# MINUTES OF MEETING #451 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Ken Allan, Joey Baranyay, René Boeré, Bob Boudreau, Chris Burton, Bill Cade (Chair),

Cheryl Calver, Sandra Dill, James Dobbie, Tanya Drollinger, Christopher Epplett, Inge Genee, Andrew Hakin, Michelle Helstein, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Lori Kopp, Leslie Lavers,

Murray Lindsay, Pam Loewen, Ian MacLachlan, Kris Magnusson, Craig Monk,

Goldie Morgentaler, Chris Nicol, Alison Nussbaumer, Jane O'Dea, Noëlla Piquette-Tomei, Adriana Predoi-Cross, Jackie Rice, Desmond Rochfort, Kyle Shaw, Alan Siaroff, Will Smith, Rhys Stevens, Brett Stephenson, Aaron Taylor, John Vokey, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Richard Westlund, Kendall Yamagishi, Erin Zelinski and Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Regrets: Peter Heffernan, Adam Vossepoel, Robert Wood, Jochen Bocksnick

## 451.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

Kopp/Smith That the Agenda for Meeting #451 be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

## 451.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

Rochfort/Vokey That the Minutes of Meeting #450 November 3, 2008, be

approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

## 451.3 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

## 451.3.1 Alberta Water And Environmental Science Building

The Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building opened on Thursday, November 13, 2008. The building's design was by the architectural firm of *Cohos Evamy Integrated Design*.

## 451.4 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## 451.4.1 **Raymond Klibansky Prize**

Dr. Leslie Dawn's book *National Visions, National Blindness: Canadian Art and Identities in the 1920s* was awarded the Raymond Klibansky Prize by the Canadian Federation for Humanities and Social Science. Bill Cade congratulated Leslie Dawn on his accomplishment.

# 451.4.2 **VP (Research) Appointment Committee**

Bill Cade reported that the Vice-President (Research) Appointment Committee has met twice. The advertising has been approved and the search is well underway.

## 451.4.3 **Dean of Education Search**

Andrew Hakin reported that the first meeting of the Dean of Education Search Committee was scheduled on Sewage Day (the day we closed due to sewage problems) and had to be rescheduled. The Committee has since met and hopes to have a long list of candidates in January. The search is on track and going well.

## **451.4.4 Hong Kong**

Bill Cade reported on a trip to Hong Kong with Minister Doug Horner, University of Alberta and the University of Calgary. The University of Lethbridge held it's largest outside of Canada alumni event.

## 451.4.5 Reception for Olympians and Rugby Champions

There was a reception in the Atrium to honour the success of Olympian Jim Steacy, Coach Larry Steinke and the Women's Pronghorn Ruby Team on Friday, November 28, 2008.

#### 451.4.6 Trudeau Foundation Lecture

Eric Helleiner, from the University of Waterloo and a Trudeau Fellow, gave a lecture entitled, "Does Money Make the World Go Round?" It was a very well attended event on November  $19^{\rm th}$ . The Trudeau Foundation was presenting their lecture series at smaller universities this year.

## 451.5 **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### 451.5.1 **Strategic Plan**

MOTION:

Hakin/Walker That the Strategic Plan be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

The Co-chairs for the Strategic Plan Committee are Nancy Walker and Andrew Hakin. Andrew Hakin commented that the final version of the Strategic Plan has been a long time in the making. It was presented to the Board of Governors in June and received support from the Board. The Strategic Plan has received feedback from a number of other groups, including, students, AUPE and ULFA. It has also received feedback from the Strategic Planning website. Andrew Hakin expressed thanks to Paul Sparrow-Clark for his work with the Strategic Planning Committee.

Chris Horbachewski reported that a smaller committee has been planning how to roll out and communicate the Strategic Plan in the five strategic directions laid out by the plan.

Andrew Hakin added that the work is not over for the Strategic Plan. Terms of Reference are being developed for a committee to ensure that the plan continues moving forward.

Nancy Walker noted that she wants to celebrate the success of the past Strategic Plans and the current one. What was considered important to many was the emphasis on the Liberal Arts, Education and Student Services. Nancy expressed her thanks to the committee that has been working on the Strategic Plan since September 2007. Nancy Walker also emphasized that the Strategic Plan is a plan that would grow with the University. Andrew Hakin added that regular reporting to GFC will help to hold the plan accountable and reporting to the community on a regular basis will also help to keep the plan in the forefront and not on a dusty shelf. Bill Cade congratulated the Committee and the Co-Chairs on the new Strategic Plan and its processes.

# 451.5.2 <u>Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report Part 1</u>

451.5.2.1 **Education – Recommendation #1 - #3** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1

through #3.

