

MINUTES OF A MEETING #432 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005 AT 3:00 PM. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Nancy Walker, Seamus O'Shea, Christopher Nicol, Kris Magnusson, Murray Lindsay, Leslie Lavers, Shamsul Alam, Andrew Hakin, Cheryl Calver, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Ben Hart, Bobby Albano, Brian Parkinson, Brent Selinger, Chris Epplett, Daniela Sirbu, David Clearwater, Dustin Fuller, Elizabeth Schultz, Inge Genee, Jan Newberry, Jason Blades, Jean Groft, Jennifer Mather, Ken Nicol, Lesley Brown, Pamela Winsor, Peter Alward, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Rene Boere, Sajjad Zahir, Shelly Wismath, Tim Pope, Tom Johnston, Wendy Osborn, Wilf Roesler

Regrets: Lynn Ambedian, Rex Forsyth, Nicole Wilson

4128.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4128.1 MOTION:

Clearwater/Groft

That the Agenda for Meeting #432 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4129.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4129.1 MOTION:

Parkinson/Winsor

That the Minutes of Meeting #431 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4130.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4131.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4131.1 Roloff Beny Foundation

The University of Lethbridge recently received a gift of \$860,000 from the Roloff Beny Foundation. This gift will go towards assisting students in Fine Arts with an interest in photography through the establishment of student awards, as well as the creation of an endowment fund which will be used to maintain and enhance Digital Imaging at the University of Lethbridge.

4131.2

Allan Markin, Chairman of Calgary-based Canadian Natural Resources Limited, recently donated \$3 million to the University of Lethbridge. This is the largest personal gift ever received by the University of Lethbridge, and will support the construction of a Management and Health Sciences building at the University. Greg Flanagan, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs in the Faculty of Management was thanked for playing a lead role in securing this donation.

4131.3

The University of Lethbridge launched its Legacy of Leadership Campaign on November 29. This is the largest campaign in the institution's history. More than \$14 million has been raised toward the campaign goal of \$20 million. Bill Cade congratulated Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement) for his hard work.

4131.4

Nancy Walker reported that they are currently looking into the issues involved with an on-campus Daycare, before deciding if this proposal can be brought to the Board of Governors. The main concerns are related to space and dollars necessary to run this type of facility. Nancy commented that a report will be released in a few months.

4131.5

Nancy Walker explained that a student group had images put up on the campus computers screen savers which contained controversial images. This was removed immediately once administration was notified. Directors Council is currently looking into policies dealing with these types of concerns, and will be brought back to GFC at a later date.

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The tuition policy is still uncertain for the next academic year. Bill Cade assured General Faculties Council that he will be seeking clarification as soon as possible.

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Newberry/Genee

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Claudia Malacrida was acclaimed.

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4132.2.1

Hazelwood/McCormick

That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of the representatives as presented to the 2005/2006 Library Search Committee.

Motion: Carried

4132.3 Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report

4132.3.1 MOTION:

Nicol/Boere

That GFC approve the Graduate Studies
Recommendations #1- #3, pages 16-19, of the CCC
Report.

Motion: Carried

4132.3.2 MOTION:

Magnusson/Hart

That GFC approve the Faculty of Education
Recommendations #4 - #7, pages 20-32, of the CCC
Report.

Motion: Carried

4132.3.3 MOTION:

Parkinson/Hart

That GFC approve the Faculty of Fine Arts
Recommendations #8 - #30, pages 33-105, of the
CCC Report.

Motion: Carried

4132.3.4 MOTION:

Nicol/Groft

That GFC approve the Faculty of Arts and Science
Recommendations #31 - #58, pages 106-216, of the
CCC Report.

Motion: Carried

4132.3.5 MOTION:

Hosgood/Groft

That GFC approve the School of Health Sciences
Recommendations #59 - #67, pages 217-243, of the
CCC Report.

Motion: Carried

4132.3.6 MOTION:

Lindsay/Nicol

That GFC approve the Faculty of Management
Recommendations #68 - #76, pages 244-270, of the
CCC Report.

Motion: Carried

4132.3.7

MOTION:

Lavers/Magnusson

That GFC approve the Office of the Registrar Recommendations #77 - #80, pages 271-301, of the CCC Report.

Motion: Carried

4133.0

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4133.1

Report on Undergraduate Research

John Kincaid, Manager of Student Liaison and Recruitment, made a presentation to GFC. This was a result of inquiries made at an earlier General Faculties Council meeting regarding the University's involvement in undergraduate research, and the concern that there has not been enough emphasis on this area within the University of Lethbridge.

John explained that there are several ways that undergraduate research is referred to during the recruitment process. This is shown through recruitment dvd's, outreach programs allowing students to spend a day at the University with professors, information evenings that are held in Lethbridge and Calgary, visiting schools 2 to 3 times per year, and breakfasts for school counsellors showcasing new areas of the University. He also noted that a future goal is to have a professor research area on the University website that could address not only the students, but parents, teachers, and student counsellors as well.

There was concern that transfer students need to be made more aware of undergraduate research opportunities. Also, it was mentioned that the increase of the amount of Chinook Fellowships or NSERC Grants may be beneficial to undergraduate research if the funding could be made possible. John indicated that he would look into these suggestions.

A request was made that a report be completed showing the number of students employed in undergraduate research areas across the University of Lethbridge per year. Nancy Walker agreed to look into this, and report back to GFC at a later date.

4133.2

GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #401, November 21, 2005

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #401, November 21, 2005 were received as information.

4134.0

OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Cade mentioned that he will be meeting tomorrow with the presidents from the University of Alberta and University of Calgary, as well as Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, and Dave Hancock, Minister of Education. The University of Lethbridge plans to present a summary of where we would like to make access proposals in the future. These areas include programs such as a Masters of Financial Engineering, Masters of Professional Accounting, and a M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. in water research.

4135.0 ADJOURNMENT

4136.1 MOTION:

Magnusson/McCormick That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

4137.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The question period was not minuted.