

MINUTES OF A MEETING #397 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Seamus O'Shea, Nancy Walker, Ali Dastmalchian, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Patricia Wall, Shamsul Alam, Barbara marshalsay, Leslie Lavers, Craig Loewen, Michael Pollard, Leah Fowler, Bryson Brown, Cheryl Calver, Hadi Kharaghani, Peter McCormick, Jennifer Mather, Ian MacLachlan, Angela Downey, Ed Jurkowski, Leslie Robison-Greene, Kathryn Higuchi, Dezmond Belzeck, Lindsey Thurston, David Kaminski, John Bain, Cathy Campbell, Will Smith, Rae Hazelwood, Brian Dobing, Richard Epp, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Karen Clearwater, Andrea Kalischuk
Maureen Schwartz (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Chris Bender, Matthew McHugh, Toni Nelson, Dana Andreassen

3836.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3836.1 MOTION:

Mather/Alam

That the agenda for Meeting #397 be approved as circulated with the removal of 5.2 Faculty of Fine Arts Report.

MOTION: Carried

3837.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3837.1 MOTION:

Belzeck/Downey

That the Minutes of Meeting #396, February 5, 2001, be approved as circulated with the correction of page 6, Aoutstanding humanists in social science@ to Aoutstanding humanists and social science@.

MOTION: Carried

3838.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the Minutes

3839.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cade asked Dezmond Belzeck to introduce Matthew McHugh, the President-Elect of the Students' Union.

3839.1 Awards

President Cade extended congratulations to:

Student, Russell Goodman who received the Coop Student of the Year Award for all of Canada.

Bob Rogerson who received the Canadian Association of Geographers Award for Excellence in Teaching.

3839.2 Science Research Funding

Dennis Fitzpatrick reported that this is the first time the University has received a senior scientist award which opened a new position for Rob Sutherland. This will place additional strength in behavioral neuroscience. Steve Mossiman received a Heritage Medical Scholarship Award and he will bring unusual skill set to the University. Rene Boere received a significant increase to his NSERC research grant. The U of L has done extremely well in receiving equipment grants. The Institution has just received the SSHRC results.

3839.3 Native American Student Association

The Native American Student Association sponsored a Native American Awareness Week last week and for all accounts it was very successful. The President had the pleasure of attending some of the events. It was funded from the University of Lethbridge, Red Crow College and Lethbridge Community College. The students worked well to put this together.

3839.4 ACCESS

President Cade reported that the University has received funding for Arts and Science and Management. Seamus O'Shea explained that in the announcements made earlier in the year the University was told there would be an increase in the number of FLE, as a compliment in Management, by 80 this fall and an additional 80 in the following fall; rising ultimately to 175. With respect to Arts and Science they will not receive FLE until September 2002 and they will ultimately rise for a total number of 80. Once this has been completed, this will complete the Department's obligation for the University for one time funds in LINC. Operating funds for the students should help significantly with respect to the challenges the University faces. It is unclear what the next round of ACCESS will bring to the University. Dates for submissions will again be next summer. Notification has been received that the Ag Bio Tech and the Agricultural Studies ACCESS programs have been rolled into the base. The Government sees this as a continuing part of funding.

3839.5 Alberta Learning

A meeting was held with Alberta Learning as part of their regular site visits. In discussions with them, they had referred to expansion. They had raised the concern that 30% of students come from the Calgary area. President Cade had assured them that the reason was because of what U of L had to offer students.

President Cade mentioned that they spoke with Russell Goodman and other students who verified what he had said.

Lyle Oberg remains the Minister and the Deputy Minister is Ron Ford.

3839.6 ULFA Negotiations

Negotiations with the Faculty Association are commencing with Seamus O'Shea chairing on behalf of the Board and Nancy Walker chairing the money issue on behalf of the Board.

3839.7 University Security

There has been a flasher on campus. A composite has been circulated on campus. President Cade has asked that people safeguard with measures to guard against this individual.

3839.8 University Pronghorn

Ray and Ingrid Speaker have commissioned a bronze pronghorn which will be placed in the front of LINC.

3839.9 LINC Opening Committee

Seamus O'Shea will chair the LINC Opening Committee.

3839.10 AUPE

AUPE has held their elections; congratulations go to the new President, Paul Lefebvre.

3839.11 RCMP

The RCMP were on campus to speak to a Professor. President Cade reported that they were within their rights to come on campus. He has asked that the procedures be re-evaluated to ensure that Administration is aware when police are on campus in the future.

3839.12 Capital Funds

In answer to Angela Downey's inquiry, Seamus O'Shea mentioned that the University has identified the need for a building that would house Management and other academic units as required for improvements. At a meeting in November, all Universities identified their priorities for Alberta Learning. The U of L's presentation consisted of the need for the Management program. In discussions around Management, they could look for a five year operating picture

and a ten year capital picture from the institution.

3840.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

3840.1 Credit/Non-Credit Designation

3840.1.1 MOTION:

Belzeck/Calver That GFC receive the report of the Registrar.

Ian MacLachlan expressed his concern with this report as it is his opinion that a large portion of Faculty not satisfied with the Credit/Non-Credit Designation. He also pointed out that there could also be a large number of students that might not agree to this. Leslie Lavers responded by mentioning that in her report she indicated that there were only 2 incidences of abuse recorded. Jennifer Mather responded mentioning that she spoken to a student who sees it as a ticket to laziness. Dezmond Belzeck spoke in support of the motion. Pat Wall pointed out that perhaps not all units were contacted for this report.

MOTION: Carried.

3840.1.2 MOTION:

Wall/Mather That the issue of Credit/Non-Credit Designation be referred to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee for their review and recommendation.

MOTION: Defeated.

3841.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3841.1 Draft Report of the University Budget Committee
- 2000-01 to 2002-03 University Budget

Karen Clearwater spoke to the Draft Report by mentioning that the Budget Committee prepares a 3 year rolling budget. The process allows for changes to the budget based on assumptions of the budget. LINC and Life Sciences has not been taken into account in the Operating budget. Alberta Learning has indicated that allocation of money on these buildings will be separate. Operating Grants provide 62% of revenue base. General increases of 4 3/4% based on the previous operating budget has been given to the academic units. Compensation costs make up 76% of the expenditure base and utilities are at 3% of the budget each year. Based on the assumptions that are being used in the budget, the University is looking at reductions of \$4.4 m over the next three years.

The magnitude of the reductions called for in years two and three are actually greater than what will be the case. She indicated that reductions in the current year are \$500,000.

3841.1.1 Budget Task Force Final Report

Nancy Walker explained that when the Task Force was struck the purpose of it was to investigate different ways to do the budget. In particular was the enrollment increases and how it affects the other faculty. Karen Clearwater did a good job of incorporating the allocation of money based on credit hours and increasing hours in the faculties. Nancy Walker reported that she has conducted extensive reviews of the expenditures in Faculties as well as the Administration. The Faculties/Schools are spending about the same level per staff member per faculty member but there were some anomalies in terms of the credit hours. Some of the Faculties/Schools have increased their credit hours and this has not been reflected in the operating grant allocation this year so Karen Clearwater has incorporated that during this budget.

This was received as information.

3841.2 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #360, March 19,2001

The GFC Executive Minutes of Meeting #360, March 19, 2001 was received as information.

3842.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3842.1 Personal Security Policy

President Cade explained that the policy before GFC is still in draft form and that he is not seeking action at the meeting. Due to concerns raised, President Cade agreed that a Presidential Task Force will be formed that will consist of all units on campus. This policy will be brought back to GFC for the perusal prior to implementation.

3843.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

3844.0 ADJOURNMENT

3844.1 MOTION:

Brown/O=Shea That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: Carried

3845.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.