

MINUTES OF A MEETING #435 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade, Nancy Walker, Murray Lindsay, Jane O'Dea, Chris Nicol, Chris Hosgood, Shamsul Alam, Leslie Lavers, Andrew Hakin, Chris Horbachewski, Bernie Williams, Brian Parkinson, Dagmar Dahle, David Clearwater, David Townsend, Elizabeth Schultz, Ivan Townshend, Jan Newberry, Jennifer Mather, Jon Lane, Allan Hall, Lesley Brown, Lynn Ambedian, Mary Runte, Nancy Grigg, Nicole Wilson, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Sajjad Zahir, Shelly Wismath, Tim Pope, Wilf Roesler, Dustin Fuller

Regrets: Seamus O'Shea, Ches Skinner, Brent Selinger, Chris Epplert, Pamela Winsor, Wendy Osborn

4158.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4158.1 MOTION:

Mather/Parkinson That the Agenda for Meeting #435 be approved as circulated with the addition of Item #4, President's Report, and the addition of the Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee under Items for Action.

MOTION: CARRIED

4159.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4159.1 MOTION:

Mather/Hosgood That the Minutes of Meeting #434, March 6, 2006, be approved as circulated, with a revision to item 41550.0 (first paragraph), changing the word "kids", to "students".

MOTION: CARRIED

4160.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4161.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4161.1 Seamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic)

Bill Cade announced that Seamus O'Shea has indicated that he does not intend to seek an additional term as Vice-President (Academic) upon completion of his current term. Seamus has served the University of Lethbridge in this capacity for 16 years. Bill noted that it has been a pleasure to work with Seamus. The Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee will meet in the next month to begin the search process for a new Vice-President.

4161.2      Bryan Kolb  
Bryan Kolb, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience recently received a grant from the Heritage Foundation. Bill Cade noted that he attended an AFMER Dinner in Calgary last Friday where Bryan received his award.

4161.3      Dean of Graduate Studies  
Bill Cade announced that they are working on the development of a new position for the Dean of Graduate Studies. The proposal going to the Board of Governors is the creation of a Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice-President for Research position. Having an individual in such a position that has experience with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the fields of research and scholarship covered by SSHRC would be an asset to this position. Bill explained that an email will be sent out regarding these plans soon.

4161.4      Long Service Awards  
Bill Cade reminded the members of GFC that the Long Service Awards would be taking place tomorrow. These awards are in recognition of those staff and faculty that have served the University for 10 or more years.

4162.0      ITEMS FOR ACTION

4162.1      GFC & GFC Executive Meeting Dates

4162.1.1    MOTION:

Grigg/Alam   That the GFC and GFC Executive Meeting Dates  
be approved as attached to the Agenda.

MOTION:      CARRIED

4162.2      2003/2004 Executive Nominations to GFC Committees

Curriculum Coordinating Committee:  
Leslie Dawn

Discipline Committee:  
Tim Pope (alternate)

GFC Grade Appeal Committee:  
Brian Titley  
Tom Johnston  
Diane Miller (alternate)

Research Committee:  
Debra Basil  
Lynn Kennedy  
Anne Dymond  
Dan Johnson

Student Awards Committee:  
Shelley Scott

Travel Committee:  
Yale Belanger

Jean Groft

University Budget Committee:  
Hester Jiskoot  
Michelle Helstein

University Review Committee:  
Leah Fowler  
Dave Morris

Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee:  
Elizabeth Schultz  
Nancy Grigg (alternate)  
Peter Visentin (alternate)

4162.2.1 MOTION:

Mather/Parkinson That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

The names as presented were acclaimed.

4162.3 Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

4162.3.1 MOTION:

Pope/Mather That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Shawn Bubel and Trudy Govier were acclaimed.

4162.4 Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee

4162.4.1 MOTION:

Hosgood/Hazelwood That the portion of the terms of reference for the Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee stating, *One (1) representing the School of Health Sciences and the Professional Librarians elected jointly by the Faculty Council and the Professional Librarians Committee* be deleted, and *One (1) representing the School of Health Sciences elected by the School Council, and One (1) representing the University Library elected by the Professional Librarians Committee* be added.

MOTION: CARRIED

Chris Hosgood explained that when the terms of reference were created for this committee the School of Health Sciences was much smaller than it is now. It was noted that for committees such as this one it is important to have representation from both the School of Health Sciences and the Professional Librarians.

4162.4.2 MOTION:

Lavers/Mather

That the terms of reference for the Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee be amended to add the Associate Vice-President (Student Services) and Registrar as a member of the committee.

MOTION: DEFEATED

Leslie Lavers explained that having someone from the Registrar's Office on this committee would bring insight from the academic support units, and would bring a unique set of knowledge to the table.

Bill Cade reminded the GFC members that with the exception of the Presidential Search, these searches are always open to the community.

4162.5 Vice-President (Research) Appointment Committee

4162.5.1 MOTION:

O'Dea/McCormick

That GFC approve the addition to the GFC Bylaws, Part IV. Procedures for Appointment of Senior Administrators, to create an Appointment Committee for Vice-President (Research).

MOTION: Carried

Bill Cade noted that there was no structure for a Vice-President on the academic side, other than the Vice-President (Academic). A review committee for Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research) was recently struck and this is why this is now coming forward.

4162.5.2 MOTION:

Hosgood/Hazelwood

That the portion of the terms of reference for the Vice-President (Research) Appointment Committee stating, *One (1) representing the School of Health Sciences and the Professional Librarians elected jointly by the Faculty Council and the Professional Librarians Committee* be deleted, and *One (1) representing the School of Health Sciences elected by the School Council, and One (1) representing the University Library elected by the Professional Librarians Committee* be added.

MOTION: CARRIED

4163.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4163.1 Research Services & SSHRC-eligible faculty

Peter McCormick explained his concerns regarding the University's disappointingly low number of SSHRC applications that have been funded in the

past year. He assured GFC that this certainly is not due to a lack of experienced faculty, and is concerned that there is not enough being done to help the Social Scientists with applications in receiving SSHRC grants.

Each Dean had an opportunity to speak on their experiences with Research Services in regards to grant applications for their faculty. The Dean's all felt that Research Services has always done their best to assist the faculties as best they can, but it was also recognized that perhaps there are not enough resources to support their efforts. There was also concern that some faculty may not be taking advantage of the services that are provided by the Research Services office, and if applicants would take the time to ask for assistance in this process it may significantly improve their applications. Some faculties have created a Research Officer position to act as a liaison to Research Services, which has been a very useful and important step.

Chris Picken, Research Officer in the Research Services Office drew attention to the report on SSHRC support activities that were provided in the agenda. She then clarified that not only were the numbers down for University of Lethbridge SSHRC grant applications accepted, but the numbers available were down globally. Chris commented that Research Services is always available to assist with applications, and if someone chooses not to use their services, they unfortunately cannot control this. It was noted that many applications also come in last minute and they are not able to help by this point. It is always strongly advised that people seek mentorship before submitting their applications. Chris encouraged the members of GFC that if their expectations are not being reached, they need to sit down and talk about it so the issue may be resolved.

Suggestions given for improving this issue were creating good mentor systems, creating a critical path for putting through applications, more education and support to make the process not so difficult. This could be done by Research Services visiting departments and providing information on SSHRC. It was also suggested that perhaps the workshops could be moved to an earlier date each year, allowing for more advanced notice before deadlines.

Bill Cade noted that a new person has recently been hired in Research Services, as well as the possibility of hiring a new Associate Vice-President (Research) that can understand and assist with SSHRC.

It was decided to have Dean's Council address these concerns, then find a way to work with Research Services to make a better situation and enhance SSHRC success rates. It is then to come back to GFC at a later date.

4164.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4164.1 Academic Staff Counts  
This was received as information.

4164.2 Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee Revisions  
GFC Executive acted on behalf of General Faculties Council to make revisions to the portion of the GFC Bylaws pertaining to the Vice-President (Academic) Appointment Committee. This revision allows for one student, and one graduate student to be appointed to the Committee, rather than one position being shared between the two.

4164.3 Student Employment & Scholarship Data

Nancy Walker was asked by General Faculties Council at an earlier meeting to gather this data, and report back to GFC.

- 4164.4 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #404, April 19, 2006  
The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #404, April 19, 2006 were received as information.
- 4165.0 OTHER BUSINESS
- 4165.1 Students' Union Executive  
Bill Cade congratulated Dustin Fuller in his position as the new Students' Union President, and Charlotte Kingston in becoming the new Vice-President (Academic).
- 4166.0 ADJOURNMENT
- 4166.1 MOTION:
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| McCormick/Mather | That the meeting be adjourned. |
|                  | MOTION: CARRIED                |
- 4167.0 QUESTION PERIOD
- Question period was not minuted.