

MINUTES OF A MEETING #426 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005 AT 3:00 PM. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Andrew Hakin, Brian Parkinson, Catherine Kingfisher, Cheryl Calver, Ches Skinner, Chris Hosgood, Christopher Nicol, David Clearwater, Gordon Hunter, Inge Genee, Jan Newberry, Jane O'Dea, Jennifer Mather, Jim Thomas, Karen Clearwater, Leslie Lavers, Locke Spencer, Lorelee Edwards, Lynn Basford, Marinus Swanepoel, Nancy Grigg, Nancy Walker, Pamela Winsor, Peter Alward, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Rex Forsyth, Seamus O'Shea, Shamsul Alam, Tom Johnston, Toni Nelson, Wilf Roesler

Regrets: Chris Epplett, Dagmar Dahle, Jean Groft, Nafisa Jadavji

Guests: Glen Allen

4068.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

O'Dea/Mather

That the Agenda for Meeting #426 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4069.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Spencer/Skinner

That the Minutes of Meeting #425, December 6, 2004 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4070.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4071.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4071.1 Meeting with the Minister

Bill Cade, Terry Royer, and Robert Turner recently met with the new Minister of Advanced Education, Dave Hancock. During their meeting they were informed that post-secondary education is the focus of the government for the next year.

- 4071.2 Premier's Centennial Address  
 There will be important news for post-secondary students during a special centennial edition of Premier Klein's annual televised address to Albertans. Everyone was encouraged to watch the program, which airs on the evening of February 8, 2005.
- 4071.3 Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research  
 An announcement was made that The University of Lethbridge recently received \$500,000 from the Government towards the planning of the Water Research Building.
- 4071.4 Standing Policy Committee  
 The Government of Alberta Standing Policy Committee will be meeting with the four Alberta Universities. There is speculation of a base-funding announcement, as a result from the review of the post-secondary announcement by Premier Ralph Klein on February 8.
- 4071.5 ASRA  
 Bill Cade announced that he and Seamus O'Shea would be attending an ASRA meeting in Edmonton this Wednesday. The focus of the meeting is on Graduate Student Enrolment in the province.
- 4072.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION
- 4072.1 2004/2005 GFC Membership – Appointed Faculty
- 4072.1.1 MOTION:
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| Kingfisher/Clearwater | That General Faculties Council approve the appointment of Peter Alward of Arts & Science, and Hiroshi Shimazaki of Management as representatives to GFC. |
|                       | Motion:      Carried   |
- 4072.2 Appointment to Admission Standards Committee
- 4072.2.1 MOTION:
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| Edwards/Grigg | That Bradley Dollevoet be appointed to the Admission Standards Committee. |
|               | Motion:      Carried  |

4072.3 School of Health Sciences Report

4072.3.1 MOTION:

Basford/Nelson

That GFC approve the appointment of the representatives to the School of Health Sciences Faculty Council for 2004/2005 as named in the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

4073.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4073.1 Calendar Change – Academic Offenses

Bill Cade explained that the Executive Committee acted on behalf of GFC on this issue, as they did not have the opportunity to bring the changes to the full Council.

Leslie Lavers explained that there has been an increase of academic offenses, and perhaps this is due to the students not understanding the severity of committing an academic offense. A letter in the file means little or nothing to students. In order to ensure that students are given a clear and immediate understanding of the seriousness of committing an academic offense, a substantive penalty for the first offense is warranted. The language used provides instructors with the necessary flexibility should there be extenuating circumstances. Lavers advised the Council of a template that is available for use as guidance when sending letters to students.

There was concern regarding the length of time the letter is kept within the student's file, and whether or not it should be destroyed upon their graduation from the University. Leslie Lavers advised that it is to the discretion of the Dean of each Faculty to make this decision. Bill Cade suggested that the Deans discuss this at their next Faculty meetings.

4073.2 International Centre for Students

A presentation was given by Glen Allen, Manager of the International Centre for Students. This was meant to inform faculty of the opportunities available to students to participate in international exchanges within their programs. Glen also explained where students could be directed to for assistance upon arrival at the University of Lethbridge. Some of the programs available are: English for Academic Purpose Program, Workshops held regularly by the International Centre and University Departments, Conversation Links Program, Buddy Programs (available in Faculty of Management), as well as advising through Charlene Janes at the International Centre.

There was concern regarding the amount of time that might be lost in a semester for a student if courses don't transfer over through the exchange.

It was suggested that this concern be look into, particularly in the Modern Languages Department.

Glen Allen announced that there would be a Chinese New Years Celebration held in the Atrium on Wednesday afternoon. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

4073.3 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #396, January 24, 2005

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #396, January 24, 2005 were received as information.

4074.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4074.1 GFC Library Committee Report

Bill Cade explained that the proposal for the loaning of textbooks was considered by the GFC Library Committee, and referred back to GFC for consideration of other options, as it wasn't felt the library was the appropriate venue for doing this. Space becomes an issue in all areas and it is not felt that this proposal can be fulfilled at this time. Chris Nicol will consult with Joy Morris to determine if this request can be administered in some other way.

4075.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

4076.0 ADJOURNMENT

4076.1 MOTION:

Edwards/ That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

4077.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The question period was not minuted.