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sons and daughters and is very reluctant to eliminate the photo line. Jane remarked that the photo line, with all its chaos, is part of the uniqueness of the U of L and would hate to see the photo line eliminated. Chris Nicol agreed with Andrew Hakin and Jane O'Dea. Chris Nicol stated that our convocation is extremely well run and the photo line is a very important part of

convocation.

448.3.1.2 **Coat of Arms**

Ian MacLachlan reported that the Coat of Arms is not currently registered with the Canadian Heraldic Society. The Convocation Committee intends to bring a detailed motion to GFC in the fall to proceed with registration of the University Lethbridge Coat of Arms.

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448.4 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

448.4.1 **New Students' Union President and Vice-President (Academic)**

Bill Cade welcomed newly elected Students' Union President, Adam Vossepoel, and Vice-President (Academic) Jenn Prosser, to their first General Faculties Council (GFC) Meeting.

448.4.2 **Telus World of Science**

President Cade remarked on Jennifer Copeland's fantastic presentation called, "Use it or Lose it" at the Telus World of Science Edmonton on April 23, 2008. It was a very good lecture on the combined effects of aging and inactivity on one's health.

448.4.3 **Brenda Milner Lecture**

On Friday, May 2 the Graduate Students of Neuroscience held the sixth annual Brenda Milner Lecture Series featuring Dr. Michael Graziano from Princeton University. A banquet was held at the Galt Museum and the presentation was excellent.

448.4.4 **Government Relations**

President Cade remarked on how many times he has been in Edmonton lately, meeting with government representatives and Members of Legislative Assembly. Richard Westlund, Director of Government Relations, has been busy arranging meetings with all the new MLA's.

448.4.5 **Alberta Universities Association (AUA)**

The Alberta Universities Association was formed about three years ago for the Provosts from the four provincial universities to get together to discuss issues on a regular basis. There has been a lot of discussion this year about the Roles and Mandates document. Andrew Hakin said that it had been a very good meeting and the AUA's first opportunity to meet with the new Deputy Minister in attendance, Annette Trimbee. The Roles and Mandates document was discussed and the AUA stressed that the work continue on this document. Key areas of new funding will be health, graduate studies and graduate programs. The province will see more universities in collaboration with colleges to offer degree programs. The University of Lethbridge will be submitting soon, for the first time, an institutional access plan which was part of the Roles and Mandates framework. Andrew Hakin remarked that the meeting was very useful, touched on many areas, including continued collaboration with government and

continued debate on the roles and mandates. Nancy Walker reported that discussion at the meeting she attended with the other Vice-Presidents of Finance was centered around funding, cost of living adjustments, educational institutions having a different CPI than other businesses and continuation of the Access to the Future Fund. The U of L will continue to receive a 6% operating grant through the 2009/10 year.

448.4.6 **Strategic Planning Town Hall Meetings**

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the Board

A series of town hall meetings are coming up for the Strategic Planning Committee and Cade encouraged everyone to attend. Andrew Hakin reported that the committee has vision and a mission statement from the information collected from many meetings with internal and external stakeholders and it will be presented at the town hall meetings for feedback. The meetings will be May 8 at 2:30 pm in the SUB Ballroom A and May 23 at in SUB Ballroom A. There will be more town hall meetings in September. The focus of Retreat in June this year will be strategic planning.

448.4.7 **Distinguished Teaching Award and Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research Scholarship or Performance**

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Ken Voss has been awarded the Distinguished Teacher Medal this year and Larry Flanagan is recipient of the Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research. The medals will be presented at Convocation.

448.4.8 **Long Service Awards**

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The Long Service Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at 1:30 pm in the SUB Ballroom. One of the awards will go to Dennis Connolly, who will be recognized for 40 years of service. President Cade highlighted the fact that Dennis came here on a one year contract from Australia.

448.4.9 **Dragon Boats**

Bill Cade informed the Council that Andrew Hakin is the Captain of the two Dragon Boat Teams again this year and that volunteers are welcome. Andrew Hakin commented that he has never won a medal in this event and he hopes to change that this year.

448.4.10 **Dean of Fine Arts and University Librarian**

President Cade observed that this is Ches Skinner's last GFC Meeting as Dean of Fine Arts. Bill Cade congratulated Ches Skinner for his 10 years as Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts. Ches Skinner will continue to be a Faculty Member in Fine Arts. Bill Cade also recognized Marinus Swanepoel, University Librarian who is stepping down as University Librarian. Both Ches Skinner and Marinus Swanepoel were recognized by the General Faculties Council with a round of applause. Andrew Hakin announced that the new Dean of Fine Arts is Dr. Desmond Rochfort from New Zealand and the new University Librarian is Alison Nussbaumer from the University of Northern British Columbia. President Cade stated that the new positions are effective as of July 1, 2008.

448.4.11 **Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building (AWESB)**

President Cade responded to a question about the construction of Phase Two of the AWESB. Bill Cade informed the Council that Phase Two is quite a ways off and that the University would like to complete Phase One first, which is currently \$4 million dollars short of what is required.

448.4.12

Penny Building (Formerly known as the Capitol Furniture Building)

The Capitol Furniture Building has been donated to the University and will be called the Penny Building in accordance with the donation agreement. President Cade remarked that the building is in good shape and that the City of Lethbridge is anxious for the University to have a presence downtown. There will a formal announcement and more details later once plans for the building are formalized.

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ITEMS FOR ACTION

448.5.1

2008/2009 Nominations to GFC Committees

448.5.1.1 **GFC Executive Committee**

MOTION: That Michelle Helstein and Ian MacLachlan be nominated for a two year term to the Executive Committee.

Skinner/Wasiak That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.1.2 **Curriculum Coordinating Committee**

MOTION: That Rolf Boon is nominated for a two year term to the Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

O'Dea/Dobbie That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.1.3 **Discipline Committee**

MOTION: That Goldie Mogentaler and Ed Jurkowski be nominated for a two year term to the Discipline Committee.

Nicol/Dymond That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.1.4 **Research Committee**

MOTION: That Peter Visentin, Robert Williams and Elizabeth Galway be nominated for a two year term to the Research

Committee. Nominated from the floor were Matthew Letts and Gongbing Shan.

There was a consensus that an email vote be conducted to determine the three committee members.

Nicol/Osborn That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.1.5 Student Awards Committee

MOTION: That Robert Wood is nominated for a two year term to the Student Awards Committee.

Helstein/Burton That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.1.6 Travel Committee

MOTION: That Pamela Winsor is nominated for a two year term to the Travel Committee.

O'Dea/Morgentaler That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.1.7 University Budget Committee

MOTION: That Lesley Brown is nominated for a three year term to the University Budget Committee.

Helstein/Nicol That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

President Cade highlighted that Leona Jacobs will remain on the Budget Committee for an additional two years. Leona has served one year as a replacement and has agreed to serve an additional two years as the President's appointee.

448.5.1.8 University Review Committee

MOTION: That Dayna Daniels is nominated for a two year term to the University Review Committee.

Skinner/Dymond That nomination cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Ches Skinner asked that we wait for the next GFC Meeting to appoint another member to the University Review Committee to allow time for people to consider their selection.

448.5.1.9 **Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee**

Since there were no nominations from the floor, President Cade suggested that some thought and consideration be given for the next GFC Meeting for this important committee.

448.5.2 **Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report**

448.5.2.1 **Health Sciences - Recommendation #1**

MOTION:

Hakin/Hosgood That the General Faculties Council approves Recommendation #1

MOTION: CARRIED

Andrew Hakin reported that this is to approve the new Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program that was in response to a call from the Alberta Government.

448.5.2.2 **Fine Arts - Recommendations #2 - #4**

MOTION:

Hakin/Skinner That the General Faculties Council approves Recommendations #2 thru #4.

MOTION: CARRIED

448.5.2.3 **Graduate Studies - Recommendations #5 -#6**

MOTION:

Hakin/Fiske That the General Faculties Council approves Recommendations #5 & #6.

MOTION: CARRIED

Dean Fiske added that these recommendations were to allow a greater expansion of Graduate Studies and to bring the courses in line with other program standards at other

Universities. President Cade pointed out that if we do enhance our graduate program as we have been instructed by the Government of Alberta, we cannot just simply add graduate programming to our existing program. It has been discussed with government that additional graduate programming does not come without additional funding.

448.5.3 **Smoking Policy**

MOTION:

Walker/Nicol General Faculties Council approves the revised smoking policy, effective immediately.

MOTION: CARRIED

areas Nancy Walker reported that the last smoking policy was approved in 2004 and designated smoking areas. The revised smoking policy designates non-smoking areas. Chris Hosgood wondered if the policy would also include chewing tobacco due to its danger to personal health. Nancy Walker said it was not included at this time. Nancy Walker reported that there are approximately 5% of faculty and staff that smoke. Michelle Helstein mentioned that without any consequences attached to the smoking policy that it doesn't deter some from smoking in where they shouldn't. Rhys Stevens and Bernie Williams supported a monetary penalty for infractions of the policy. Nancy Walker noted that we do expect compliance of the policy on an honour system and that we do not have the manpower or the jurisdiction to fine individuals for infractions. There was extensive discussion on the Policy, where smokers congregate, health issues and stakeholders involvement in development of the policy.

448.5.4 **Institutional Repository Guidelines**

MOTION:

Swanepoel/Stevens That the General Faculties Council approves the Institutional Repository Guidelines as recommended by the GFC Library Committee.

MOTION: CARRIED

Marinus Swanepoel reported that the repository is a place to put documents to share with the community. Marinus drew attention to the handout that was distributed and filed with these minutes. There are currently 578 items in the repository. Rhys Stevens added that it is a great place to put research papers, thesis, dissertations, and other documents and publications that foster the spirit of intellectual exchange. Faculty members are welcome to participate. Ian MacLachlan spoke about the integrity of the repository. Marinus Swanepoel spoke about open access and how some thought is given to the fact that university research paid for with

government funding should be available for public viewing. Rhys Stevens mentioned that some faculties have their own repositories.

448.6 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

448.6.1 **Minutes of April 21, 2008 GFC Executive Meeting**

The minutes were received as information.

448.6.2 **Composition of General Faculties Council**

Bill Cade noted that through careful reading of the Post-Secondary Learning Act, Rita Law, Director of Governance and Gloria Roth, Secretary to GFC observed what would be a minor compliance issue between the documents that specify GFC membership; the Post-secondary Learning Act and the GFC By-laws. Rita Law highlighted the differences in the compliance document included in the Agenda package, and noted that the minor differences should be tidied up. Bill Cade noted that the number of Faculty Members serving on GFC is accurate and that a small committee should be struck to review the member composition as it pertains to the Post-secondary Learning Act and the GFC By-Laws and make the necessary recommendations to GFC. Ian MacLachlan recommended that a link to the Post-secondary Learning Act be placed on the GFC website.

448.6.3 **Academic Staff Count**

The Academic staff count was received for information. It was noted that the total of the Current column should be 33.

448.7 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items for discussion.

448.8 **ADJOURNMENT**

448.8.1 MOTION:

Helstein/Osborn That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED