

MINUTES OF A MEETING #429 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 AT 3:00 PM. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Nancy Walker, Christopher Nicol, Marinus Swanepoel, Ches Skinner, Kris Magnusson, Murray Lindsay, Leslie Lavers, Shamsul Alam, Andy Hakin, Chris Horbachewski, Chris Hosgood, Allan Hall, Bernie Williams, Brian Parkinson, Cheryl Calver, Chris Epplett, David Clearwater, Dustin Fuller, Elizabeth Schultz, Heather Leier, Inge Genee, Jan Newberry, Jason Blades, Jean Groft, Jennifer Mather, Jonathan Lane, Ken Nicol, Lynn Ambedian, Matt Hansen, Nancy Grigg, Nicole Wilson, Pamela Winsor, Peter Alward, Peter McCormick, Rae Hazelwood, Rene Boere, Rex Forsyth, Sajjad Zahir, Shelly Wismath, Thomas Berry, Tom Johnston, Tyler Tanner, Wilf Roesler, Bobby Albano

Regrets: Seamus O'Shea, Catherine Kingfisher, Chris Epplett, James Alexander, Mary Runte

Bill Cade asked the members of General Faculties Council to introduce themselves.

4098.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4098.1 MOTION:

Mather/McCormick

That the Agenda for Meeting #429 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4099.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4099.1 MOTION:

Alam/Forsyth

That the Minutes of Meeting #428 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4100.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bill Cade announced that the mid-term review for Dr. Ches Skinner, Dean of Fine Arts will take place soon.

The University of Lethbridge Strategic Report Card has been completed. This can be found on the U of L website.

4101.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4101.1 Associate Vice-President (Academic) Appointment

Dr. Andrew Hakin has been appointed as the Associate Vice-President (Academic). This is a new appointment which came from the decision to split the former position, seeking an Associate Vice-President (Academic) right away, and seeking a new Dean of Graduate Studies later. The intention is to begin this search in the new year.

4101.2 Lynn Basford

Dean of the School of Health Sciences, Lynn Basford has resigned from her position.

4101.3 Vice-President (Advancement) Appointment

Chris Horbachewski has been appointed as the Vice-President (Advancement).

4101.4 Diana Young

Diana Young, Director, Arts & Science Co-operative Education received a volunteer recognition award from the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education.

4101.5 Dean of Arts & Science Reappointment

Dr. Chris Nicol has been reappointed as the Dean of Arts & Science for a second five year term, starting July 1, 2006.

4101.6 Dean of Faculty of Management Appointment

Dr. Murray Lindsay has been appointed as the new Dean of the Faculty of Management.

4101.7 Regional Health & Wellness Centre

The construction of the Health & Wellness Centre is moving along, and to date is still on budget.

4101.8 Damage to University Hall

A crack was found in one of the pillars on the seventh floor of University Hall. The crack has been repaired, and all other pillars will also be checked for damages.

4101.9 Grant McEwan

Grant McEwan College has been given the authority to grant Bachelor of Art Degrees.

4101.10 Review of the Advanced Learning System

The Government of Alberta is currently reviewing the Advanced Learning System within the province. The four Alberta Universities have written responses to papers that were sent out by the government. A conference will be held on October 31 in which all the universities will have an opportunity to comment.

4101.11 Letter from Honourable David Hancock

A letter was recently received from The Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education. The letter was to inform the Post-Secondary Institutions that the 7% reduction given to students for tuitions for the Centennial Year may not be able to be put into the base budget.

4101.12 Capital Projects Announcement

Bill Cade informed General Faculties Council that an important announcement will be made this week regarding Capital Projects on Campus.

- 4101.13 Access Funding
Access Funding proposals have been submitted in the following areas:
- 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.
- Management: Expansion of the undergraduate program, Graduate.
- Education: Modest increase in undergraduate program, Graduate program – focus on specific school-based counseling.
- 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.
- 4101.14 New Classroom
The renovated portion of the Physical Education building will house the new auditorium style classroom with space for 300 students. The use of this room will be monitored to keep with the small class sizes as much as possible.
- 4101.15 International Student Breakfast
The Senate recently hosted the first ever International Student Breakfast. This event is meant to welcome our international students to campus. There are currently 650 international students at the University of Lethbridge.
- 4101.16 New Student Orientation
The new student orientation was a successful event. Thanks to Joanne Luu for all her hard work in organizing the day.
- 4101.17 Student Enrolments
The student enrolment numbers for the Fall are 8002. This is a great accomplishment, as applications were down across the province this year.
- 4101.18 Water Damage on Campus
There was some water damage on campus over the weekend. The Wellness Centre has already been equipped with weeping tile, but no pumps have been installed yet. Fortunately no real damage was suffered. There was also some leakage into a small number of Aperture townhomes. The students affected are being housed elsewhere temporarily.
- 4101.19 Clocks on Campus
The clocks throughout campus have all been synchronized.

4102.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4102.1 Approval of Appointed Faculty Members and Student Appointments to GFC

4102.1.1 MOTION:

McCormick/Grigg

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

Motion: Carried

4102.2 2005/06 Faculty, Student, and Alumni Appointments to GFC Committees

4102.2.1 MOTION:

Fuller/Lane

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

The names as attached to the Agenda were approved.

4102.3 2005/06 GFC Membership Appointments to GFC Executive Committee

4102.3.1 MOTION:

Hosgood/Clearwater

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Brian Parkinson and Tyler Tanner were acclaimed.

4102.4 GFC Appointment to Senate

4102.4.1 MOTION:

Grigg/C.Nicol

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

Pamela Winsor was acclaimed.

4102.5 Appointment to Convocation Committee & Student Awards Committee

4102.5.1 MOTION:

Lavers/Blades

That the recommendations to change the resource persons on the Convocation and Student Awards Committees be approved as attached to the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

4102.6 Students with Disabilities Policy

4102.6.1 MOTION:

Hosgood/C.Nicol

That the General Faculties Council approve the Students with Disabilities Policy as amended, effective immediately. And further, that the General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors that the policy be approved.

Motion: Carried

4102.6.2 MOTION:

Hosgood/Lane

That the General Faculties Council recommends to University administration that the Students with Disabilities Policy is examined by legal counsel to ensure that it accords with current human rights legislation.

Motion: Carried

4102.7 Curriculum Coordinating Committee

Recommendation #1

4102.7.1 MOTION:

Alam/Groft

That General Faculties Council approve the change in course sequencing in Year Four, Spring, of the NESA Program.

Motion: Carried

Recommendation #2

4102.7.2 MOTION:

Skinner/Alam

That General Faculties Council approve the new Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) Program in Art, Theatre and Dramatic Arts, and New Media.

Motion: Carried

Recommendation #3

4102.7.3

MOTION:

Skinner/Alam

That General Faculties Council approve the new Master of Music (M.Mus.) Program.

Motion: Carried

4102.8

Ph.D. Parchments

Bill Cade asked Ches Skinner to act as Chair for this item.

4102.8.1

MOTION:

Alam/Lavers

That Graduate Council recommend to GFC approval of the Ph.D. Parchments for the disciplinary areas outside of Neuroscience, as attached.

Motion: Tabled

General Faculties Council referred back to Graduate Studies Council. To be brought to GFC at a later date.

Concerns with the parchments were that they were too detailed, and should be left a more broad Degree. It was suggested that it might be better to show only the credentials and the department.

4102.9

Proposal for Transcript Changes

4102.9.1

MOTION: March 7, 2005, Motion 4082.4.1 Removed from the table.

Hosgood/C.Nicol

The Transcript Policy Committee recommends that GFC approve the changes to the University of Lethbridge Transcript Policy as attached in the agenda, with the amendment to make the changes effective September 2006.

Motion: Carried

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the recommendations for transcript changes. It was expressed by members of the Transcript Policy Committee that these changes will help to accurately compare students marks from one University to another, and that it will interpret grades as easily as possible.

4103.0

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4103.1

Academic Staff Counts

The Academic Staff Count was received as information.

4103.2

The policy regarding skateboarding and rollerblades on campus was received as information.

4103.3

The Lecture Series Report was received as information. Jonathan Lane added that the Graduate Students Association also sponsors a lecture each year, which was not included in the report.

4103.4

The annual reports from GFC Committees were received as information.

4103.5

Bill Cade asked Shamsul Alam to act as Chair for this item.

Bill Cade mentioned that he is concerned with the amount of female representation on Search Committees. He stressed that it is important to have reasonable gender representation, and that changes to the Bylaws and the election process may need to be considered.

4103.6

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #399, August 29, 2005 were received as information.

4104.0

There were no items for discussion.

4105.0

There was no other business.

4106.0

4106.1

C.Nicol/Groft

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

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The question period was not minuted.