
**MINUTES OF MEETING #454 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009, AT 3:00 P.M. IN W646**

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), A.W. Smith, Chris Horbachewski, Noëlla Piquette-Tomei, Jane O'Dea, Chris Nicol, Nancy Walker, Leslie Lavers, Goldie Morgentaler, Cheryl Calver, Rhys Stevens, Robert Wood, Christopher Burton, Alex Massé, Leslie Dawn, Jackie Rice, Ken Allan, Andrew Hakin, Pam Loewen, Chris Hosgood, John Vokey, Desmond Rochfort, Victor Rodych, Adam Vossepoel, Brodie Pattenden, Jason Pan, Ilsa Wong, Kendall Yamagishi, Alan Siaroff, Ian MacLachlan, Inge Genée, Adriana Predoi-Cross, Jo-Anne Fiske, Richard Westlund, Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Ebenezer Asem, James Dobbie, Tanya Drollinger, Anne Dymond, Ed Wasiak, Craig Monk, Chris Epplet, Jochen Bocksnick, Murray Lindsay, René Boéré, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Peter Heffernan, Michelle Helstein, Shahadat Hossain, Ian McKenna, Walter Wymer, Alison Nussbaumer, Tracy Oosterbroek, Jenn Prosser, Isabel Wilde, Erin Zelinski, Karen Clearwater, Kris Magnusson, Kyle Shaw, Adam Beauchesne, Ioulia Devenney, Karen Davis, Joey Baranyay, Brett Stephenson

454.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Rochfort/Wood

That the Agenda for Meeting #454 be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

454.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Pattenden/Fiske

That the Minutes of Meeting #453 March 9, 2009 be approved with the deletion of felt from second sentence of the last paragraph on page 5 of 8. The corrected sentence now reads: Brodie Pattenden indicated the Students' Union had not been consulted on this allocation.

MOTION: CARRIED

454.3 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

454.4 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

454.4.1 **Blue and Gold Athletic Awards**

The Blue and Gold Athletic Awards banquet was held Friday, April 3. The President remarked that it was a spectacular evening to honour the student athletes. Ashley Patzer from the Women's Rugby Team was awarded the Female Athlete of the Year trophy and Jim Steacy, a thrower on the track and field team, was awarded the Male Athlete of the Year trophy.

454.4.2 **Apply Alberta**

Apply Alberta, formerly known as APAS is now operational at the U of L. Leslie Lavers reported that it began about three years ago as a directive from Alberta Advanced Education and Technology. Students go to a single Alberta web site to initiate registration in any Alberta post-secondary institution. They complete a common application and then are taken to the web site of the post-secondary institution of their choice to complete the application. One advantage of the new protocol is that post-secondary institutions can now access Alberta students' K-12 transcripts directly from Alberta Education. The first student in the Apply Alberta system applied to the U of L. There has yet to be a successful pilot at any other post-secondary in Alberta. The offices of Information Technology and the Registrar were recognized for the great deal of work involved and congratulated for the successful launch of this initiative. Apply Alberta is supposed to be operational province wide for September 2009 admissions.

454.4.3 **Olga Kovalchuk**

Olga Kovalchuk was among six researchers in Canada to receive a prestigious Chair in New Perspectives in Gender, Sex and Health from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and its Institute of Gender and Health (IGH). The Chair comes with \$750,000 in funding over five years. Dr. Kovalchuk's research examines how radiation induces secondary tumors in cancer patients, the different effects radiation has on women and men, and what can be done to protect the children of radiation-exposed parents from contracting cancer. Dr. Kovalchuk is also a Board of Governors Research Chair.

454.4.4 **Federal Stimulus Package Submission**

A submission has been made to the Federal Government in response to an opportunity to seek funding through a Federal stimulus package. The submission is for funding for Phase II of the Water and Environmental Science Building (WESB). The application requires matching funds. The Province has indicated there will be no new money allocated for infrastructure. The application submission was made using the existing Phase 1 of the WESB to meet the Provincial matching requirement.

454.4.5 **Provincial Budget**

The Provincial Budget will be announced tomorrow afternoon. The President was optimistic that the operating grant will be increased by 6% as previously indicated by the Province. There will be a private phone call with the Minister in the morning, specifically about the Advanced Education and Technology budget.

454.4.6 Daycare Groundbreaking

The Daycare groundbreaking ceremony will be April 15. The President congratulated the Daycare Action Committee, the Students' Union, Graduate Students Association, Faculty, Nancy Walker and others involved for their work on this important addition to the campus.

