

**MINUTES OF MEETING #457 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, W646**

Present: Bill Cade, Andrew Hakin, Dan Weeks, Bob Boudreau, Pamela Adams, Amir Akbary-Majdabadno, Ken Allan, René Boéré, Chris Burton, Cheryl Calver, Dayna Daniels, James Dobbie, Brian Dobing, Christopher Epplett, Nicole Eva, Jo-Anne Fiske, Allan Hall, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Shahadat Hossain, Dan Kazakoff, Lynn Kennedy, Lori Kopp, Leslie Lavers, Pam Loewen, Ian MacLachlan, Zack Moline, Craig Monk, Christopher Nicol, Alison Nussbaumer, Michael Persinger, Adriana Predoi-Cross, Desmond Rochfort, Alan Siaroff, Rory Tarant, Aaron Taylor, Lesley Terry, Bernadine Wojtowicz, Robert Wood

Others: Rita Law, Richard Querel, Shelley Pierson (recording secretary)

Regrets: Silvana Campus, Jeremy Girard, Alex Massé, Will Smith, Shamsul Alam, Mike Basil, Kerry Bernes, Bryson Brown, Karen Clearwater, Tyrell DaSilva, Mary Kavanagh, Dan Le Roy, Cole Lehto, Craig Loewen, Victor Rodych, Tracy Oosterbroek, Jackie Rice, Nicole Rosen, Jessica Schultchen, John Vokey, Amy von Heyking, Walter Wymer, Don MacDonald, Nancy Walker

**457.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

Daniel/Siaroff

That the GFC Agenda for meeting #457 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

**457.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

Rochfort/Nicol

That the Minutes of meeting #456 be approved as circulated by email.

Motion: Carried

A member asked about the three people shown in the minutes as attending meeting #456 who were actually not members of the GFC. Dr. Cade explained that four people had been elected from Arts and Sciences in error before it was known that the terms of the original individuals were not over until 2010.

### **457.3 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Since Maureen Hawkins is not a GFC member she will be replaced on the Facility Naming Committee.

### **457.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Budget continues to be an issue for the University. A letter has been received indicating the Government grant will be the same or less for next year. The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) appears to be withdrawing from supporting faculty wages and will focus on research support. Budget units will make their presentations to the Budget Committee shortly. It is conceivable budget will not be ratified by the Board of Governors on schedule, since the amount of the Government grant is unknown.

Ashley MacDonald, an award winning Rugby Player, broke her leg before she could compete in Nationals.

GFC members were encouraged to attend a major announcement on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Atrium.

The President extended congratulations to University of Lethbridge Chemistry/Biochemistry and Neuroscience students who returned as gold medalists from a recent international genetically-engineered machines (iGEM) conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston, MA.

The iGEM competition is regarded as the premier undergraduate synthetic biology competition in the World. Student teams are given a kit of biological parts – called BioBricks – at the beginning of the summer from the Registry of Standard Biological Parts. Working at their own schools, they use these parts, along with new parts of their own design, to build biological systems. They then operate these systems on living cells.

### **457.5 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **457.5.1 Revised General Faculties Council Membership 2009/2010**

MOTION:

Rochfort/Hosgood

That the amended General Faculties Council Membership be approved.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.2. GFC Committee Memberships**

Honorary Degree Advisory Committee

MOTION:

Nicol/Epplett

That the Honorary Degrees Advisory Committee membership be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

Student Awards Committee

MOTION:

Rochfort/Dobbie

That the Student Awards committee membership be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

General Liberal Education Requirements Committee

MOTION:

Fiske/Terry

That the General Liberal Education Requirements Committee membership be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.3 Amendment of GFC Bylaws**

**457.5.3.1** Addition of Graduate Students to GFC Committees and Senior Administrator Appointment Committees

MOTION:

Terry/Fiske

That the addition of Graduate Students on the GFC Committees and Senior Administrator Appointment Committees be approved.

Motion: Carried

The motion passed by more than 2/3 majority required for a Bylaw Change. The view was expressed that including Graduate Students on GFC committees is appropriate in light of the growth of the Graduate Student population.

It was pointed out that the GFC Bylaws have many errors and inconsistencies. They will be cleaned up in the New Year.

The following errors in the Bylaws were pointed out:  
Bylaw H. - has word seven but number 8. Should be eight in both instances.

Concern was expressed about the large size of committees which make setting up meetings difficult.

**MOTION:**

Epplett/Terry

That the GFC Bylaws be amended to substitute faculty for school when referring to Faculty of Health Sciences.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.4 Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to GFC**

Andrew Hakin reported that the recommendations have come from the individual faculties and finally through the Curriculum Coordinating Committee process prior to being recommended to GFC.

Recommendations #1 - #8

**MOTION:**

Adams/Nicol

That Recommendations #1 - #8 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved.

Motion: Carried

Recommendations: #9 – #13

MOTION:

Fiske/Lavers

That Recommendations #9 – #13 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved.

Motion: Carried

Recommendations #14-#23

MOTION:

Hosgood/Daniels

That Recommendations #14 - #23 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved.

Motion: Carried

Recommendations #24 - #79

MOTION:

Nicol/Calver

That Recommendations #24 - #79 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved.

Motion: Carried

Recommendations #80 - #86

MOTION:

Rochfort/Dobbie

That Recommendation #80 - #86 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved.

Motion: Carried

Recommendation #87 - #94

MOTION:

Dobing/P. Loewen

That Recommendation #87 - #94 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved.

Motion: Carried

Recommendation #95-#102

MOTION:

MacLachlan/Daniels

That Recommendations #97, #98 and #99 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be dealt with separately from the other recommendations.

Motion: Carried

Recommendation #95-102

There was considerable discussion related to recommendation #99 the expansion of time-frame during which students may designate a course credit/non-credit. It was pointed out that the recommendation was approved by the Associate Deans and academic advising offices. The view was expressed that the opportunity to declare credit/non-credit should not be any sooner than deadline to withdraw from a course. It was clarified that students cannot declare credit/non-credit in their major. A GFC member cautioned that some institutions view a designation of "credit" as a "D" grade, which might disadvantage students entering graduate school.

MOTION:

MacLachlan/Nicol

That Recommendation #102 be considered separately from the other recommendations.

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

MacLachlan/Boéré

That Recommendation #97 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be referred back to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

Motion: Failed

The pros and cons of eliminating the limit of individual course withdrawals as referred to in Recommendation #97 were discussed. The previous limit of five course withdrawals was selected since that is equivalent to a semester of courses. Concern was expressed that eliminating the withdrawal limit could lead to unsatisfied demand in classes that have empty seats due to withdrawals. The view was expressed that students do not frivolously withdraw and this is a reasonable Recommendation and the right thing to do at this time. It was clarified that this Recommendation does not alter the Withdrawal for Cause (WC) designation. There was some feeling that there should be a mechanism for students who are seeking withdrawal to get academic advising.

MOTION:

Nicol/Daniels

That the date for credit/non-credit designation, referred to in Recommendation #99 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report, be changed to the same date as that used for withdrawal.

Motion: Failed

MOTION:

Daniels/MacLachlan

That Recommendation #99 be referred back to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee with a request that a later deadline be considered for designation of a course as credit/non-credit.

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

Lavers/Monk

That Recommendations #95, #96, #100, and #101 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be accepted.

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

Lavers/Monk

That Recommendations #97 and #98 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be accepted.

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

Lavers/Monk

That Recommendation #102 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be amended

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

Lavers/Monk

That Recommendation #102 of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report be approved as amended to remove the reference to time frame for credit/non-credit designation.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.5** Curriculum Coordinating Committee Recommendations for Programs, Pending Implementation Dates

MOTION:

Nicol/Epplett

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Multidisciplinary Major in Remote Sensing for the B.Sc.

Motion: Carried

It was reported that the Remote Sensing B.Sc. has received approval from the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology and can go ahead in Fall 2010.



MOTION:

Rochfort/Dobbie

That General Faculties Council approve the new B.F.A. (New Media)/B.Mgt. Combined Degrees Program, pending approval by the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology.

Motion: Carried

MOTION:

Fiske/Terry

That General Faculties Council approve the new Ph.D. Program in Education, pending approval by the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.6** Management Faculty Council Report

MOTION:

MacLachlan/Wood

That Bob Boudreau's name be removed from the Management Faculty list since he is already a voting member by virtue of being a faculty member in the Faculty of Management.

Motion: Failed

MOTION:

Dobing/Kazakoff

That GFC approve the appointment of the voting members to Management Faculty Council as listed in the Management Faculty Council Report.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.7** Fine Arts Faculty Council Report

MOTION:

Rochfort/Dobbie That GFC approve the appointment of the voting members to Fine Arts Faculty Council as listed in the Fine Arts Faculty Council Report.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.8** Health Science Faculty Council Report

MOTION:

Hosgood/Epplett That GFC approve the appointments of the voting members to the Health Sciences Faculty Council for the 2009-2010 Academic year as listed in the Health Science Faculty Council Report.

Motion: Carried

**457.5.9** Graduate Council Report

The spelling of M. Lindsay's name was corrected.

MOTION:

Fiske/Terry That GFC approve the appointments to Graduate Council as listed in the Graduate Council Report.

Motion: Carried

**457.6 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**457.6.1** Research Policy

Dan Weeks described the document for the other members of the GFC as a process document, more than policy. This was developed in response to an external audit of Research Services that was requested by the University.

Dan Weeks will report at the next meeting where 1/6 of the basic annual salary as it relates to the supplementary income allowed was derived from [3.14 (ii) of the Research Policy].

**457.6.2** Institutional Access Plan 2009 - Draft 5

The Institutional Access Plan was received for information. All faculties were asked for input on programming activities and the IAP is approved by Deans' Council. The Institutional Access Plan is a comprehensive summary of programs the University wants to propose to Government for funding.

**457.6.2.1** Institutional Access Plan Acronyms

The NESAs acronym was corrected to Nursing Education in Southwestern Alberta.

- 457.6.3** Convocation Committee Report
- 457.6.4** Human Subjects Research Annual Report
- 457.6.5** Student Awards Committee Report
- 457.6.6** Honorary Degree Committee Report
- 457.6.7** GFC Grade Appeal Committee Report
- 457.6.8** University Review Committee Report
- 457.6.9** Special Needs Advisory Committee Report
- 457.6.10** Advisory Committee on Athletics Report
- 457.6.11** Library Committee Report

Reports 457.6.3 to 456.6.11 were received for information.

- 457.6.12** The Minutes of November 30, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting were received for information.

**457.7** **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Akbary-Majdabadno/ Boudreau That the December 14, 2009 meeting of General Faculties Council be adjourned.

Motion: Carried