

MINUTES OF A MEETING #422 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Brian Parkinson, Cheryl Calver, Ches Skinner, Chris Epplett, Chris Hosgood, Christopher Nicol, Dagmar Dahle, David Clearwater, Dayna Daniels, Debra Basil, Inge Genee, Jan Newberry, Jane O'Dea, Jason Rumer, Jim Thomas, Joy Morris, Kas Mazurek, Kelly Andres, Leslie Lavers, Locke Spencer, Lorelee Edwards, Lynn Basford, Marinus Swanepoel, Michael Campbell, Nancy Grigg, Nancy Walker, Pamela Winsor, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Rex Forsyth, Seamus O'Shea, Shamsul Alam, Tom Johnston, Toni Nelson, Wilf Roesler

Regrets: Catherine Kingfisher, Jennifer Mather, Nafisa Jadavji

4028.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4028.1 MOTION:

Basford/Spencer

That the Agenda for Meeting #422 be approved as circulated with the addition of Item 5.2 under Items for Action, Approval of Appointed Student members to GFC, and Item 8.1 under Other Business, Loaning of Textbooks.

Motion: Carried

4029.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4029.1 MOTION:

Forsyth/Morris

That the Minutes of Meeting #421, June 7, 2004 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4030.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4031.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4031.1 University Construction

The University of Lethbridge underwent several construction projects over the summer. The development of a new campus parking lot began in replacement of the West lot which will be taken over by the future Regional Health & Wellness Centre. A new sprinkler system was also installed throughout offices on campus. An unfortunate mishap during installation, resulted in flooding in the Theatre. The Theatre will be temporarily closed in the Spring for replacement from damages caused by the flood. The contractors insurance will be covering the expenses incurred.

4031.2 Lecture

Bill Cade announced the lecture to take place later this evening at the University Theatre by Zoran Kačić-Alesić titled Creatures and Pixel Dust, The Art and Science of Visual Effects.

4031.3 Pronghorns vs. Calgary Flames Prospects

The University of Lethbridge Pronghorns hockey team is scheduled to play the Calgary Flames prospects at the Enmax Centre on Tuesday, September 14. Bill Cade encouraged everyone to come out and support the Pronghorns.

4031.4 Artwalk

Loralee Edwards announced that the Students' Union is collecting blankets as part of the Artwalk. These blankets will be donated to the three Shelters in Lethbridge. The deadline for donations is this Friday.

4031.5 Upcoming Elections

Bill Cade commented on the upcoming elections, and announcements he is waiting to hear from the government. The University of Lethbridge has three capital requests; one being the Regional Health and Wellness Centre, the second being the proposal for a new building to house the Faculty of Management, Native American Studies, and the School of Health Sciences, and the third being the proposed Water Research Building. The application for this building has been submitted to the government through the Western Economic Partnership Agreement, and a meeting is being held this week in Edmonton with Shirley McClellan to discuss the proposal further.

4031.6 ASRA

An ASRA meeting with University Presidents and Vice-Presidents is being held this Wednesday in Edmonton. ASRA plans to discuss the issue of scientific equipment in Alberta.

4032.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4032.1 Approval of Appointed Faculty members to GFC

4032.1.1 MOTION:

Morris/Epplett                      That General Faculties Council approve the appointed Faculty members as attached to the Agenda.

MOTION:      Carried

4032.2 Approval of Appointed Student members to GFC

4032.2.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Winsor                      That General Faculties Council approve the appointed Student members as attached to the Agenda.

MOTION:      Carried

4032.3 Appointment to GFC Grade Appeal Committee

4032.3.1 MOTION:

Daniels/Nelson                      That nominations cease.

MOTION:      Carried

Brian Parkinson was acclaimed.

4032.4 Executive Nominations to Senate

4032.4.1 MOTION:

Edwards/Nicol                      That nominations cease, with the correction that Jennifer Mather's term to replace Dayna Daniels will begin in January 2005, rather than September 2004.

MOTION:      Carried

Rex Forsyth, Wilf Roesler, and Jennifer Mather were acclaimed.

4032.5 2004/05 GFC Membership Appointments to GFC Executive Committee

4032.5.1 MOTION:

Morris/Hosgood That nominations cease.

MOTION: Carried

David Clearwater, and Jan Newberry were acclaimed. A third name will be selected at the next GFC meeting.

4033.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4033.1 General Liberal Education Requirement Report

Seamus O'Shea explained that the GLER report is a component of every degree offered at the University of Lethbridge, and a core element of how we choose to educate. The purpose of the report is to try to capture the best of what GLER should be, and transparent enough to be understood by everyone. One key change within the new GLER report is the requirement to complete a total of 12 courses from 4 lists, at least one designated "Writing Skills Course", and one "Quantitative Skills Course".

The General Faculties Council members were asked to review the new GLER report with their respective Faculties and bring their questions back to GFC in November. The committee anticipates to have the new requirements included in the 2006/2007 Calendar.

4033.2 Health & Wellness Centre proposed classroom size

There has been extensive consultation with different groups within the University regarding the proposed 300 person auditorium, or two 150 seat auditoria. Some of the main advantages of the new proposed 300 person auditorium, is in the creation of a community lecture space, since the Theatre is the only current venue. This also enables more accessibility to instructors unable to access the 180 people classrooms currently on campus. Common fears are that the larger classroom sizes will create an increased volume of students enrolled, and class sizes will become too large. Some fear that this could create an impersonal feel within the classroom, and may take away from the unique nature of the University of Lethbridge in its small classroom sizes. Bill Cade informed the General Faculties Council that a decision will be made by Administration in the near future.

4033.3 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #391, August 31, 2004

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #391, August 31, 2004 were received as information.

4034.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

4035.0 OTHER BUSINESS

4035.1 Loaning of Textbooks

Joy Morris spoke to the General Faculties Council regarding the possibility of loaning textbooks to students within specific courses, to reduce the cost of textbooks to their students. This will be taken to the GFC Library Committee for consideration and to be returned to GFC at a later date. This report is filed with the minutes.

4036.0 ADJOURNMENT

4036.1 MOTION:

Winsor/Mazurek                      That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION:      Carried

4037.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The question period was not minuted.