



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #535

Approved Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2019

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), C. Adams, K. Alexander, L. Barrett, B. Black, J. Brassolotto, L. Bryan, S. Bubel, P. Cardozo, J. Clark (phone), C. Cooper, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, K. Godfrey, C. Hamilton, M. Hanrahan, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, J. Harrowing, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, J. Jones, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, K. Massey, J. Mather, K. Mazurek, J. Mills, R. Mueller, C. Nicol, I. Ogumbor, E. Okine, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, K. Peacock, I. Pohl, J. Rice, O. Rodriguez, V. Schindler, A. Siaroff, D. Smit, G. Tian (phone), K. Turner, J. Usher, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, R. Wood
- Regrets:** R. Barendregt, H. Ghanberi, N. Grigg, A. Hakin, A. Khalil, C. Malacrida, G. Metz, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, M. Nugent, N. Piquette, S. Quinn-Ost, J. Roth, D. Slomp, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, J. Whitehead, S. Wismath,
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, S. McManus, H. Mirau, J. Sanders, C. Weaselhead, M. Whipple,

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.01

Laurendeau/Mather

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #535 held Monday, March 4, 2019 be approved noting that 2 post-agenda items were sent out and adding under Other Business 7.1 Level of Writing Ability of Students.

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon will step out for Items for Action 5.2 and E. Okine will chair. There was discussion on how items are added to the agenda and it was indicated that GFC Executive approves the agenda as they are responsible for ensuring appropriate items are brought forth with enough information for fulsome discussion.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.02

Mather/Copeland

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #534 held Monday, February 4, 2019 with minor edits and GFC Email Vote #534.1 February 21, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon introduced Charles Weaselhead who will take over as Chancellor on March 15, 2019. He read the Chancellor-elect's bio and asked him to speak to the committee. C. Weaselhead expressed his pleasure in taking on this position. He discussed some of his background as well as the impact that the Blood Reserve has on the city and the University of Lethbridge. M. Mahon expressed thanks to outgoing Chancellor Janice Varzari for her tremendous work as an ambassador for the University of Lethbridge.

M. Mahon reported:

- The President's Award for Service Excellence deadline of March 15th is approaching. M. Mahon encouraged GFC members to submit nominations.
- Indigenous Awareness Week started this morning with a pipe ceremony. M. Mahon is learning more about the ceremonial pipe and protocols.
- Destination Project update/lights on funding – We received notification that we will get \$3 million in one time funding from the government. Lights on funding includes costs from utilities to staffing.
- Universities UK – International Higher Education Forum 2019 – One topic is change in international recruitment. With the political atmosphere in the US, we have seen a dramatic rise of applications at the UofL from India.
- Reception for Leroy Little Bear celebrating his Order of Canada appointment after GFC today. This will be held in Markin Hall atrium and everyone is invited to attend.
- Upcoming Federal/Provincial Budget announcements – there was a significant resignation on the federal scene of a federal minister today. We are communicating with all those who are running for public office. The University has a clearly defined policy on practices during an election whether it be provincial or federal and are working carefully to adhere to that policy.
- Vice-President (Research) Review – the process is underway.
- West Castle Field Station – We received funding a \$450,000 grant from Environmental Monitoring.
- The International Dinner was held February 12, 2019 and was a great success.
- U Cup will happen on March 14 – 17th. Tickets are still available. This is the first time we have hosted a national hockey tournament.

- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21st. There will be a series of displays in the atrium.
- Meeting of the Minds Conference sponsored by the GSA on March 23rd. M. Mahon encouraged GFC members to attend the conference.
- Yukon College visit to the University of Lethbridge. Our visitors will be attending the April 1st GFC meeting. They are in the process of becoming a university. Dr. Mahon has been working with them on their governance. They will be the first institution that will have a highly formalized element of their governance related to indigenous engagement. This conversation has started at Universities Canada.
- Dhillon School of Business Scholarship Dinner will be held on April 12th

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- J. Laurendeau – At the last GFC meeting, we discussed equity, diversity and inclusion across campus. There are anti-racism workshops at other institutions – what is happening here at the senior leadership level. M. Mahon replied that they have had conversations at Universities Canada and have begun to develop a program for senior leaders there. We are looking at cost effective ways to introduce this topic here. We looked at bringing the same speaker here that UC had; however, the cost was prohibitive so we are looking for other opportunities. E. Okine added that there is an application from the University of Lethbridge for a grant of \$200,000/year for training on equity, diversity, and inclusion. M. Mahon referenced the report discussed last meeting noting that he has asked for a concrete set of recommendations to implement on campus. This work will unfold over the next few months.

C. Weaselhead left the meeting after question period.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Reports

Recommendations from Report 1

School of Graduate Studies – Rob Wood

R. Wood stated that they are removing recommendation 1 from the Report 1 as well as modifying recommendation 2.

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.03
Wood/Hosgood

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of the Public Health Specialization to the M.Sc. Health Sciences major, for implementation May 1, 2019.

(Deleted - and Addictions and Mental Health Psychology to the M.Sc. Addictions Counselling major)

Motion: Carried (2 abstentions)

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.04
Wood/Hosgood

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of a Public Health Specialization in the M.Sc. program, for implementation May 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

Registrar's Office – Susie Kennedy
Withdrawing Recommendation 5 from Report 1.

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.05
Kennedy/Hosgood

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of admission deadlines for the new Public Health Specialization in the School of Graduate Studies, for implementation May 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

C. Loewen thanked Health Sciences and Graduate Studies for the work and willingness to work with Faculty of Education.

Recommendations from Report 2: Pending Ministerial Approval

Dhillon School of Business – Kerry Godfrey
MOTION: gfc.2019.03.06
Godfrey/Cooper

That General Faculties Council approve the name change from “Professional Diploma in Accounting” to “Post-Bachelor Certificate in Accounting”, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Arts & Science – Craig Cooper
MOTION: gfc.2019.03.07
Cooper/Rice

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of a proposed Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) degree program with three possible majors – Civil Engineering, Industrial Process Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried (35 for/16 against – L. Bryan/I. Pohl/B. Harray/V. Schindler/J. Laurendeau asked for opposition to be recorded)

There was a robust discussion surrounding funding, outreach and the accreditation requirements as well as concern with the lower number of liberal education courses required for the engineering program. Dean Cooper responded that if this program were approved, we would have the most liberal education requirements in the province. He recognizes the limitations with liberal education requirements but we need to have the program accredited by the governing body or the graduates cannot practice in their field. The engineering degree program will not go forward unless we are able to get government funding for it. It was indicated that whenever changes occur to the accreditation the possibilities of having more liberal education course will be explored.

School of Graduate Studies – Rob Wood

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.08

Wood/Laurendeau

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #3 - 7 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

Registrar's Office – Susie Kennedy

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.09

Kennedy/Cummins

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #8 - 11 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 2, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

5.2. GFC Nomination Committee

GFC Nominee to the Board of Governors

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.10

Siaroff/Bryan

That GFC approve John Sheriff to serve as a nominee of General Faculties Council on the Board of Governors.

Motion: Carried

The candidate was selected by an approval vote. There were five nominations with J. Sheriff getting the most votes.

M. Mahon left the room.

E. Okine Chaired this item.

President & Vice-Chancellor Search and Review Committee

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.11

Siaroff/Laurendeau

That GFC approve the slate of nominees below to fill committee vacancies.

President & Vice-Chancellor Search and Review Committee

Suzanne Lenon, Women & Gender Studies

Tracy Oosterbroek, Health Sciences – Nursing

Trushar Patel, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Claudia Steinke, Health Sciences - Nursing

Wei Xu, Geography

Motion: Carried

There were only five nominations received.

M. Mahon returned to the room and as Chair. He indicated to Council that after the committee meets and is informed of his decision, a university wide communication will be sent out so everyone is aware of his intentions.

5.3. GFC Convocation Committee – Order of Conferral

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.12

Massey/Bryan.

That the General Faculties Council Convocation Committee recommend to GFC for approval the new Order of Conferral for Spring Convocation, effective for Spring 2019 Convocation .pending a review of the applications for graduation closing on March 1, 2019.

<i>Spring Convocation</i>	
<i>Ceremony 1</i>	<i>PhD, MSc, BAsC, BSc</i>
<i>Ceremony 2</i>	<i>MA, MN, BA, BN, BHSc, BTR</i>
<i>Ceremony 3</i>	<i>MC, MEd, MFA, MMus, BEd, Combined BEd, BFA, BMus</i>
<i>Ceremony 4</i>	<i>MSc (Mgt), BMgt, Combined Mgt, Certificate, Diploma</i>

Motion: Carried (1 opposed)

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

C. Cooper gave an update on the projects. On February 23rd, C. Cooper presented to the Western Deans group. Dr. Fred Wrona was given a tour and was impressed with the new building. Plans for the transition to the new building are progressing. The central facility research guidelines are being circulated now. Costing are being done for small renovations for those scientists that were hired after construction started or whose research has changed. The periodic table display feature was installed on the eighth floor. It is right at the main entrance and looks great.

6.2. Academic Staff Count

J. Gallais updated the committee on the Academic staff count for the next year's seat allocation for each faculty or school's membership. The numbers are attached to the agenda showing a seat swap with Fine Arts and Business. It was asked which academic staff numbers are used. The count is of full time academic staff.

6.3. Indigenous Awareness Days

K. Massey informed the council on the various upcoming events with a pipe ceremony starting things off this morning. Many great events from a cultural and education perspective going on around campus. She acknowledged the hard work of the Indigenous Student Affairs team (Roy Pogorzelski, Charlene Bruised Head-Mountain Horse, Joanna Lavers, Maria Livingston) and formally thanked them.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Report – February 25, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – January 28, 2019 and February 13, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Level of writing ability of students

B. Black stated that he was asked to bring this up at GFC. Members in the Faculty of Fine Arts have noticed that the level of writing ability of students is concerning. This was also discussed at the Teaching Centre recently. B. Black would like this to be brought forward to GFC Executive to discuss and then to General Faculties Council. M. Mahon encouraged him to send this concern forward to GFC Executive to discuss at the next meeting. There was some discussion on the staffing of the writing centre as well as the language proficiency of some of our international students. A. Siaroff reported that there is a current review being done by the Academic Quality Assurance Committee of the Academic Writing Centre.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2019.03.13

Massey/Godfrey

That the GFC meeting #535 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried