

MINUTES OF A MEETING #436 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade, Nancy Walker, Seamus O'Shea, Murray Lindsay, Jane O'Dea, Chris Nicol, Chris Hosgood, Jo-Anne Fiske, Leslie Lavers, Andrew Hakin, Chris Horbachewski, Lynn Ambedian, Lesley Brown, Cheryl Calver, David Clearwater, Melanie Collado, Steve Ferzacca, Rex Forsyth, Dustin Fuller, Inge Genee, Nancy Grigg, Jean Groft, Allan Hall, Ben Hart, Michelle Helstein, Joanne Luu, Jennifer Mather, Goldie Morgentaler, Angela Ng, Wendy Osborn, Wilf Roesler, Mary Runte, Elizabeth Schultz, Brent Selinger, Ches Skinner, Rhys Stevens, David Townsend, Edwin Wasiak, Nicole Wilson, Shelly Wismath, Sajjad Zahir

Regrets: Dagmar Dahle

4168.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4168.1 MOTION:

Mather/Nicol That the Agenda for Meeting #436 be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

4169.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4169.1 MOTION:

Grigg/Lindsay That the Minutes of Meeting #435, May 1, 2006, be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

4170.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4171.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4171.1 Chris Hosgood, Dean, School of Health Sciences

Chris Hosgood has been appointed as the new Dean of the School of Health Sciences, effective July 1, 2006.

4171.2 Jo-Anne Fiske, Acting Dean, Graduate Studies & Associate VP (Research)

Jo-Anne Fiske has been appointed as the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice-President (Research).

A Search Committee for a five year appointment as Associate Vice-President (Research) and Dean of Graduate Studies will be in place soon. This committee will be chaired by Seamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic).

4171.3 Vice-President (Academic) Search Committee

The Vice-President (Academic) Search Committee will meet on October 3 with Search Consultant Colleen Keenan. Also, Colleen will be meeting with several groups on campus in September for consultations. Ads will appear in the University Affairs, and Globe and Mail in October. It is hoped that a new Vice-President (Academic) will be identified by December, with the position starting in July 2007.

4171.4 Student Enrolment

The student enrolment is up by 86 students from last year. There has been a significant drop in applications from students that go into the workforce for a few years before applying to University, but an increase in several other areas. The enrolment of unclassified students has increased. As well, the First Nations Transitions Program has been expanded. There are currently 35 students enrolled in the program. Funding has also been received to hire a Recruitment Officer dedicated to this program. Efforts are also being made to renew the funding for the Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program.

Student Recruitment has worked hard to maintain the student numbers by conducting call-outs to every new applicant. Over 2500 calls in total were made this year.

It was suggested a motion be made, thanking and congratulating Student Recruitment for a job well done.

4171.4.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Hakin	That General Faculties Council extends their thanks and congratulations to Student Recruitment for a job well done.
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MOTION: CARRIED

4171.5 Kainai Chieftainship

Bill Cade was recently inducted into the Kainai Chieftainship. Bill noted that this honour is a reflection of the University of Lethbridge and its work to create a relationship with the Blood Tribe for many years.

4171.6 Construction on Campus

Construction on the Centre for Sports and Wellness was discussed. The Fitness Centre opened last week, the Climbing Wall is to open soon, and the Gym is scheduled to be open for Convocation in October. The entire facility is expected to open in January 2007.

The old gymnasium has now been converted to two floors, which will house classrooms. The official grand opening will take place on February 8, 2007. The new Turcotte Hall building is moving along well. It is scheduled to open in September, 2007.

The construction for the Water Building will begin soon. A request has been made to Advanced Education for additional funding to cover cost increases.

The new Service Building is in progress. This project is scheduled to be completed by May/June 2007. The old Service Building will be torn down.

The CCBN expansion was completed this summer. Fraser Mustard will be coming to campus on October 6 for the Opening.

University Drive road construction is hoped to be completed before the end of October.

4171.7 George Canyon Benefit Concert

Country Music Artist, George Canyon will be performing at the Enmax Centre on September 23. Proceeds will benefit the University's hockey and music programs. Bill Cade encouraged everyone to purchase tickets.

4171.8 Maclean's Magazine

The University of Lethbridge, along with eleven other Universities chose not to participate in this year's Maclean's Rankings. Bill Cade noted that he had visited with the new Maclean's magazine editor several months ago, taking the opportunity to explain concerns regarding the grade inflations involved with some university rankings within other provinces. Maclean's has not accepted any of the suggestions or concerns that have been raised. Maclean's has informed the Universities that they will be ranked regardless of individual participation. Bill commented that he is not concerned, as he does not feel that these rankings influence Alberta students.

Andrew Hakin noted that statistical information about the University of Lethbridge can be found at www.uleth.ca/accountability.

4171.9 Tuition Policy

Seamus O'Shea attended a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education regarding the Tuition Policy. The government is allowing tuition increases, with the difference in the consumer price index being covered by the government. Details to follow.

4171.10 On-campus Daycare

A second survey is being conducted. This is intended to be brought forward to the Budget Committee to analyze potential costs of constructing and operating this type of facility.

4171.11 Chancellor

Shirley DeBow's term as Chancellor expires March 15, 2007. An ad was placed in the newspaper last weekend, and nominations for a new Chancellor are now open.

4171.12 Board of Governors Chair

Terry Royer resigned from his position as Board Chair, as he was asked to Chair the Access to the Future Committee. The Board of Governors has nominated

another individual. In the interim, Guy McNab has agreed to serve as Acting Chair.

4171.13 The Centre for the Advancement of Excellence in Teaching and Learning
Andrew Hakin explained that The Centre for the Advancement of Excellence in Teaching and Learning has been created to give support for new or beginning faculty. The first activities will take place this September, and they are currently seeking two faculty members to deliver programs in the Spring. This is a University initiative supported initially by faculties.

4171.14 Trevor Woods
Trevor Woods has been appointed as the Acting Executive Director, Information Technology.

4171.15 Order of Canada
Reginald Bibby and Jim Horsman have both been inducted into the Order of Canada. A reception will be held on October 13 in the University Hall Atrium.

4171.16 School of Health Sciences
Chris Hosgood explained that there is currently a shortage of trained nurses. The University of Lethbridge has joined Lethbridge Community College, and the Chinook Health Region in asking the government for funding to pay student nurses while completing their education. The proposal was accepted by the government, allowing for twelve nursing spots.

4171.17 Special Needs Support
A Disabilities Centre, as well as an exam centre have been created to assist students with disabilities. It was encouraged that students requiring assistance be directed to these centres.

4171.18 ULINK
The ULINK telephone registration system is being turned off permanently. All student registration will now be done online.

4172.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

4172.1 Approval of Appointed Faculty Members and Student Appointments to GFC

4172.1.1 MOTION:

Grigg/Hosgood	That General Faculties Council approve the appointed Faculty and Students as attached to the Agenda.
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MOTION: CARRIED

4172.2 2006/07 Faculty and Student Appointments to GFC Committees

4172.2.1 MOTION:

Fuller/Skinner	That nominations cease.
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MOTION: CARRIED

The names as attached to the Agenda were approved.

4172.3 2006/07 GFC Membership Appointments to GFC Executive Committee

4172.3.1 MOTION:

Hart/Nicol That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

David Clearwater, Goldie Morgentaler, Lesley Brown, Mary Runte, and Joanne Luu were acclaimed.

4172.4 GFC Appointment to Senate

4172.4.1 MOTION:

Mather/Stevens That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Ed Wasiak was acclaimed.

4172.5 GFC Executive Nominations to Dean of Graduate Studies & Associate VP (Research) Appointment Committee

4172.5.1 MOTION:

Hosgood/Mather That nominations cease.

MOTION: CARRIED

Rick Mrazek, Rob Sutherland, and Trudy Govier were acclaimed.

4173.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4173.1 Lecture Series Report for 2005-06

The Lecture Series Report was received as information.

4173.2 GFC Committee Reports

The GFC Committee Reports were received as information.

4173.3 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #405, August 28, 2006

The GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #405, August 28, 2006 were received as information.

4174.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

4175.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

4176.0 ADJOURNMENT

4176.1 MOTION:

Mather/Forsyth

That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

4177.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.