
**MINUTES OF MEETING #452 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

Present: Ken Allan, Joey Baranyay, Jochen Bocksnick, Chris Burton, Bill Cade (Chair), Cheryl Calver, Leslie Dawn, James Dobbie, Christopher Epplett, Jo-Anne Fiske, Andrew Hakin, Peter Heffernan, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Leslie Lavers, Murray Lindsay, Pam Loewen, Ian MacLachlan, Kris Magnusson, Craig Monk, Goldie Morgentaler, Chris Nicol, Jane O'Dea, Jason Pan, Brodie Pattenden, Noëlla Piquette-Tomei, Adriana Predoi-Cross, Desmond Rochfort, Victor Rodych, Alan Siaroff, Will Smith, Rhys Stevens, Brett Stephenson, John Vokey, Adam Vossepoel, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Richard Westlund, Ilsa Wong, Robert Wood, Walter Wymer, Kendall Yamagishi, Erin Zelinski and Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Regrets: Inge Genée, Shahadat Hossain, Alison Nussbaumer, Aaron Taylor, Karen Davis, Michelle Helstein, Tracy Oosterbroek, Jenn Prosser, Jackie Rice

452.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

Rochfort/Smith That the Agenda for Meeting #452 be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

452.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

Piquette-Tomei/Morgentaler That the Minutes of Meeting #451 December 1, 2008, be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

452.3 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

452.3.1 **Strategic Plan**

Bill Cade reported that The Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Governors on December 18, 2009. Chris Horbachewski said that the formal launch of the Strategic Plan will take place on February 12, 2009.

452.4 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

452.4.1 **Alice Hontela**

Bill Cade noted that Alice Hontela was the guest speaker at Rotary today and gave a superb presentation. Jim Steacy spoke about his Olympic experience last week at Rotary and he also gave a superb presentation.

452.4.2 **Bob Boudreau**

President Cade is pleased to announce that Dr. Bob Boudreau has been appointed Assistant Vice-President (Academic) effective January 15, 2009. Dr. Boudreau will be working closely with the offices of the Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President

(Finance and Administration) and among other duties will be helping to develop processes and procedures associated with the development and implementation of the Institutional Access Plan. GFC was invited to congratulate Bob on his appointment.

- 452.4.3 **Darwin Day**
February 12 is Charles Darwin's 200th Birthday and 2009 is the 150th Anniversary of his work, *Origin of Species*.
- 452.4.4 **University of Calgary Science Cafe**
President Cade was thrilled to moderate a debate about Darwin last week at the Crazy Horse Saloon for Science Café, an initiative to raise money for University of Calgary Scholarships.
- 452.4.5 **Big Rock Brewery**
Bill Cade gave a lecture at Big Rock Brewery entitled, "Sex on Six Legs". The event, also to raise money for U of C, was sold out and was a wonderful evening.
- 452.4.6 **Calgary Herald Editorial Board**
Kris Magnusson, Chris Horbachewski and Bill Cade met with the Calgary Herald Editorial Board and they were very interested in the University of Lethbridge and how the commitment and dedication to provide liberal education is being maintained.
- 452.4.7 **Tom Huffaker – US Consul General**
Tom Huffaker, Consul General of the United States of America, was on campus on January 28 to deliver a guest lecture on recent developments in the US government system.
- 452.4.8 **Daycare**
The daycare contract has been signed and the anticipated opening is set for January 2010. The operator will be *A Child's Second Look* who currently operates a daycare in west Lethbridge. President Cade complimented Nancy Walker and her staff for working to keep the daycare within budget guidelines.
- 452.4.9 **Prentice Institute**
Bill Cade mentioned that the Prentice Institute has been interviewing for possible appointments to the University. Andrew Hakin noted that the Prentice Institute had two candidates give a presentation last week.
- 452.4.10 **Dean of Education Search**
Andrew Hakin reported that the Dean of Education Search Committee has selected the long list of six candidates at this time. The goal is for a July 1 start date.
- 452.4.11 **VP (Research) Search**
President Cade reported that the Vice-President (Research) Search Committee had selected a long list and the Search consultant is currently meeting with each of them. The Committee will meet soon to hear the consultant's report and to select a short list.