O'Dea/ Piquette-Tomei

MOTION: CARRIED

451.5.2.2 **Graduate Studies - Recommendation #4 - #8** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #4

through #8.

Hakin/Vokey

MOTION: CARRIED

451.5.2.3 **Health Sciences – Recommendation #9 - #13** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #9

through #13.

Hosgood/Dill

MOTION: CARRIED

451.5.2.4 Arts and Science – Recommendation #14 - #59

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #14

through #59.

Nicol/Siaroff

MOTION: CARRIED

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**451.5.2.5 Fine Arts – Recommendation #60 - #72** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #60

through #72.

Rochfort/Stephenson

MOTION: CARRIED

451.5.2.6 **Management - Recommendation #73 - #81** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #73

through #81.

Lindsay/Baranyay

MOTION: CARRIED

**451.5.2.7 Registrar - Recommendation #82 - #85** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #82

through #85.

Lavers/Magnusson

MOTION: CARRIED

451.5.2.8 Academic Schedule - Recommendation #86

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve Recommendation #86

Lavers/Hosgood

MOTION: CARRIED

ONE OPPOSED

A number of issues were brought up in regard to the Academic Schedule. They were:

- Conflict of dates with the Federation Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities at convocation time.
- Last Day of Classes in relation to evening classes. Solution was set up ten years ago and could be revisited.
- Longer Christmas Breaks
- Spring Semester going into early May affects student jobs and having to pay another month of rent.
- Perhaps Deans' Council could revisit the Christmas Break issue.
- Any discussion of a reduction of students hours needs to include the students

# 451.5.3 Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report Part 2

**451.5.3.1 Recommendation #1** 

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the Multidisciplinary

Major in Rural and Urban Planning and Design with a Required Concentration for the B.A., and the accompanying proposals,

pending availability of EPE funding.

Nicol/MacLachlan

MOTION: CARRIED

Andrew Hakin noted that in the past, when beginning a new program, once the funding was received we went ahead. The new procedures are that a program needs to receive all the approvals first and then put forward for funding to the Minister. This new CCC Report Part two is like a holding area of programs that are not yet ready for the calendar. Recommendation #1 has not yet received funding. Chris Nicol thanked Ian MacLachlan, Rene Boeré, Carl Granzow and Cheryl Calver for their work on this program.

## **451.5.3.2 Recommendation #2**

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the Multidisciplinary

Major in Nanoscience with a Required Concentration for the B.Sc., and the accompanying proposals, pending approval by the Campus Alberta Quality Council, Ministerial Program

approval, and availability of EPE funding.

Nicol/Boeré

MOTION: CARRIED

Chris Nicol thanked the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department and David Siminovitch for putting together this proposal.

## 451.5.3.3 **Recommendation #3**

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the Major in Statistics

with a Required Concentration for the B.Sc., pending approval

by the Campus Alberta Quality Council and Ministerial

Program approval.

Nicol/Morgentaler

MOTION: CARRIED

Chris Nicol noted that this program is a little different. It has been a collaborative effort between Geography and Economics. Most courses are already in place for this program.

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## 451.5.3.4 **Recommendation #4**

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the changes for the

Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts, associated with a proposed new Major in Music Technology in the B.Mus. Degree Program, pending availability of EPE funding, with the further proviso that pending Campus Alberta Quality Council

approval, the name be changed to Digital Audio Arts.

Rochfort/Stephenson

MOTION: CARRIED

Dean Rochfort commented that this is a very innovative program combining new technologies. Dean Rochfort thanked Rolf Boon and colleagues for putting this program together. The University has received part of the funding for this program, but cannot proceed until all of the funding has been approved.

# 451.5.4 **Management Faculty Council Report**

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of

voting members as presented to Management Faculty Council for

the 2008-2009 academic year.

Lindsay/Rochfort

MOTION: CARRIED

## 451.5.5 Arts & Science Faculty Council Report

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of

voting members as presented to Arts & Science Faculty Council for the 2008-2009 academic year based on the revised enclosure.

Nicol/Monk

MOTION: CARRIED

## 451.5.6 Fine Arts Faculty Council Report

MOTION: That General Faculties Council approve the appointment

of voting members as presented to Fine Arts Faculty

Council for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Rochfort/Smith

MOTION: CARRIED

#### 451.6 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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# 451.6.1 **General Liberal Education Requirements Report**

Kris Magnusson highlighted the written report.

# 451.6.2 Minutes of November 17, 2008 GFC Executive Meeting

The minutes were received as information.

# 451.7 <u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS</u>

There were no items for discussion or other business.

## 451.8 **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Rochfort/ Piquette-Tomei That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED