

MINUTES OF A MEETING #406 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Seamus O'Shea (Acting Chair), Nancy Walker, Christopher Nicol, John Usher, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Patricia Wall, Shamsul Alam, Leslie Lavers, Kris Magnusson, Kas Mazurek, Leah Fowler, Cheryl Calver, Peter McCormick, Jim Thomas, Craig Monk, Lynn Ambedian, Joy Morris, Ian MacLachlan, Rene Barendregt, Angela Downey, Melanee Thomas, Jerrad Kubik, Rex Forsyth, Ian McAdam, Will Smith, Rae Hazelwood, Wes Balderson, Debra Basil, Chris Hosgood, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Preston Williams, Alfred chan, Gorm Hansen, Lindsay Mills, Peter Therrien, Jillian Erlandson

Regrets: Bill Cade, Dayna Daniels, Cathy Campbell, Karen Clearwater, Barbara Marshalsay, Jennifer Mather

3908.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3908.1 MOTION:

Smith/Thomas

That the Agenda for Meeting #406 be approved as circulated with the addition of:

5.5 Appointment of Observer on the Meliorist

MOTION: CARRIED.

A one minute of silence was observed in recognition of Gordon Paterson who died on Saturday, September 7, 2002. Gordon Paterson was a long time member of the community and was heavily involved with the University.

3909.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3909.1 MOTION:

Balderson/Skinner

That the Minutes of Meeting #405, March 4, 2002 be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

3910.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the Minutes.

3911.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3911.1 Student Enrollment - Fall 2002

Leslie Lavers reported that as of September 9, 2002 student enrollment is 7,183.

Seamus O'Shea reported that over the summer the U of L has taken steps to limit the growth. As of today, the institution can accommodate the increase in size. International students are up by one third.

3911.2 Universities' Act

There is an indication that the Universities' Act will be opened and the result may be the unification of all three acts under one. Dr. O'Shea reported that the impact will be greater at our institution than at the other institutions due to population size. Although we have been effective competitors, the U of L will begin meetings to review the challenge it faces. Various units on campus will be consulted and reports will be provided to GFC. It is clear that the prospective changes will have an impact on GLER.

3911.3 Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning report will be delivered to GFC and the Board of Governors in December.

3911.4 Canadian Foundation of Innovation

It is anticipated that CFI will be announcing another competition in October with closure in April. In all likelihood this may be the last of the funding which may be approximately \$800 million for the entire Country. There is currently no one in Cabinet speaking with the same strengths that they have had in the past.

3911.5 Management Building

The management building project is moving forward with development of building programs.

3911.6 Renovations

The old library space that has been renovated is approximately 95% complete. As a result there are 50 more academic offices. The move of Career Resource Center has provided for more effective operation.

Fine Arts has now received more rehearsal space and a lecture theatre for music.

3912.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

3912.1 Approval of Appointed Faculty and Student Appointments to GFC

3912.1.1 MOTION:

McCormick/Downey That General Faculties Council approve the appointed Faculty and Students as attached to the Agenda.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.2 2002/03 Student Appointments to GFC Committees

3912.2.1 MOTION:

Thomas/Hansen That General Faculties Council approve the student appointments to GFC Committees as attached to the agenda.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.3 2002/03 GFC Member Appointments to GFC Executive Committee

3912.3.1 MOTION:

Fowler/Nicol That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Kas Mazurek and Peter McCormick were acclaimed.

3912.4 Curriculum Coordinating Report

3912.4.1 MOTION

Alam/Downey That the Curriculum Coordinating Report be approved as attached to the agenda.

Seamus O'Shea commented that this will come into effect immediately. This can not wait until Spring of 2003. It is meant to be of assistance for students when planning their prerequisites.

MOTION: CARRIED

3912.5 Appointment of Observer on the Meliorist

Seamus O'Shea reminded members that this is an independent organization and Council does not appoint members that are not governed by the Universities' Act. An observer is not exposed to any legal liability.

3912.5.1 MOTION:

Alam/Barendregt That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Craig Monk was acclaimed.

3913.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3913.1 Admission Standards Committee Report

The Admission Standards Committee Report was received as information. Shamsul Alam commented that Peter Haney should be recognised for his wonderful report.

3913.2 GFC Committee Reports

The GFC Committee Reports were received as information.

The GFC Library Report, in particular the budget was discussed in great length. Seamus O'Shea explained the Budget Committee has taken all reasonable efforts to address the concerns of the Library. This is not unique to the U of L.

Angela Downey asked as to whether there was a kind of strategy mentioned in the vision and mission document identifying concerns in the Library Report.

Donna Seyed Mahmoud mentioned that the Library has wrestled with this problem and has given considerable detail on how the acquisition budget is used.

Jim Thomas mentioned that things are constantly changing and that we should concentrate more on using journals that are cross disciplined. He stated that the National Site Licencing Project is the ultimate disciplinary model. John Usher mentioned that he was impressed by the campuses in Calgary and Edmonton having library access.

MOTION:

Thomas (J)/Thomas (M) That the reports be received.

MOTION: CARRIED

3913.3 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #371, April 22, 2002

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #371, April 22, 2002 were received as information.

3913.4 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #372, May 21, 2002

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #372, May 21, 2002 were received as information.

3913.5 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #373, August 19, 2002

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #373, August 19, 2002 were received as information.

MOTION:

O'Dea/Alam That the information provided in 3913.3, 3913.4
and 3913.5 be received as information.

MOTION: CARRIED

3914.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Ian MacLachlan asked about the origin of the deletion of D- in the grading policy. The committee was a Minister's Ad Hoc Committee that was largely in part driven by the U of L. The common grading system has been long overdue. The result of the Ad Hoc Committee has been a common scale throughout all universities but has resulted in the U of L losing the D-.

3915.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

3916.0 ADJOURNMENT

3916.1 MOTION:

Smith/Wall That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

3907.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.