452.4.12 **Current Economic Situation**

President Cade noted that the world is currently facing an uncertain time with the current economic situation. The University's senior administration is carefully looking at the matter and still budgeting for a 6% government grant, although it is not known yet if that is what will be awarded. The University is not anticipating any layoffs or downsizing in the short term. However, some funding, such as for Special Needs and the Enrollment Performance Envelope is a concern. President Cade urged those involved in hiring and long term expenditures to be especially careful in budget planning for the future. President Cade remarked that we are waiting, we will see what happens, and we will continue to do our very best to ensure that the top quality undergraduate and graduate education and research that is conducted at the University of Lethbridge continues. There was discussion about the Federal funding announcements. President Cade thanked and encouraged Faculty and Staff to keep doing the great job they do.

452.5 **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

452.5.1 **Fine Arts Faculty Council**

MOTION:

Rochfort/Smith	That the Fine Arts Faculty Council voting members be approved.
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MOTION: CARRIED

452.5.2 **School of Graduate Studies Governing Principles**

MOTION:

Fiske/Vokey	That the editorial changes to the School of Graduate Studies Governing Principles be approved.
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Currently:

II. Graduate Council (pg.5)

Selection of Representatives from Faculties and Schools

3. Members of Graduate Council shall be a member of the School and a tenured faculty at the University of Lethbridge.

New:

3. Except for the Library and graduate student representatives, members of the Graduate Council shall be members of the School of Graduate Studies and tenured faculty members, Assistant Professor or higher, at the University of Lethbridge.

Dean Fiske noted that this motion is for housekeeping purposes only to provide for a library representative on Graduate Council.

There was considerable discussion about how many graduate students have been assisted by Faculty Members who do not have tenure. John Vokey noted that this motion is not to be a member of Graduate Studies but to be eligible to serve on Graduate Council.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vokey/Rodych	Except for the Library and graduate student representatives, members of the Graduate Council shall be members of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Lethbridge.
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MOTION: FAILED

Andrew Hakin spoke against this motion, suggesting that the changes be sent back to the School of Graduate Studies for further consideration to deal with the larger issue of Academic Assistants. Andrew Hakin added that we do indeed have Academic Assistants who are NSERC grant holders and therefore have ability to supervise. President Cade asked for the difference between Graduate Council and School of Graduate Studies. Dean Nicol stated that members are appointed to the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Dean. Graduate Council is the policy making body.

MOTION:

Fiske/Vokey	That the changes to the School of Graduate Studies Governing Principles be sent back to the School for further revision.
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MOTION: CARRIED

452.5.3 **Student Behavioral Incident Protocol**

MOTION:

Lavers/Magnusson	That the Student Behavioural Incident Policy and Protocol be approved.
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MOTION: CARRIED

Leslie Lavers mentioned that from time to time we have issues and incidents on campus. This Policy has been years in the making. A student suicide last year triggered a review of previous policies and procedures', and the Student Behavioural Incident Policy and Protocol is a result of that review. There has been wide consultation among all University groups. Employees have been included for clarification purposes. The Student Behavioural Incident Policy and Protocol will be available on the GFC Website.

452.5.4 **GFC Recommendation for Board of Governors**

Heidi MacDonald is nominated by GFC Executive as the GFC Recommendation for the Board of Governors.

MOTION:

Nicol/Wymer That nominations cease.

Heidi MacDonald is acclaimed

MOTION: CARRIED

452.6 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

452.6.1 **Associate University Librarian Appointment Committee**
Report was received as information.

452.6.2 **General Liberal Education Requirements Report**
Kris Magnusson highlighted the written report.

452.6.3 **Book Store and Text Book Buying**
Jim Booth handed out an updated version of his power point presentation that is filed with these minutes.

452.6.4 **Minutes of November 17, 2008 GFC Executive Meeting**
The minutes were received as information.

452.7 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**
There were no items for discussion or other business.

452.8 **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

Rodych/Vokey That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED