

**MINUTES OF MEETING #443 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646**

Present: Ken Allan, Lynn Ambedian, Peter Alward, René Boére, Lesley Brown, Bill Cade, Michael Campbell, James Dobbie, Anne Dymond, Steve Ferzacca, Jo-Anne Fiske, Andrew Hakin, Trish Harper, Michelle Helstein, Chris Hosgood, Chris Horbachewski, Kelly Kennedy, Lori Kopp, Leslie Lavers, David Lyon, Ian MacLachlan, Kris Magnusson, Goldie Morgentaler, Michelle Morris, Chris Nicol, Jane O’Dea, Tracy Oosterbroek, Jason Pan, Victor Rodych, Ches Skinner, Will Smith, Rhys Stevens, Melissa Vieglais, John Vokey, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Shelly Wismath, Sajjad Zahir, and Gloria Roth (Secretary)

Others: Richard Westlund, Margaret McKeen

Regrets: Peter Heffernan, Fraser Sparks, Mary Runte, Marinus Swanepoel, Peter McCormick, Murray Lindsay, Chris Burton,

4206.0 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4206.1 MOTION:

Rodych/Kopp That the Agenda for Meeting #443 be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

4207.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4207.1 MOTION:

Vokey/Boére That the Minutes of Meeting #442, October 7, 2007, be approved as submitted.

MOTION: CARRIED

4208.0 **ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4208.1 **Senior Administration Search**

Two search committees will be meeting this week, one for Dean of Fine Arts and one for University Librarian. Libby Dybikowski from Provence Consulting Ltd. is working with the University on these searches.

4208.2 **Water Building**

The University has received \$10 million for the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building. The announcement was made on October 31, 2007 by Minister Doug Horner.

4208.3

Whoop Up Drive Intersection

Bill Cade had reported earlier that he had written to the Mayor and the Mayor has responded by detailing the corrections that will be made to the intersection to ensure the safety of our employees and students walking to campus.

4209.0

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4209.1

Marlene Stallard

Bill Cade informed Council that Marlene Stallard, the wife of James Stallard, a Calgary campus instructor passed away on November 3, 2007. A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 9.

A moment of silence was observed.

4209.2

Markin Hall

A rather significant announcement took place on October 25 when Minister Doug Horner announced \$50 million for construction of Markin Hall to house the School of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Management. It adds more space and is a transformational investment that brings the two groups together to produce better managers of our health care system. It should be open in 2010. A presentation on Markin Hall will be given by Andy Hakin and Nancy Walker later in today's meeting.

4209.3

University Hall Upgrades

On the same day of the Markin Hall announcement, Minister Horner also announced \$18.415 million for upgrades to University Hall. Bill Cade commented on what a fantastic year it has been, beginning with the \$8 million dollar Prentice donation and culminating with nearly \$80 million from the provincial government announced last month.

4209.4

Women's Rugby is Number 1

Bill Cade mentioned how wonderful it was that the Women's Rugby Team has won a National Championship in our 40th Year. The Women's Pronghorn rugby team captured the Monilex Trophy and are CIS Champions after defeating the host and OUA Champion Western Mustangs, 15-10 in the CIS Championship game in London, Ontario. The Horns had made two previous appearances at the CIS Championships and with the gold medal this year, complete the medal set after winning Silver in 2003 and Bronze last year in London.

4209.5

Trevor Harrison

Trevor Harrison, Chair of Department of Sociology has agreed to serve as the Interim Director of the Prentice Institute. John Prentice had established the Prentice Institute to study long-term challenges of the demographic economic and social issues related to change in world population patterns. Trevor has said that he is willing to help shape the institute in its first two years. There will also be a staff support person hired. We are getting closer to launching the Prentice Institute. One of the key features to the Prentice Institute will be an academic advisory body drawn from the social sciences

and the Faculty of Arts and Science.

4209.6

Day Care

The students overwhelmingly passed the referendum on daycare. That means that the Administration will request authority from the Board of Governors to send out a Request for Proposals for a private operator. Bill Cade congratulated Kelly Kennedy and the Students' Union on supporting the daycare. If all goes well and as planned the anticipated opening will be in 2009.

4209.7

Donor Recognition

Thursday, November 22, 2007 will be our annual Donor Recognition Night. It will be the day that we announce the end of our capital campaign. Bill Cade mentioned that the success of the capital campaign is because of many groups on campus. The President acknowledged the Chinook Prize, a new award by the Department of Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry that had unprecedented 100% participation by Faculty and staff in that department.

4209.8

Faculty and Media Relations

Bill Cade mentioned that he and Steve Ferzacca of ULFA have talked to the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) to arrange for faculty media training and guidance on speaking with the media. The University is exploring with Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (CURIE) the types of coverage they would provide for a faculty exercising academic freedom in speaking. Faculty was asked to watch for the media training sessions. Bill Cade mentioned that faculty could put themselves at risk if they speak ad hominem.

4209.9

U of L Singers

The 14th Annual Festival of Art and Song took place on November 2, 2007. The theme was East Coast Kitchen and included a tribute to George Evelyn who will be retiring this year.

4209.10

YouTube

Bill Cade mentioned that the SU President and his team have created a well-done video that is on YouTube. To find the video type in ULSU on the YouTube website search.

4209.11

40th Anniversary Homecoming

The Homecoming weekend went very well. Bill Cade commented on dropping the puck at the Men's Pronghorn hockey game and that it was his first time on a very slippery ice surface. Bill Cade also mentioned how much he enjoyed hearing stories from people who were involved in the University 40 plus years ago and about the early years of the University, especially the story about how Arthur Erickson was shot at when he was walking the coulees one day pondering the placement of University Hall. The President will be meeting with Arthur Erickson next week and will ask Mr. Erickson about his experience.

4211.1.2 *Convocation Committee*

MOTION:

That the appointment of Faisal Shaffi to the Convocation Committee be approved.

Vokey/Hosgood

That nominations cease. Faisal Shaffi is acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.1.3 *University Review Committee*

MOTION:

That the appointment of Nola Aitken, Arlan Schultz and Sharon Yanicki (to replace Dave Morris – on leave) to the University Review Committee be approved.

Vokey/Hosgood

That nominations cease. Nola Aitken, Arlan Schultz and Sharon Yanicki are acclaimed.

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.2 **Revisions to GFC Bylaws**

4211.2.1 MOTION:

Walker/Osborn

Postponed Motion: That GFC approves the addition of Executive Directors to the various appointment committees in the bylaws, as outlined in the attached revisions.

4211.2.2 MOTION:

To Amend:

Walker/Magnusson

MOTION: CARRIED

4211.2.3 MOTION:

Walker/Magnusson

Amended Motion: That GFC approves the addition of Executive Directors to the Vice-President (Finance & Administration); Vice-President (Advancement); Associate Vice-President – Non-Academic Administrative Position and Registrar appointment committees in the bylaws, as outlined in the attached revisions.

MOTION: FAILED

Nancy Walker mentioned that the amended motion is similar, only the number of committees have been reduced to the four committees listed in the amended motion. Nancy Walker had met with AUPE and they were very concerned about not having enough representation on these committees, so that is why Nancy Walker has removed the Executive Director's from the Academic Committees and only on the smaller administrative committees that have very close contact with the six Executive Directors by adding an Executive Director to those committees.

4211.3 **Management Faculty Council Report**

4211.3.1 MOTION:

Nicol/O'Dea

That Larry Flanagan, Lorraine Beaudin, Richard Epp, Maxine Tedesco/Jenny Thornhill, Leslie Lavers, Andrew Hakin, Kris Magnusson and Rachelle Heck be appointed to the Management Faculty Council for the 2007-2008 academic year.

MOTION: CARRIED

4212.0 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

4212.1 **GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #411, October 22, 2007**

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #411, October 22, 2007 were received as information.

4212.2 **Strategic Priorities Report Card**

The Strategic Priorities Report Card was received as information. The URL to the Strategic Priorities report is <http://www.uleth.ca/spx/Documents.htm>

4212.3 **Human Subject Research Committee Annual Reports**

John Vokey commended the Human Subject Research Committee on their efficiency and excellent work that they do.

4212.4 **Markin Hall Presentation**

Andrew Hakin and Nancy Walker gave a presentation on Markin Hall. A copy of the presentation is filed with the minutes.

4213.0 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

4213.1

Mid Term Reviews of Senior Administrators

Bill Cade reported that he recommended mid-term reviews of senior administrators a number of years ago. Bill Cade mentioned that he felt that the mid-term review was extremely effective for a first term administrator. Recently, he was wondering about the effectiveness of the mid-term review and committees for following year term reviews and was interested in seeking guidance of the GFC Members on this matter. There are always annual reviews. Some comments made were that it is a valuable exercise and early reviews can be very formative. It was suggested that some flexibility be built into the procedures. Concern was expressed about the potential ramifications of writing a letter. Five years was seen to be a long time between reviews. Request for specific information was recommended when calling for comment in reviews. Bill Cade indicated he welcomes further comment on this subject.

4214.0

ADJOURNMENT

4214.1

MOTION:

Kennedy/Vokey That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

4215.0

QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.