



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #530

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2018

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), C. Adams, K. Alexander, R. Barendregt, L. Barrett, B. Black, L. Bryan, S. Bubel, P. Cardozo, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, A. Hakin, M. Hanrahan, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, K. Massey, L. Methot, J. Mills, D. Morrison, R. Mueller, C. Nicol, E. Okine, W. Osborn, K. Peacock, N. Piquette, I. Pohl, S. Quinn-Ost, O. Rodriguez, V. Schindler, P. Shao (phone), A. Siaroff, D. Slomp, D. Smit, M. Stingl, J. Usher, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, S. Wismath, R. Wood

Regrets: J. Brassolotto, J. Clark, H. Ghanbari, N. Grigg, J. Harrowing, J. Jones, A. Khalil, H. Ladd, J. Mather, K. Mazurek, G. Metz, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, M. Nugent, I. Ogumbor, C. Steinke, J. Whitehead

Other: J. Gallais, V. Grisack

Oki, ni kso koo wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2018.09.01

Jurkowski/Loewen

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #530 held Monday, September 10, 2018 be approved with amendment to move Item for Information 6.1 Procedures for Appointment of Senior Administrators after 4.1 Question Period.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2018.09.02

Cooper/Jurkowski

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #529 held Monday, June 4, 2018 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Commencement and NSO – It was an outstanding event with the largest group ever participating in commencement. There was an increase of 34% in participation. We are looking at reconfiguring the NSO next year due to the size of the group.
- Fall 2018 Enrolment is at 8,684 students, which is a slight increase from last year with a small decrease for the Calgary campus. It is important to watch these numbers with the possibility of two new universities coming down the pipe.
- Hess gift announcement – Amazing gift in the quality of the art collection with a monetary portion to come. On September 20th, we will be unveiling the comprehensive fundraising campaign.
- Director, Office of the President, M. Whipple is replacing L. Corbiere who was the former Sr. Advisor to the President. Thank you to Laurel Corbiere for her service. M. Whipple will start September 17th.
- General Update of Ongoing government activities – this will be interesting year with two elections on the horizon. M. Mahon is presenting on research and innovation funding to the Deputy Minister of Finance for Universities Canada. We will be focusing on the provincial side with three main goals. The first is getting lights on funding for the Destination Project. We do not have those dollars allocated yet. It is about \$3 million, which is significant. Secondly, we are in desperate need of a new energy plant as ours is failing. The final goal is Destination Project phase 2, which will involve University Hall, the CCBN as well as Hepler Hall and thoughts on residence. We have been quietly working on a proposal for an engineering degree and we will now be less quiet. We are in the process of sending an official letter to the ministry asking for this proposal to move forward.
- Two Dean searches are on the horizon in the Faculties of Health Sciences and Fine Arts with some information on those will be coming in the next few months.
- Dr. Kerry Godfrey, the new Dean of the Dhillon School of Business will be starting in October.
- Pride Flag Raising on June 14th. Thanks to those who participated in the pride parade.
- Blackfoot Confederacy Flag Raising on Sept 20th at 9:30am SU Bus Loop. It will remain one of our four flags on campus.
- School of Lib Ed, Social Justice Symposium will be on September 21st.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- J. Laurendeau – in regards to the raising of the Blackfoot Confederacy flag, how is Iikaiskini Gathering Place involved in conversations such as raising the Blackfoot Confederacy flag as well as how the university community is supporting them. M. Mahon informed the committee that Iikaiskini is named after Leroy Little Bear whose third name is Low Horn. The centre is continuing

to unfold in regards to student support and has a number of elements related to student support. There are ten truth and reconciliation recommendations related to universities and colleges. There are a number of committees that are working on those as well as research, education and ceremony. L. Little Bear is our first Niisitapi scholar who is working on a report with R. Pogorzelski, which is close to being finished. That report will help us figure out where we are at and what we need to focus on in the future. The flag raising came about in consultation with L. Little Bear and some of the elders. It took a while to get the construction done after approving the flag raising last year. K. Massey stated that Iikaiskini was instrumental in the changes that were introduced this year including the graduation stole and regalia. Their leadership was key. J. Laurendeau asked how well are we supporting their leadership. One concern was the location of the centre, which is not easily accessible and discussion occurred around the decision to move it there. Ultimately, Iikaiskini will be in the centre of the campus.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

[A. Hakin Chaired]

5.1. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report – Report 2

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2018.09.03

Hosgood/Nicol

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 – 4 – Health Sciences from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2 for implementation May 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried

There were some changes to the Aboriginal Health major and minor, Post-Diploma B.A.Sc. time limit change for degree completion and addition of a course to the “One of” list.

Dhillon School of Business

MOTION: gfc.2018.09.04

Alam/Smit

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to add MGT 3475 – Agricultural Finance and Markets to the list of Finance electives in the B.Mgt., Post-Diploma B.Mgt., Second degree B.Mgt., Finance Certificate and Combined B.A/B.Mgt. and B.Sc./B.Mgt. programs for implementation May 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried

This course was introduced two years ago. There is crossover in this course with finance and agriculture so MGT 3475 needs to be on both electives lists.

Registrar's Office

MOTION: gfc.2018.09.05

Kennedy/Loewen

*General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #6 – 9 –
Registrar's Office from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee
Report 2 for implementation May 1, 2019.*

Motion: Carried

Discussion occurred around a number of the points including the final project exceeding 20% of the grade and the number of exams allowed in twenty-four hours. Dr. Hakin asked the Registrar to report back with clarification on the changes.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Procedures for Appointment of Senior Administrators

[M. Mahon turned the chair over to A. Hakin.]

M. Mahon gave the Council background on the policy of the appointment of Senior Administrators. Presently, the appointment procedures of senior administrators is delegated from the Board of Governors to General Faculties Council. In 2004, the Post-Secondary Learning Act was created and it is clear that the responsibility of appointment of senior administration is at the board level. The University of Alberta, the University of Calgary and Athabasca have all transitioned this appointment process to fall under Board policy. The UofL chose to keep it with GFC but made it clear that this was delegated with the Board having the final decision. There have been many changes related to labour in the province as well as governance oversight and concerns on institutional autonomy. Discussions occurred with the Board governance committee over the last 6 months and in house legal counsel assisted with an opinion on the appropriate approval authorities. At the recent Board executive meeting, the committee indicated that the university should move forward in making a standalone Board policy. We are in the process of drafting a new policy that will be available to the university community for review in the not so distant future. The overall process is not changing but the size of the committee may be adjusted. The consultative nature of the process will stay the same, as there is no intent to change that part.

Discussion on timelines, where the process will stay until the new policy is in place as well as best practices on appointment committees occurred. It was identified that due to the large committee sizes, there are problems getting committees together so they are looking at how to get diversity but lowering the size. Upcoming dean searches have not struck committees yet as they are awaiting a new policy.

[A. Hakin continued to Chair the remaining meeting]

6.2. Destination Project

A. Hakin introduced M. Letts who gave an update on the project. It is exciting time with the building being on time and on budget. We are still waiting for confirmation of lights on funding from the provincial government. We all need to push hard for funding from the government as this is a significant concern for our institution. Lights on funding required to open is \$3.2 million, which is a 28% increase in our footprint.

There are multiple entrances to the building now visible. The connector walkway distance to Markin Hall is actually shorter than envisioned. By September 15th, they will reach the 97% completion rate. The building is scheduled to be turned over from PCL January 7, 2019. They will be testing building systems from January to May. The move into the building will begin in May and classes will start in September. There was discussion on completing inventories and cleanups, who owns the building as well as reopening closed pathways to the river bottom. Comments arose on how we are looking forward to highlighting the building for students next fall, and that it would be the most sustainable building in Canada.

6.3. Institutional Academic Timetable Update

S. Kennedy briefly updated GFC. She will be consulting with academic units and will bring information back to October's GFC meeting.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Member Nominations

J. Gallais informed the committee on the process for the Executive committee. This will be coming to GFC in October.

6.5. GFC Nomination Committee – GFC Iniskim Education Committee/Senate Honorary Degree Committee

A. Siaroff explained the process and let the committee members know that these vacancies can be filled by academic staff who are not members of GFC.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 4, 2018

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – May 28 and June 25, 2018

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

K. Massey informed members on the events surrounding the visit of the NASA astronaut, Doug Wheelock that will be happening next week. C. Malacrida will be the moderator on the panel discussion with D. Wheelock and four University of Lethbridge researchers. S. Wismath will be introducing the panel. There will be a reception on September 18 at 6 pm in the Fine Arts theatre. He will be talking to high school students at Career Fair on the 19th.

C. Malacrida reported that the Take Two Speakers Series will start again on the 15th of September.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2018.09.06

Jurkowski/Massey

That the GFC meeting #530 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried