
**MINUTES OF MEETING #446 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

Present: Ken Allan, Peter Alward, Lynn Ambedian, René Boéré, Tomasz Budney, Chris Burton, Bill Cade, Cheryl Calver, Ioulia Devenney, Sandra Dill, James Dobbie, Anne Dymond, Jo-Anne Fiske, Andrew Hakin, Trish Harper, Peter Heffernan, Michelle Helstein, Chris Hosgood, Lori Kopp, Leslie Lavers, Murray Lindsay, Ian MacLachlan, Kris Magnusson, Michelle Morris, Goldie Morgentaler, Chris Nicol, Jane O’Dea, Wendy Osborn, Margaret Rodermond, Victor Rodych, Elizabeth Schultz, Will Smith, Rhys Stevens, Marinus Swanepoel, Melissa Viegas, John Vokey, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Shelly Wismath and Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Others: Erin Zelinski

Regrets: Fraser Sparks, Sajjad Zahir, Ches Skinner, Lesley Brown, Chris Horbachewski, Kelly Kennedy and Jason Pan

446.1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

446.1.1 MOTION:

Kopp/O’Dea That the Agenda for Meeting #446 be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

446.2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

446.2.1 MOTION:

Osborne/Calver That the Minutes of Meeting #445, February 4, 2008, be approved.

MOTION: CARRIED

446.3 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

446.3.1 **DayCare**

The Board of Governors passed two recommendations at the last Board Meeting. One motion was authorization to enter into negotiations with the selected provider and the other motion approved proceeding with architect selection and funding for the schematic and design development,

446.3.2 **Stadium Project**

The Stadium project is in progress.

446.3.3 **Proposed Changes to Post-Secondary Learning Act**

Andy Hakin has spoken to Deputy Minister Phil Gougeon about the recommended changes to the Post-secondary Learning Act. These changes have come about in part from a petition from the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations. Andrew Hakin has spoken to colleagues at the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta and they are happy with

the changes. Once the Minister is named following the Provincial election, the U of L concerns will be sent to him/her.

446.3.4 **2008 Honourary Degree Recipients**

The 2008 honorary degree recipients have been selected. Dr. Ian Wishaw will receive an honorary degree at the spring 2008 convocation. The other recipients for spring 2008 are; Henry Bergen, Shirley DeBow, Roelof Heinen, Wendy Nielsen and Sheila Weatherill.

446.4 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

446.4.1 **Reading Week**

Bill Cade hoped that Reading Week was a time of change and a good break for faculty and students.

446.4.2 **Killam Research Fellowship**

Bill Cade reported that Dr. Stewart Rood has been chosen as a Killam Research Fellow for 2008. Dr. Rood is one of ten researchers chosen for 2008. The Killam Research Fellowships, with a value of \$70,000, enable Canada's best scientists and scholars to devote two years to full-time research. The presentation will be made by Peter Moran at 10:00 am March 7, 2008 in the Students Union Ballroom A. This is the University of Lethbridge's second Killam Fellowship; Dr Bryan Kolb was the first in 1998. President Cade commented that the University community should be very proud of this prestigious award.

446.4.3 **University Scholars**

Andrew Hakin reported that Dr. Brian Titley (Faculty of Education), Dr. Claudia Malacrida (Sociology) and Lisa Doolittle (Faculty of Fine Arts) have been selected as the first University Scholars at the University of Lethbridge. They will begin their two-year appointments on July 1, 2008. A call for the next round of University Scholars is going out within the week, for Scholars within the Humanities, Management, Natural Science and Health Sciences. The deadline for applications will be May 31 and full details are available at http://www.uleth.ca/vpa/scholars_program.cfm. Congratulations were extended to the selected Scholars and to all who applied, as the caliber of applications was superb. Bill Cade thanked the committee members. The University Scholars will be introduced at the next GFC Meeting.

446.4.4 **Board of Governors Teaching Chair**

Kris Magnusson reported that the second round of applications for the Board of Governors Teaching Chair is now open. The deadline is April 30, 2008 for the two- year Board of Governors appointment. The current Chair is Shelly Wismath. Bill Cade noted that the real work of the University is teaching and it is always a pleasure for the Board of Governors to highlight and recognize excellence in this area.

446.4.5 **Strategic Planning Committee**

Bill Cade asked Nancy Walker and Andrew Hakin to report on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee. Nancy Walker stated that the data collection stage has been completed. Interviews, surveys and branding processes were conducted. The process is on target for late spring completion. Andrew Hakin added that the next step will be writing the vision and mission statement. Nancy Walker discussed the approval process and the committee will discuss how communication with all stakeholders will be done. Once the document is in a

draft stage it is expected to go to all faculties, schools, GFC and ultimately the Board for final approval. Bill Cade mentioned that the Board of Governors was anticipating reviewing the document and having it as the focus of the Board of Governors June Retreat.

446.4.6 **Chief Marshall**

President Cade thanked Ian MacLachlan for assuming the duties of Chief Marshall for Spring Convocation 2008. Thanks were also extended to Dr. Leah Fowler for her past service in this role.

446.4.7 **Election**

President Cade encouraged everyone to vote in today's provincial election.

446.4.8 **Pronghorn Booster Club Dinner & Auction**

Bill Cade mentioned that the annual Pronghorn Booster Club Dinner and Auction will be held tonight in the Students' Union Ballroom.

446.4.9 **Faculty Book Awards**

The Faculty Book Awards will be held in the Atrium on Tuesday, March 4.

446.4.10 **Abbondánza**

The Faculty of Fine Arts held its seventh annual Abbondánza on Sunday night and it was a roaring success.

446.5 **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

446.5.1 **Approval of CCC Report**

MOTION:

Hosgood/Nicol

That General Faculties Council approves the Public Health Program in the School of Health Sciences with the change of a cumulative GPA from 2.00 to 3.50 on Public Health #4995.

MOTION: CARRIED

Dean Chris Hosgood highlighted the change on page 28 of the GFC agenda to change to GPA from 2.00 to 3.50 on Public Health (PUBH) #4995. This change has been approved by the School of Health Sciences and Curriculum Coordinating Committee to enable two separate routes through the program, practicum and thesis. Students who chose the thesis route will require a GPA of 3.50.

Chris Hosgood thanked all who have worked for the past four years to put this program together. Dean Hosgood expressed thanks to Chinook Health and Calgary Health for their contributions to the program. Chris Hosgood also extended special thanks to Sharon Yanicki who has been responsible for the conceptual and detail work on the Public Health Program and Tom Samuels and Cheryl Calver for duties above and beyond and to the Admissions Standards Committee and the Curriculum Coordinating Committee for great good favor and sense in expediting the program.

The School of Health Sciences will provide revenue to the Library to increase resource purchases for Public Health 1000 and 2000.

Peter Alward commented on the similarity of the Public Health Ethics 3420 to Biomedical Ethics 3402. Dean Hosgood felt that it is a quite different course and agreed to take a look at the language in the course description.

A lengthy discussion followed in regard to going ahead with the Public Health Program without funding, the consequences and the risk involved. Bill Cade stated that the administration would not support going ahead with the program if they felt that there was large risk involved and they are comfortable with the verbal assurances from the Advanced Education department.

446.6

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

446.6.1

Draft Report of the University Budget Committee 2008-09 to 2011-12 University Budget

Nancy Walker presented the Draft Report of the University Budget Committee (UBC). The budget process begins in September with each budget unit presenting to the UBC. The UBC then presents to the President and the President in turn presents to GFC and then the Board for final approval. The budget is the most important document that the Board of Governors approves, as it allocates resources. The University must present a balanced budget to Government, which is why year one is balanced and the following years are not as it is too far out to predict. Nancy Walker thanked Karen Clearwater, her staff and the Budget Committee for the immense work involved in putting the budget together. Fortunately, we have been informed that we will have a 6% grant increase for the next two years. We will not know what the grant increase will be after that, although we have been told that it may go down, which is of great concern. Some of the key items to highlight in this year's Budget Report are:

- \$675,000 increase to Faculty Budgets
- Continuing and one time funding for Canadian Foundation for Innovation matching grants program for research
- Allocated funds to hire a recruitment officer to focus on graduate programs
- \$150,000 to graduate student scholarships
- 300,000 to Faculty of Arts and Science to support faculty members teaching graduate programs
- Wireless network upgrade project on campus
- \$50,000 to finance University contribution for day care mortgage

Nancy Walker remarked that it is a conservative budget and by no means extravagant. Will Smith questioned what professional fees included and why the large change. Nancy explained that they were lawyer fees, insurance and legal fees and elevator maintenance and that we did have some significant legal fees last year. Nancy Walker responded to questions on insurance rates, the travel fund and funding of sports teams. René Boéré highlighted how important the travel and research funds were. Nancy Walker commented that faculty discretionary items were usually put into the Deans budget. Anne Dymond raised a concern that she felt that Deans budgets were not equitable and transparent across the University community.

446.6.2 **Information Technology – Procedures to decommission a computer**

A question was raised as to what “write zero’s means and what is done with the disposed hard drives. Bill Cade noted that we will ask for more information from Information Technology Department.

446.6.3 **Minutes of February 13, 2008 GFC Executive Meeting**

The minutes were received as information.

446.7 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items for discussion or other business.

446.8 **ADJOURNMENT**

446.8.1 MOTION:

Boéré /Wismath That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED