

MINUTES OF A MEETING #439 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade, Seamus O'Shea, Nancy Walker, Chris Horbachewski, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Chris Nicol, Marinus Swanepoel, Chris Hosgood, Andrew Hakin, Lynn Ambedian, Lesley Brown, Chris Burton, Cheryl Calver, David Clearwater, Karen Clearwater, Melanie Collado, Anne Dymond, Rex Forsyth, Inge Genee, Murray Lindsay, Jennifer Mather, Goldie Morgentaler, Angela Ng, Ken Nicol, Wendy Osborn, Wilf Roesler, Elizabeth Schultz, Brent Selinger, Rhys Stevens, David Townsend, John Vokey, Edwin Wasiak, Nicole Wilson, Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Regrets: Shelly Wismath, Leslie Lavers, Joanne Luu, Mary Kavanagh

4197.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4197.1 MOTION:

Genee/O'Dea

That the Agenda for Meeting #439 be approved as circulated, with the transfer of Items for Action Item 5.5 to Items for Information Item 6.4; table Item 5.3; the movement of Item 5.1 to 5.6; postpone Item 6.2 Disability Policy Report to a future meeting; add Question Period as Item 9.

MOTION: CARRIED

Bill Cade welcomed Gloria Roth to her first GFC Meeting. Jennifer Mather informed the Chair that even though she is on leave that she would like to stay on GFC. Leslie Lavers was unable to make the presentation on the Disability Policy today due to the death of her father.

4198.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4198.1 MOTION:

Calver/Forsyth

That the Minutes of Meeting #438, December 4, 2006, be approved with the correction of 4191.1, changing Occupational Health and Safety to Risk Management.

MOTION: CARRIED

4199.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4200.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4200.1 Construction Worker Incident

Bill Cade informed the GFC about a construction worker that was caught peeping into the ladies change room at the Max Bell Pool. Nancy Walker and her staff

handled the incident very well. Nancy Walker explained that the worker was immediately terminated after being turned in by a fellow employee and that the two small holes that gave a limited view of the hallway were sealed off. Wendy Osborn then expressed concern about a construction worker walking into the ladies change room that morning. Bill said that the Project Manager will be notified.

4200.2      Day Care Action Task Force

A Day Care Action Task Force has been struck. Partnership with a private operator is being sought with commitments from employees and students for financial support. The purpose is to take a Memorandum of Understanding back to the Board of Governors. Administration continues to try to find ways to have Day Care on campus.

4200.3      New Sculpture

The new sculpture named “Moves Moves” was unveiled today in front of the Sport & Wellness Centre, created by student Bryan Rudelich. The sculpture is to commemorate the \$2.5 million donated to the building in student support. Carl Granzow was there and claimed it was a primo piece. It weighs seven tons and still, glue was needed to keep the winds from blowing it over.

4200.4      Centre for Sport & Wellness

The official opening of the Centre for Sport & Wellness is set for this Thursday, February 8. Susan Aglukark and Ian Tyson will be performing. There will be a Press Conference at 11:00 am to announce the official name. The name will be after a corporate partner. Bill Cade remarked that the construction was ugly but it was worth it.

4200.5      Donation Announcement

The donation announcement that was mentioned in the prior minutes was indeed the Prentice Donation of \$8 million that has grown to 8.25 million. Bill Cade explained that December 7, the day of the announcement, was the most exciting day in his career.

The connection to the U of L was through Bob Church, who was influential in founding ASRA and received a Honorary Degree from the U of A. John is now extremely ill and was urged by Bob to contact the U of L. It is clear that Mr. Prentice has a strong commitment to education and wanted to do something for the public good.

The plan is to bring in three endowed chairs primarily in the social sciences. Bill Cade felt that this marked the beginning of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and thanked Seamus O’Shea for his work in securing the donation.

4200.6      Cabinet Meetings

The U of L Administration has met with a number of new Ministers since the new cabinet has been put in place, including Honourable Rob Renner, Honourable Lyle Oberg, Honourable George Groeneveld and Honourable Doug Horner. The Honourable Luke Ouellette is due to come to campus in the near future. Nancy Walker, Seamus O’Shea and Bill Cade attended the Premier’s Luncheon in Calgary last week. An education question was asked and Premier Stelmach answered rather passionately. He too should be here soon for a visit. Government has been pressed to

find more funding for graduate students. The good news is that they seem committed to the recommendations.

4200.7 Vice-President (Academic & Provost)

Board has appointed Dr. Andrew Hakin as incoming Vice-President (Academic & Provost) for a five year term effective July 1, 2007. Bill Cade congratulated and welcomed Andy to the position. This also means that since Seamus O'Shea's term is up there will be opportunities to thank him for his service at a party on May 4, 2007. The party will be ticketed and the proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund.

4200.8 International Dinner

The International Dinner is Tuesday, February 6, 2007. Dr. Samantha Nutt is the guest speaker and there will be food from around the world.

4200.9 Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies & Associate Vice-President (Research)

The Search Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies & Associate Vice President (Research) has been put together. Jo-Anne Fiske has been holding the position for the present time. The recommendation to the committee will be for a full time Dean of Graduate Studies.

4200.10 Graduate School Information Session

A Graduate School information session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 4:30 pm in Ballroom B. There will be Graduate Students there to share their experiences.

4200.11 Chancellor

Richard Davidson, Q.C. has been elected the 11<sup>th</sup> University Chancellor. He is a very accomplished local lawyer who has previously served on Senate. Bill Cade felt he was the ideal candidate. The Chancellor oversees convocation and chairs Senate and is a member of the Board of Governors. Honorary degree recipients were also selected at the Senate Meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

4201.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4201.1 Convocation Committee Replacement for Michael Pollard

GFC Executive nominated Richard Epp as Faculty Member on the Convocation Committee. Bill Cade called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

4201.1.1 MOTION:

O'Dea/ Selinger                      That nominations cease.

MOTION:      CARRIED

Richard Epp was acclaimed.

4201.2 Discipline Committee replacement for Christer Jenson by Nick Baingo

4201.2.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Morgentaler That GFC approve the appointment of Nick Baingo as the student member of the Discipline Committee and replacement for Christer Jensen.

MOTION: CARRIED

4201.3 Approval of Revised GFC Bylaws

4201.3.1 MOTION:

O'Dea/Wilson That General Faculties Council approve the Revised GFC Bylaws with minor adjustments.

MOTION: CARRIED

4202.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4202.1 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #407, January 22, 2007

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #407, January 22, 2007 were received as information. It was noted that Goldie Morgentaler's name was spelled incorrectly and corrected.

4202.2 Capital Campaign Report

Chris Horbachewski reported that in the fall of 2005 the University started the Legacy of Leadership Campaign to seek donations from private donors with a goal of \$20 million by December 31, 2007. Dan Laplante is the Campaign Chair. Currently, \$25 million has been raised and the committee is considering whether to expand the goal or conclude the campaign. The focus has been on support for students, capital projects and the Management and Health Sciences Building. We have met and exceeded all goals except the Management of Health & Science Building. There has been \$1.25 million from Keith & Hope Ferguson; \$2.5 million from students and \$3 million for the Markin Building. It is easier to raise funds for scholarships than for capital campaigns. The perception of the impact of \$100,000 for students is greater than for a large capital project. The challenge is to find donors for capital projects, particularly when they want to know where the government is on the project. A number of donors are waiting on confirmed government support. The other problem is that the cost estimates keep rising. Discussion followed on government support.

4202.3 Revised Assessment Policy

Andy Hakin explained that the Assessment Policy being put forward to replace the examination policy comes from a long standing committee formed in 2003. It has gone through a number of revisions and has responded to input from various groups within the university. It is a very important document that does not, however, address electronic examinations. A separate committee will review and make proposals with respect to electronic examinations. Drafts of the Assessment Policy have been approved by the Fine Arts and Education Councils and remain in discussion with Health Sciences, Management and Arts & Sciences. Deans' Council has approved it to be brought forward to GFC. It was mentioned from the floor that it is very good to

know the history and the explanation as to why it is required prior to coming to GFC in the future. Andy explained that it is to tighten up the contract between students and faculty, that there is a greater national emphasis on examinations and it is important to link the evaluation to the course. Members of GFC indicated potential issues with course outlines and it was suggested that outlines could be provided in the future. Members Genee and Vokey volunteered to serve on the electronic policy committee. It was suggested that someone from IT should serve on the new committee tasked to look at electronic examinations. The view was expressed that issues could be solved with better course outlines and faculty need help in this area. A member remarked that there was a risk of course outlines becoming too long. Concern was expressed that detailed course outlines provide more avenue for appeal.

4203.0        ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS

4203.1        University Affairs

In the February 2007 Issue there is an article on Alberta's Universities during boom times. The University of Lethbridge and Athabasca University were left out. Claire Morris has apologized and will be in Lethbridge to meet with Bill Cade on February 15, 2007.

4204.0        ADJOURNMENT

4204.1        MOTION:

Vokey/Mather                      That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION:       CARRIED

4205.0        QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.