



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #531

Approved Minutes

Monday, October 1, 2018

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), C. Adams, L. Barrett, B. Black, J. Brassolotto, L. Bryan, P. Cardozo, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, J. Doan, G. Fujiwara, H. Ghanbari, K. Godfrey, A. Hakin, M. Hanrahan, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, J. Harrowing, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, J. Jones, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, K. Massey, K. Mazurek, L. Methot, G. Metz, J. Mills, 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, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, S. Wismath, R. Wood

Regrets: K. Alexander, R. Barendregt, S. Bubel, J. Clark, C. Cooper, J. Dobbie, N. Grigg, J. Mather, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, D. Morrison, R. Mueller, M. Nugent, I. Ogumbor, J. Usher, J. Whitehead

Other: J. Gallais, V. Grisack, D. Olsen, M. Whipple

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

M. Mahon introduced K. Godfrey, Dean of the Dhillon School of Business and M. Whipple, Director, Office of the President. He thanked E. Jurkowski, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts for his service to the university as this is his last meeting and it was announced that D. Olsen and J. Rice will be Interim Deans in Fine Arts. H. Jansen will be Acting Associate Dean in Arts & Science while J. Rice is in Fine Arts.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Mark Sandilands, Professor Emeritus.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2018.10.01

Jurkowski/Laurendeau

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #531 held Monday, October 1, 2018 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2018.10.02

Hosgood/Black

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #530 held Monday, September 10, 2018 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- M. Mahon's annual objectives were approved at the June Board meeting There were nine objectives:
 - Work with the Board and senior leaders on all changes unfolding with province legislation/compensation/conflict of interest/mandate/funding model and tuition.
 - Prepare for outcomes of upcoming elections - federal and provincial.
 - Support the exploration/planning for south campus development.
 - Lead and support the activities of the senior leadership team, Board of Governors, GFC and Senate.
 - Lead the comprehensive fundraising campaign to raise \$100 million.
 - Participate in government relations with a focus on funding for emerging priorities such as new energy centre and Destination II.
 - Community engagement both internally and externally.
 - Professional activities – continuing as board chair of Universities Canada.
 - Action plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Senate Report – provided for information with Chancellor and Honorary Degree Recipient Nomination attachments. M. Mahon strongly encouraged members to think of some potential honorary degree nominees. Deadline is November 1st. The Chancellor Search committee has met once. Again, please think of who would serve the University of Lethbridge well in the role of Chancellor. The new Chancellor will be installed at the first ceremony in the Spring.
- Recent events included
 - Blackfoot Confederacy Flag raising was on Sept 20th - during Truth and Reconciliation week
 - Welcome Back BBQ
 - Dedication of the Blackfoot turtle symbol to the School of Liberal Education
- Campaign Launch (SHINE) – We are looking to raise \$100 million of which we have already raised \$67 million.
- Enrolment numbers are at 8,767 students (up .5%) which is a new record.
- Meetings in Edmonton with Assistant Deputy Minister Saunderson, Deputy Minister Nelson and Deputy Minister Skura. We continue to work on a number of fronts including Lights on Funding for the Destination Project – we have not

gotten a commitment from the government for this yet. It is three million dollars annually, which is a significant amount.

- Flurry of activities in the faculties with too many events to name. Thanks to all of those who are supporting these events.
- Retiree Luncheon takes place Oct 4th. There will be an opportunity to remember Mark Sandilands, the president of The University of Lethbridge Retired Faculty Association.
- Friends of Health Sciences Dinner Oct 4th
- TRC Symposiums Oct 12th
- Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner - Honouring the late Dr. Bhagwan Dua Oct 18th
- Let there be light night on Oct 12th, which is the Alumni night and then convocation on the weekend. Please consider attending convocation to support our students.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- K. Peacock – In the \$15 million we need for the Destination Project, does this include \$3 million for lights on funding? M. Mahon stated that the government expected us to raise \$20 million toward the project. The fifteen million is capital funding. The \$3 million for lights on funding is for operation of the building as well as any human resource needs. There is a possibility of a new government and the possibility of more budget cuts. Is the university running scenarios for possible cuts? The president replied that we are preparing for a possible change in government and are looking at different possibilities for cuts. Senior leaders are meeting tomorrow and will be brainstorming potential scenarios. We will be looking at our values. It is important to recognize that it is not just a problem for senior administration but a challenge for the entire university to grapple with.
- J. Laurendeau – It was great to see the Blackfoot Confederacy flag raising. What is the plan for flying it on University Drive as well as the bus loop? Dr. Mahon stated that initially we are only flying it at the bus loop because the cost of adding another one is expensive. J. Laurendeau also asked where does the funding come from for the Elders in residence program. He thought maybe the Dhillon School of Business funds it. Can you clarify where the funding comes from? M. Mahon didn't know but we will look for that information. The Elders are used in various areas across campus so he didn't think it came from just from the Dhillon School of Business. Clarification on how often the elders are on campus was also requested. M. Mahon stated that this should be in the report that we are waiting on from L. Little Bear and R. Pogorzelski.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

A. Hakin reported that there are two vacancies on the GFC Executive Committee. He thanked Michael Stingl and Jennifer Copeland for their service on GFC Executive. Two members are required for two, two-year terms (October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2020). A. Hakin went over the procedures for the nominations.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. The following nominations were received for the two, two-year terms:

- David Slomp
- Noella Piquette

MOTION: gfc.2018.10.03

Hakin/Jurkowski

All nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

There were two vacancies on the GFC Executive Committee for two-year terms, so the candidates were acclaimed.

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

MOTION: gfc.2018.10.04

Siaroff/Massey

That GFC approve the appointment of Gordon Bruyere to the GFC Iniskim Education Committee, effective immediately until September 30, 2019.

That GFC approve the appointments of Toupey Luft and Olga Kovalchuk to the Senate Honorary Degree Committee, effective immediately until June 30, 2020.

Motion: Carried

5.3. Calendar Update - Graduation

MOTION: gfc.2018.10.05

Kennedy/Bryan

That GFC approve the attached updates to the Graduation Section of the Academic Calendar, effective May 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried

Discussion occurred around the fees for replacing the parchments. It was noted after the meeting that approval of the amount of the fee is contingent on the Board approving the fee at their December meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin gave an update on the project. The landscaping is being done including new curbs, pavement and sidewalks. We'd like another \$15 million for the fitting of the inside of the building. Models are being looked at for shared space/equipment and streamlining centralized stores to reduce inventory. We are now focussing less on the construction of the building and more on the operation. Discussion occurred around the bike path and if it will be reopened. N. Walker stated that it will be redone in some form but we need to wait for the construction to be completed.

6.2. Senior Administration Appointment Policies

J. Gallais updated the committee on the changes to the bylaws resulting from the removal of the appointment procedures. The process document has gone to Statutory Deans' Council after which revisions were made. The revised package was presented to GFC Executive on Monday, and the document was posted on website on September 25th with policy feedback collected until October 9th. Any revisions will be done and then presented to the Board of Governors on Oct 11th. On October 12th, we will start staffing the two dean search committees. After the policies are approved, the delegations in place now will be rescinded. J. Gallais gave an overview of the policies. Comparisons were completed with the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary on their committee composition size. Our committees were considerably larger so we have lowered ours as reflected in the agenda package. Discussion occurred around the topics of quorum, voting, diversity of members and bias training.

6.3. Institutional Academic Timetable Update

S. Kennedy gave a presentation on the timetable project. They are looking at 2020-21 to have the annual academic timetable in place to ease student stress. The committee is looking at increasing offerings of 75 minutes classes since they are the most popular. The consultation process has started and they will meet with various groups across campus. The committee will be holding open information sessions in October and will bring another update to GFC. Following the presentation, there was a discussion about what the Infosilem software can do, the student experience, consultation with departments regarding changes, and how the final academic schedule will be approved. M. Mahon stated that the annual academic schedule will not be implemented until there is comfort with the student, IT and human (faculty) sides. There are budget challenges and we have to optimize efficiencies to deliver the best experience we can. A. Hakin commented that one of our core values is accessibility and this software is in line with that.

6.4. GFC Standing Committee Reports

Received annually as information. No questions were raised.

6.5. Human Subjects Research Committee Annual Report

Received every Fall for review by GFC. E. Okine introduced S. Allen, the chair of the committee and S. Entz, Human ethics research officer to answer any questions raised. No questions were raised.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 24, 2018
Received as information. No questions raised.

6.7. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – September 4, 2018
Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS
No other business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2018.10.06

Jurkowski/Godfrey

That the GFC meeting #531 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried