



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #536

Approved Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2019

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon (Chair), R. Barendregt, L. Barrett, B. Black, J. Brassolotto, P. Cardozo, J. Clark (phone), C. Cooper, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, C. Currie, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, A. Gammack, K. Godfrey, N. Grigg, N. Haimoun, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Howard, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, J. Jones, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, J. Mather, K. Mazurek, G. Metz, J. Mills, C. Nicol, I. Ogumbor, E. Okine, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, K. Peacock, I. Pohl, J. Rice, O. Rodriguez, J. Roth, V. Schindler, A. Siaroff, D. Slomp, D. Smit, K. Turner, J. Usher, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, J. Whitehead, S. Wismath, R. Wood

Regrets: C. Adams, K. Alexander, L. Bryan, S. Bubel, J. Doan, H. Ghanbari, A. Hakin, A. Khalil, K. Massey, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, R. Mueller, M. Nugent, N. Piquette, S. Quinn-Ost, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, G. Tian

Other: J. Gallais, V. Grisack, N. Eva, H. Mirau, J. Preyde, Yukon College visitors – I. Bogacheck, E. Prokopchuk, K. Kennedy, A. Graham, E. Bourdon, L. Kinnear

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

Welcome to our guests from Yukon College.

A moment of silence was observed for UofL student, Raymond Eagle Bear.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2019.04.01

Wood/Cooper

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #536 held Monday, April 1, 2019 be approved with the addition of an item under Other Business.

Motion: Carried

A meeting of the minds update under other business was requested.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2019.04.02

Laurendeau/Loewen

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #535 held Monday, March 4, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Dean Searches/VP Research Update – Two recent resignations were accepted. Dean Cooper will be done on July 1 with C. Malacrida (AVP Research) at the end of August. M. Letts will take over as Interim Dean of Arts & Science for 1 year until June 30, 2020. Other search updates – Fine Arts Dean Search – there will be two candidates on campus April 17/18 and 25/26. For the Health Sciences Dean Search, we are bringing five candidates in for an initial off-campus interview, which will take place later this month. The review for the VP Research is underway and should be completed soon.
- The President extended thanks to the ULSU/GSA representatives as this is their last meeting. He thanked them for their great work this last year.
- Destination Project - Lights on funding update - We have received lights-on-funding in the amount of \$3 million. This is a half million less than we requested and is only one time funding. We need to convince the government for permanent lights on funding.
- Universities UK - International Higher Education Forum 2019 – meeting on behalf of Universities Canada with Mark Carney the governor for the bank of England. Brexit was a hot topic.
- WUSC - Al Barnhill donation builds on initiative of our students. The student referendum was passed with a \$2 commitment from each student to support a refugee student.
- We have had a bunch of great events this past month. These are just a few - Brain Awareness Week, Indigenous Week March 1 - 8th, U CUP March 14 - 17th, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - March 21st, Meeting of the Minds Conference March 23rd, Earth Day Symposium March 28th
- Upcoming events – Dhillon School of Business Scholarship Dinner April 12th, Cancer Blast Benefit concert April 13th, Calgary Campus Shining on Innovation Dinner (formerly Instructor Appreciation Dinner) April 27th, Long Service Awards May 1st, Nursing Gala May 3rd, En Plein Air dates at Coutts Centre and Penny Building Gallery

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- Jennifer Mather – Comment regarding impact of the Destination Project Building on campus wildlife. Has there been any mitigating considerations for bird collisions on the glass windows in the new building? M. Letts will talk with science facilities office and report back. She also commented on the amount of lights on in the building. Light pollution has an affect on people and animals. M. Mahon noted that it is his

understanding that there is less light coming out of the building but he will check on that. M. Letts stated that they are all LED light so the energy use is much less than University Hall. There will be timers so if an area is not being used only lighting for safety will be on. There is still work happening on the building with around 100 people on site. J. Copeland said that the lighting has significantly decreased since she first posed this question at GFC a few months ago.

5. PRESENTATION

5.1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

M. Mahon introduced Jacqueline Preyde, Gideon Fujiwara and Nicole Eva who gave a presentation on their report that was linked from the agenda. The committee was formed a year ago, and one of the first actions was to obtain an inventory of things that were already happening on campus. N. Eva contacted other institutions across Canada to inquire what they were doing and who was doing it. All but one of the nine institutions contacted had an equity office. They are at arms length from the administration governing offices. Open consultations were held on campus and they identified 19 specific recommendations. These recommendations were divided into two groups - one group that could be easily accomplished and the other which would require more planning and investment. A lengthy discussion occurred around the topics of bias training and the Athena SWAN program with some questions raised on the effectiveness of these initiatives.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

M. Letts gave an update on the project while showing a slide depicting the timeline of the move into the new building. It is a complex move that requires coordination with vendors/campus safety/facilities, etc. The grand opening committee is working on the event scheduled for September 13-14th. They are looking for things to be on displays for the opening. There are many tours going on right now. The question of booking the spaces was raised again. We are still waiting for the fire marshal to assign capacity numbers. S. Kennedy is hopeful that this will happen soon so we can start booking events in the building.

6.2. Standing Committee Bylaw Review Update

A. Siaroff gave background of the work that has been done. The draft of the bylaw revisions were attached today with the intent to bring it as an item for action to GFC in May. Email A. Siaroff or J. Gallais if you have any concern/comments by April 15th which is the deadline for feedback. A. Siaroff went over some of the changes to the standing committees. There was a merger of committees as well as a couple of brand new ones including the Academic offenses committee, timetable committee which is different from the timetabling working group and a nomination committee which is currently a sub committee of GFC Exec. The Research committee will take over travel committee to become the Research Planning committee. There was a good discussion amongst the council regarding the changes and why some things were changed. M. Mahon reminded members to send J. Gallais or A. Siaroff any comments or concerns regarding the bylaw revisions.

6.3. 2019-2021 GFC Meeting Schedule & Guidelines

For information. No questions raised.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Report – March 25, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – February 25, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting of the Minds was held on March 23rd. I. Ogumbor thanked all the faculty that came to support the graduate students' conference.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2019.04.03

Ogumbor/Copeland

That the GFC meeting #536 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried