



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #532

Approved Minutes

Monday, November 5, 2018

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: A. Hakin (Chair), C. Adams, K. Alexander, L. Barrett, B. Black, J. Brassolotto, L. Bryan, S. Bubel, P. Cardozo, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, C. Hamilton, M. Hanrahan, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, J. Jones, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, K. Massey, K. Mazurek, G. Metz, J. Mills, R. Mueller, C. Nicol, I. Ogumbor (phone), E. Okine, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, K. Peacock, N. Piquette, I. Pohl, S. Quinn-Ost, J. Rice, O. Rodriguez, P. Shao (phone), A. Siaroff, D. Slomp, D. Smit, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, K. Turner, J. Usher, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, J. Whitehead, S. Wismath

Regrets: R. Barendregt, J. Clark, H. Ghanbari, K. Godfrey, N. Grigg, J. Harrowing, L. Howard, A. Khalil, M. Mahon J. Mather, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, M. Nugent, J. Roth, V. Schindler, R. Wood

Other: S. Alam, J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Letts, H. Mirau, M. Whipple

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

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of former president, Dr. William (Bill) Beckel.

C. Howey, Community Development Coordinator of the United Way gave a presentation on their November campaign. This year's campaign is emphasizing local participation. United Way gives back 90 percent of dollars raised. The campaign runs for the month of November and direct payroll deduction is an option.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2018.11.01

Loewen/Massey

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #532 held Monday, November 5, 2018 be approved with the removal of Items for Action 5.2 Curriculum Coordinating Report and addition of Other Business – 7.2 Timetable Discussion.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2018.11.02

Piquette/Copeland

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

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin welcomed D. Olsen and J. Rice who are the Interim Deans of Fine Arts.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Hakin reported in M. Mahon's absence:

- Distinguished Teaching Award nomination Deadline is Dec 17th
- Maclean's Ranking drop from 4th to 6th place in ranks. We stayed the same or improved in 10 out of 14 categories. Dropped in Reputational Survey, Student Services, Library Expenses and Total research dollars. We are in the process of analysing the results and discussing how to improve our position.
- Bill 19 was released last week. Part of the Bill deals with tuition. It allows the government to cap each institution's tuition increases to the consumer price index. It also allows the Ministry to regulate mandatory non-instructional fees and international student tuition. Next year tuition is frozen again, and we have not been told if there will be any backfill as there has been in previous years. The second part of Bill 19 was regarding the Roles and Mandates. It confirms that ACAD is transitioning to a university. It allows colleges, 2 we know of, Red Deer College and GPRC to continue the journey to university status without any other legislation being put in place. It also ensures that there are two student representatives on each board, which was more of an issue at the college level.
- Congratulations to Faculty & Student researchers who are supported by NSERC to the tune of \$1.98 million
- Friends of Health Sciences Dinner Oct 4th - Jerry Singleton was honoured at the dinner.
- Dr. Stacey Whetmore received a Canadian Institute of Chemistry Fellowship. The first to be awarded in the department.
- Wilma Winter Hall was named on Oct 12th. Wilma Winter was a founding member of Kinesiology. It was good to see so many former faculty come back for the event.
- TRC Symposium Oct 12th run by Education Canada. It drew many members from the external community to campus.
- Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner on Oct 18th - Honouring Dr. Dua with the first scholarship dinner of its type. It was a good evening with lots of memories shared.
- COPPOA on November 23rd, Mike will be attending this meeting of all 26 presidents with either the minister or deputy minister to discuss topics emerging in the province.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- J. Laurendeau asked for clarification on the four areas we dropped in the Maclean's survey. A. Hakin responded that they were reputational survey (4th to 6th), library expenses (7th to 9th), student services (1st to 3rd), and total research dollars (4th to 8th). Chris Nicol stated that the Library has gone through a large senior staff renewal with new staff being hired at a lower level.
- B. Black – Regarding the reputational survey, whom did they survey? A. Hakin stated both faculty and students. He asked that anyone who gets the surveys to please fill them out.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Academic Quality Assurance Policy - Revisions

MOTION: gfc.2018.11.03

Siaroff/Cooper

That GFC approve the proposed changes to the Academic Quality Assurance Policy with a friendly amendment to make the post-review meeting with the AQAC Committee Chair, Dean, and Program Review Coordinator mandatory.

Motion: Carried

A. Siaroff gave some background on the reviews and recommendations that were made through the university quality assurance process review. He introduced P. Sparrow-Clarke who supports the committee and was there to answer questions. There was discussion surrounding the post-review meeting as well as recommendations that require budget resources. A friendly amendment was requested to make the post-review meeting mandatory. A. Hakin stated that the reviews identify key priorities for the deans so the can identify where they can funnel resources if they become available.

5.2. GFC Nomination Committee – Dean Search Committees

MOTION: gfc.2018.11.04

Siaroff/Loewen

That GFC approve the appointment of Don Gill to the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts Search Committee, effective immediately.

That GFC approve the appointment of Devan McNeill to the Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences Search Committee, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

No comments or discussion.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

A. Hakin introduced M. Letts who gave a brief update on the project. PCL has achieved the 98% completion marker ahead of schedule. The interior is at or near completion in many areas. The turn over of keys will occur in January. The architects, KPMB, and the University of Lethbridge have been nominated for the Destination Project building design. The ceremony will take place in Amsterdam. There has been a lot of work done on the details of the move into the building including lab coordination, placement of furnishings, etc. M. Letts mentioned that there had been some negative communications about the building. There was discussion surrounding the negativity as some members mentioned that they had not heard anything. It was also mentioned that the building is well lit at night. M. Letts stated that there is a lot of glass and the lights are LED so it is more visible. PCL controls the building at this time so we may have a different approach when we move into the building. The classroom inventory is open to all of the university to use except for a few rooms that will be allocated to the sciences.

6.2. GFC Executive Committee Report – October 29, 2018

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – September 24, 2018

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. International Education Week

G. Fujiwara invited GFC members to take part in the events to celebrate cross-cultural learning on Campus, November 5 – 9. The events will showcase some of our international students. The schedule of events is included in the agenda package.

7.2. Discussion of Timetable

J. Copeland stated that the university has embarked on a number of initiatives to change and improve academic timetabling and exam scheduling. Although these changes are ultimately for the benefit of the university it has created discussions with colleagues about governance and roles and responsibilities of GFC for academic timetabling. This is an opportunity for GFC, who under the PSLA has the authority to determine the timetable, to participate by forming a committee to oversee the process. There was discussion among members and they are looking for more involvement by GFC in the governance of the process. J. Gallais suggested that the next steps are for information to be brought to GFC Exec, and this can involve looking at our history as well as what happens at other GFC's in Alberta in regards to this responsibility. A. Hakin stated that there are two types of committees (standing committee/ad hoc committee) which could be formed. GFC Members encouraged GFC Executive to look at this item and bring back some recommendations to GFC.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2018.11.05

Cooper/Laurendeau

That the GFC meeting #532 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried