

MINUTES OF A MEETING #418 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Séamus O'Shea (Acting Chair), Nancy Walker, Christopher Nicol, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Shamsul Alam, Leslie Lavers, Kris Magnusson, Dayna Daniels, Jennifer Mather, Peter McCormick, Jim Thomas, Tom Johnston, Catherine Kingfisher, Rene Barendregt, Pat Hodd, Paul Daniels, Rex Forsyth, Ian McAdam, Dan O'Donnell, Rae Hazelwood, Wes Balderson, Bryson Brown, Scott McIntyre, Andrew Hewitt
M. Schwartz (Secretary)

Regrets: Bill Cade, John Usher, Lynn Basford, Chris Epplett, Angela Downey, James Graham, Leslie Dawn, Robert Williams, Diana Young, Will Smith,

3988.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3988.1 MOTION:

McCormick/Alam

That the Agenda for Meeting #418 be approved as circulated with the following addition:

5.1 GFC Membership

MOTION: CARRIED.

3989.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3989.1 MOTION:

Daniels/Mather

That the Minutes of Meeting #417, December 1, 2003, be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

3990.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the Minutes.

3991.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3991.1 Dan O'Donnell - SSHRC

Dan O'Donnell reported that SSHRC, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, is in the final stages of a reorganization. Part of the transition will be a consultation process with other institutions. Once the plans have been received it is anticipated that there will be approximately 2 months to comment on their proposal. A request will be made to faculty members to comment once the institution receives the proposal. Séamus O'Shea added that the University is very optimistic as to the SSHRC plans.

3991.2 Throne Speech

It is anticipated that native issues will be high on the priority list in the speech from the throne.

3991.3 ACCESS

Séamus O'Shea explained that the University has received one time funding. First was for the Niitsitapi Program. As well, funds will be in place for:

1. a transitional program with Red Crow College for a support system for first time admittance to teach academic skills and support programming.
2. detailed marketing summary of summer school
3. support for an articulation module in the student information system – external courses will automatically be integrated with the University's internal numbering system.
4. implement electronic data system that will automatically transmit requests for transcripts.

The University did extremely well in the ACCESS funding.

3991.4 Bill 43

There has been a minor delay in the passing of Bill 43. It is believed that the delay is due to changes in the regulations. It is noted that Bill 43 has received third reading. It will be emailed to members once passed.

3991.5 Provincial Government

Premier Klein has declared 2004 to be the *Year of Education*. The Provincial Government has in place a rewarding system for Ministers and this year the main concentration will be in Learning.

Séamus O'Shea noted that the letter from the province regarding expansion of the Ph.D. program is in *draft form*. It is hoped that the University will receive it shortly.

Minister of Children's Services, Iris Evans, visited the campus regarding the Alberta Center for Child, Family and Community Research. She was particularly impressed with Robert Sutherland and his research. She has committed \$250,000 to this research. This project's vision is to *improve Alberta child, family, and community well-being through applied research*.

3992.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

3992.1 GFC Membership

3992.1.1 MOTION:

O'Donnell/McCormick

That General Faculties Council approve the

appointed Faculty member, Stuart Thomas, as a replacement for Debra Basil until April 30, 2004.

MOTION: CARRIED

3992.2 GFC Convocation Committee

3992.2.1 MOTION:

Alam/Nicol That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED.

Pat Hodd was acclaimed.

3993.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3993.1 University of Lethbridge Growth Scenario 2003 – 08

Séamus O'Shea explained that this document looks at growth at the University and the impact it would have on the Institution. The University will need to seriously look at gaps in the existing programs. ie: non-medical health, education at the masters level.

Questions arose as to whether or not the University would look into trends in the Alberta economy. ie agriculture and the effect it will have on Lethbridge's population. Another area that has seen increase is in the age of the Lethbridge Community. Should the university look at gerontology?

GLER Committee

Séamus O'Shea reported that the GLER Committee is still meeting on a regular basis and hopefully a report will be before faculties/school in the near future.

Faculty members will be asked to look at other areas for growth.

3993.2 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #387, January 21, 2004

3993.2.1 MOTION:

Thomas/O'Donnell That the GFC Executive Minutes of Meeting #387, January 21, 2004 be received as information.

MOTION: Carried.

3994.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

3995.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

3996.0 ADJOURNMENT

3996.1 MOTION:

Kingfisher/ That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

3997.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.