 to 461 and the April 6, 2010 meeting from 459 to 460.
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Motion: Carried

**462.3 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no items arising from the minutes.

#### **462.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Mahon welcomed the new members to General Faculties Council and welcomed all to the meeting. Dr. Mahon expressed appreciation for the warm welcome he has received since arriving on campus at the beginning of July. He has spent the first few months getting to know the University by hosting open coffee sessions and a series of individual meetings with faculty members to get a sense of the essence of teaching and research on campus. He has also held meetings with the named teaching and research scholars. He found these meetings very useful for learning of the breadth and depth of research and scholarship at the U of L. President Mahon has also met with Civic, Provincial and Federal officials and has had meetings with school system officials, some in the health care field, and others in the community. He indicated that there are many more meetings to come.

The President invited all to attend the Presidential Installation October 15. He mentioned that he is giving a great deal of thought about how best to present the message. A retreat has been held with the Vice-Presidents to pull together key themes, which will form the basis of his remarks at the Installation. He will make a presentation to Deans' Council and hold focus groups with the leaders of key groups such as Executive Directors, AUPE, APO, and Exempt Support Staff, Alumni, Senate, etc.

The President continued his remarks by reporting that enrolment stands at 8,449, with is a 2.5% increase over last year. There has been significant growth in enrolment in the Calgary and Edmonton campuses. Dr. Mahon remarked that this is certainly good news, particularly in light of the transition to Universities of Calgary and Edmonton institutions. The credit hour analysis will be known by the end of September, but there doesn't seem to be anything unusual in the numbers at this time. Although we don't have official numbers from other institutions, it has been reported that applications at Bow Valley are up by 17% and U of C seems to be on par. It is felt that the economy could be a factor in the increased interest in post-secondary education.

On the research front, funding is at more than \$15 million, an all time high.

Dr. Mahon extended congratulations to the Students' Union for an amazingly successful Fresh Fest. The New Student Orientation was also a tremendous success. Dr. Mahon congratulated all those involved and recognized the orientation as a fantastic way of orienting new students, parents and partners.

Dr. Mahon invited the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost to speak about senior administrator searches and reviews. Dr. Hakin reported that the Dean of Graduate Studies search is underway and interim reviews are scheduled for the Dean of Fine Arts, Desmond Rochfort, and the University Librarian, Alison Nussbaumer. The review of the University Librarian will be deferred until January in light of the number of searches and reviews currently underway. Chris Hosgood, Dean of Health Sciences has indicated he will seek a second term and Chris Nicol, Dean of Arts and Science, has indicated he will seek a third term.

There will also be searches launched shortly for Associate Vice-President (Human Resources and Administration) and Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning).

Significant work is taking place on the development of an Academic Plan under the direction of Andrew Hakin. The Deans have been asked to consult within their units and provide feedback by the end of September.

There has been some good work by the Vice-President (Research), Dan Weeks, towards a Research Plan. It is hoped that both the Academic Plan and the Research Plan will be completed this fall.

Dr. Mahon reported he attended City Council earlier in the day and presented on the concept of a partnership with the City on a Performing Arts building. This is an opportunity to secure additional space for the Conservatory, which would free up space on campus.

Later this week the President will be attending an Alumni and Friends reception at the Okotoks Art Gallery where there is a pop art showing from the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery.

#### **462.5 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **462.5.1 GFC Appointed Members**

###### **MOTION:**

Hosgood/Wood	That the allocation of seats on General Faculties Council be referred to the GFC Executive Committee for review.
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Motion: Carried

Walz/Smith	That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of Dr. Robert Sutherland, President of the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association, as an authorized appointment.
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Motion: Carried

McLaughlin/Moline	That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of the Appointed Student Members as provided in the agenda materials with the addition of Nathan McCowan as the student from the Faculty of Management for a term to end April 2011. There is no vacancy in the Faculty of Health Sciences.
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#### **462.5.2 GFC Standing Committee Appointments**

##### **GFC Executive Committee**

MOTION:

Nicol/Smith                      That Ian MacLachlan be reappointed to the GFC Executive Committee for a term ending September 2012.

Motion: Carried

Ellis/Wood                      That Dan Kazakoff be appointed to the GFC Executive Committee for a two-year term ending September 2012.

Motion: Carried

##### **GFC Admission Standards Committee**

MOTION:

Smith/Walz                      That David Kaminski and Suzanne Harris be appointed to the GFC Admission Standards Committee for two-year terms ending September 2012 and further that Alex Massé and Jeanne Xie be appointed for terms ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

##### **GFC Advisory Committee on Athletics**

MOTION:

Walz/Kulig                      That Wing Li be appointed to the GFC Advisory Committee on Athletics for a term ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

The Advisory Committee on Athletics list was revised to reflect that Michelle Helstein is the Chair, Kinesiology and Physical Education rather than Jochen Bocksnick.

##### **GFC Convocation Committee**

MOTION:

Epplett/Alam                      That Kelly Suchinsky be reappointed to the GFC Convocation Committee for a term to end April 2011 and that Paul Walz be

appointed as the Graduate Student alternate on the committee for a term ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that Heather Mirau's current title is Director Integrated Planning and Jodie Black, Convocation Coordinator/Educational Strategist, replaces Colleen Bridges.

**GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee**

MOTION:

Walz/Nicol                      That Fraser Sparks be appointed to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee for a term ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

It was reported that Rick Mrazek is the Faculty of Education officer responsible for curriculum, replacing Craig Loewen.

**GFC Discipline Committee**

MOTION:

Walz/Wood                      That Gibion Makiwa be appointed to the GFC Discipline Committee for a term ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

**GFC Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee**

MOTION:

Kulig/Walz                      That Jennifer Mather and Gordon Hunter be appointed to the GFC Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee for a term ending September 2012 and further than Jeremy Girard and Miranda Abild be appointed to the committee for a term ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

**GFC Library Committee**

MOTION:

Kulig/Walz                      That Amir Akbary-Majdabadno be appointed to the GFC Library Committee for a term ending September 2012, Billy McKay be reappointed to the committee for a term ending

September 2012 and further than Nathan McCowan and Neil Stubbs be appointed to the committee for a term ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that Deans' Council will be nominating a replacement for Jane O'Dea.

**GFC Research Committee**

MOTION:

Smith/Nicol                      That H.J. Wieden and Jean Harrowing be appointed to the GFC Research Committee for a term ending September 2012.

Motion: Carried

**GFC Student Awards Committee**

MOTION:

Epplert/Walz                      That Sandeep Mishra be reappointed to the GFC Student Awards Committee and Dierdre Coburn be appointed for terms ending April 2011.

Motion: Carried

GFC Executive will seek a faculty nomination to replace Rob Wood.

**GFC Special Needs Advisory Committee**

MOTION:

Nicol/Hosgood                      That the following persons be appointed to the GFC Special Needs Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:  
Jennifer Mather                      to September 2012  
Karen Wells (reappointment) to September 2012  
Pamela Winsor                      to September 2012  
Marie Matkin                      to September 2012  
Marinus Swanepoel                      to September 2012  
Stephen Atambire Nsoh                      to April 2011

Motion: Carried

**GFC Travel Committee**

MOTION:

Siaroff/Wood                      That Michael Gerken be appointed to the GFC Travel Committee for a term ending September 2012

Motion: Carried

**462.5.3    Other Committee Staffing (not GFC Committees)**

**Senate Honorary Degree Committee**

MOTION:

Kulig/Walz                      That David Clearwater and Shamsul Alam be appointed to the Senate Honorary Degree Committee for a two-year term.

Motion: Carried

**General Liberal Education Requirements (GLER) Committee**

MOTION:

Walz/Dobbie                      That Shah Khaled be appointed to the GLER committee for a term to end April 2011.

Motion: Carried

The Faculty of Health Sciences will bring a nomination at a later time to fill that vacancy.

**GFC University Review Committee**

MOTION:

Alam/Nicol                      That Peter Visentin be appointed to the University Review Committee for a term to end September 2012.

Motion: Carried

**Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee**

MOTION:

Walz/Hosgood                      That Tom Johnston be appointed to the Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee for a one-year term, ending

September 2011 and further that John Vokey be appointed as the alternate for a one-year term ending September 2011.

That Walter Wymer be appointed to the Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee with Sajjad Zahir appointed as alternate for two-year terms ending September 2012.

Motion: Carried

A replacement for Tom Johnston as an alternate will be nominated at a future GFC meeting.

#### **462.5.4 GFC MEETING SCHEDULE 2010, 2011, 2012**

MOTION:

Wymer/Kassam                      That the schedule of GFC meetings for 2010, 2011, and 2012 be approved as provided in the agenda materials.

Motion: Carried

#### **462.6 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

#### **462.7 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

##### **462.7.1 Admission Standards Committee Annual Report**

The report was received as information.

##### **462.7.2 GFC Executive Committee Minutes – April 19, 2010**

##### **462.7.3 GFC Executive Committee Email Vote – May 19, 2010**

##### **462.7.4 GFC Executive Committee Meeting – June 18, 2010**

##### **462.7.5 GFC Executive Committee Email Vote – August 10, 2010**

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes listed above were received as information.

##### **462.7.6 GFC Membership**

The GFC Membership list was received as information. It was noted that Craig Loewen is Interim Dean, Faculty of Education and Rob Wood is Interim Head, School of Graduate Studies. Shamsul Alam and Walter Wymer are not new appointments. Paul Walz is nominated by the Graduate Students Association.

#### **462.8 OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.



**462.9 ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Walz/Loewen

That the September 13, 2010 meeting of the General Faculties Council be adjourned.

Motion: Carried