454.4.7 Honorary Degrees

The announcement has been made of those who will be awarded Honorary Degrees at the spring and fall convocations. The President noted that there was no recommendation this year from the GFC Honorary Degrees Committee. The President will report at a future meeting on why there was no nomination from GFC.

454.4.8 Prentice Institute

Andy Hakin announced that Dr. Susan McDaniel has been hired as the first research Chair in the Prentice Institute. She is the first person to hold an endowed chair at the U of L. Dr. Hakin credited the excellent work of the search committee and Dean Nicol in making this appointment. Chris Nicol added that a search consultant assisted in the search and several very strong applications were received, two of whom came to campus to do public presentations. Dr. Nicol remarked that Dr. McDaniel is one of the best known sociologists in Canada and he was very pleased to be able to attract her to the Prentice Institute. The appointment will go, at the first opportunity, to the Prentice Board for approval. She will be officially joining the Prentice Institute July 1 but will be on campus next week and again in mid May for the Prentice Dialogue. An official announcement of the appointment will be made at a later date when the Prentice Board and/or family can be present. The invitation was extended for faculty to contact Deirdre Coburn in the Prentice Institute to make arrangements to meet with Dr. McDaniel.

454.4.9 Digital Audio Arts

Digital Audio Arts, in the Faculty of Fine Arts, formerly referred to as Music Technology, was approved by Government some time ago but at that time there was no funding associated with that approval. About two weeks ago the programming money was approved on a one-time basis but it is hoped it will be converted to continuing funding. Dean Rochfort remarked that there are no other programs like it and the new program fits well with prospective employment as composers or musicians in the music business.

454.4.10 Dean of Education Search

An offer was made to the top candidate, that candidate has accepted a position at another post-secondary institution. The candidate is a talented and insightful individual and he was wished well in his new position. The Dean of Education Search Committee has decided to put the search on hold until September of 2009 with the goal of having a new Dean in place July 1, 2010. Dr. O'Dea has agreed to remain in the position for another year. Dr. Craig Loewen will step in as acting Dean for six months during Dr. O'Dea's leave.

454.4.11 **Vice-President Research Search**

The Vice-President Research Search is ongoing. Comments have been solicited from the University community on the strengths and weaknesses of the two candidates who gave public presentations. Those comments are due by the end of day April 7. The Committee will meet April 14 and hopes to make a selection at that time.

454.4.12 **Presidential Appointment Committee**

The Presidential Appointment Committee is being struck. The President remarked that he has long felt it was a good practice to leave when you want more and this is the case for him. He noted that he will be in office one more year and was looking forward to thanking GFC, in a more formal way at a later time for the opportunity to work with them.

454.5 **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

454.5.1 **Graduate Council Amendment**

MOTION:

Fiske/Siaroff

That the Graduate Council Governing Principles be amended as follows:

3. Except for the Library and graduate student representative, members of Graduate Council shall be University of Lethbridge tenured faculty or eligible for tenure at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher.

MOTION: CARRIED

454.5.2 **GFC Appointments to Associate Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee**

MOTION:

O'Dea/Nicol

That Noëlla Piquette-Tomei be selected by General Faculties Council as one of the GFC appointments to the Associate Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee.

MOTION: CARRIED

The Executive Committee will develop of slate of candidates to fill the remaining two positions on the Associate Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee.

454.5.3 **GFC Appointment to Senate**

MOTION:

Hakin/Rodych

That Rob Wood be appointed to the Senate by General Faculties Council.

MOTION: CARRIED

Goldie Morgentaler, a current GFC member on Senate, remarked that serving on Senate is an opportunity to meet a lot of people that one might not normally meet. She felt service on the Senate was worth doing.

454.6 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

454.6.1 **Majors on Degree Parchments**

The report provided by Leslie Lavers was received for information.

MOTION:

Vokey/Nicol

That GFC reaffirm the policy of not having majors listed on undergraduate degree parchments.

MOTION: CARRIED

454.6.2 **Minutes of March 23, 2009 Executive Committee**

The Minutes of the March 23, 2009 GFC Executive Committee meeting were provided for information.

454.7 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Alan Siaroff thanked President Bill Cade for his service to the University and the community and remarked he was sorry to see him go. President Cade responded that it has been a pleasure being at the U of L and that it has been a very satisfying professional experience.

454.8 **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Morgentaler/McLachlan

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED