

MINUTES OF A MEETING #430 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005 AT 3:00 PM. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Nancy Walker, Seamus O'Shea, Christopher Nicol, Marinus Swanepoel, Ches Skinner, Kris Magnusson, Toni Nelson, Leslie Lavers, Shamsul Alam, Andrew Hakin, Chris Horbachewski, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Chris Hosgood, Allan Hall, Ben Hart, Bobby Albano, Brian Parkinson, Cheryl Calver, Chris Epplett, David Clearwater, Dustin Fuller, Elizabeth Schultz, Heather Leier, Inge Genee, James Alexander, Jennifer Mather, Jonathan Lane, Ken Nicol, Lynn Ambedian, Mary Runte, Matt Hansen, Michael Campbell, Nicole Wilson, Peter Alward, Rae Hazelwood, Rene Boere, Rex Forsyth, Sajjad Zahir, Shelly Wismath, Thomas Berry, Tom Johnston

Regrets: Jean Groft, Pamela Winsor

4108.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4108.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Parkinson

That the Agenda for Meeting #430 be approved as circulated, with the addition of 7.1 under Items for Discussion, and the reverse order of items 5.1 and 5.2 under Items for Action.

Motion: Carried

4109.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4109.1 MOTION:

Epplett/Genee

That the Minutes of Meeting #429 be approved as circulated, with the amendment under Items Arising From the Minutes, to read Ches Skinner, Dean of Fine Arts rather than Dean of Management.

Motion: Carried

4110.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4111.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4111.1 Alberta Innovation and Science Small Equipment Grants

A letter was received from The Honourable Victor Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, announcing that Dr. Adriana Predio-Cross of the University of Lethbridge Physics Department has received a small equipment grant, subject to program conditions, to facilitate the acquisition of equipment associated with her project entitled "Research Facility for Laboratory Spectroscopy of Terrestrial and Outer Planetary Molecules."

4111.2 Top 40 Under 40

Mark Henry, former University of Lethbridge graduate, has been named one of Calgary's Top 40 Under 40. He is currently the Chief of Staff for Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

4111.3 Acting Dean of Health Sciences

Dr. Chris Hosgood has been named the Acting Dean of Health Sciences.

4111.4 Dean of Fine Arts Review

The Review Committee for Dr. Ches Skinner, Dean of Fine Arts is in the process of being struck. The committee will meet in November to complete the mid-term review.

4111.5 Vice-President (Research) Review

A Review Committee will be struck in the Spring to complete the mid-term review for Dr. Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research).

4111.6 Government Funding

The Honourable Dave Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education, recently announced that the University of Lethbridge will be receiving \$12 Million in capital funding to help expand the Water and Environmental Science Building. An additional \$5 Million is also being provided for upgrading projects in University Hall.

4111.7 Regional Health & Wellness Centre Referendum

Nancy Walker has been working with the Students' Union on a referendum in support of the Regional Health and Wellness Centre. The current mortgage on the Students' Union Building will be paid off in March 2007, and the students are now being asked to reallocate the future mortgage contributions towards the Regional Health & Wellness Centre starting in September 2007. Three Town Hall meetings will take place to inform the students on this initiative.

4111.8 Advanced Education Review

Members of the review steering committee recently visited Lethbridge where they presented a summary document on the various consultations that took place within communities in Alberta. A Minister's Forum will take place in November to help set the direction of Alberta's advanced education system.

4111.9 New University of Alberta President

Dr. Indira Samarasekera has been sworn in as the new President of The University of Alberta.

4111.10 Alberta International Education Office in Mexico

Advanced Education Minister, Dave Hancock, along with representatives from 12 Alberta post-secondary institutions recently visited Mexico, where they opened an Alberta International Education Office in Guadalajara. Bill Cade attended on behalf of The University of Lethbridge. An agreement renewing educational partnerships between the two regions was also signed.

4112.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4112.1 Management Faculty Council Report

4112.1.1 MOTION:

Nelson/K.Nicol

That GFC approve the appointment of the (voting) members to Management Faculty Council for the 2005-2006 academic year, as attached to the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

4112.2 2006 Access Proposals (Approval in Principle)

4112.2.1 MOTION:

Nicol/Skinner

That GFC approve the 2006 Access Proposals in Principle.

Motion: Carried

Seamus O'Shea explained that the province has made Advanced Education the main priority over the next three years. The University of Lethbridge needs to ensure it is in a good position, as it is in a competitive environment. In doing this, we will need to reinforce what the University of Lethbridge does well, improve on the areas that are behind, and set our image. Seamus reiterated the importance of increasing graduate programs, and bringing in programs that fit the philosophy of the University of Lethbridge, and distinguish us from other universities.

Seamus explained the access proposals as follows:

Health Sciences: Public Health, Addictions Counselling Program, Nursing, Interprofessional Education at Master's level.

Fine Arts: Music Technology, M.F.A., M.Mus.

Arts & Science: B.A. and B.Sc. Rural and Urban Planning and Design Program.

Graduate Studies: Because Universities have agreed to press Advanced Education for more grad spaces, looking at additional funding for MA/MSc and Ph.D. programs.

General Program Expansion.

4113.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no items for information.

4114.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4114.1 Article on Undergraduate Research

Bill Cade referred to an article in the University Affairs regarding the integration of teaching and research at the undergraduate level. There was concern among members of the Faculty that the University of Lethbridge was never mentioned in the article. Undergraduate Research has always been an emphasis in the programs at the University of Lethbridge, and it is obvious now that the University is being faced with competition in this area. It was suggested that it may be necessary to identify ways that the University of Lethbridge can improve it's performance to retain a leadership in this area.

Dennis Fitzpatrick was asked to summarize what the University of Lethbridge does in the area of undergraduate research, and discuss this with the Deans before bringing back to GFC at a later date for further discussion.

Leslie Lavers was also asked to speak to John Kincaid in Student Liaison and Recruitment regarding ways that undergraduate research is incorporated into student recruitment. This will also be brought back to GFC at a later date for further discussion.

4115.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

4116.0 ADJOURNMENT

4116.1 MOTION:

Mather/Berry That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

4117.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The question period was not minuted.