



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #538

Approved Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2019

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** A. Hakin (Chair), R. Barendregt, B. Black, S. Bubel, P. Cardozo, J. Clark (phone), C. Cooper, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, C. Currie, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, A. Gammack, H. Ghanberi (phone), N. Haimoun, R. Harper-Brown, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, C. Loewen, K. Massey, J. Mather, K. Mazurek, G. Metz, J. Miles, J. Mills, R. Munn, C. Nicol, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, K. Potts, J. Rice, A. Siaroff, J. Whitehead, S. Wismath, L. Zink
- Regrets:** C. Adams, K. Alexander, L. Barrett, J. Brassolotto, K. Godfrey, N. Grigg, B. Harray, L. Howard, A. Khalil, H. Kletke, M. Mahon, C. Malacrida, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, R. Mueller, B. Nikolai-Wilson, M. Nugent, E. Okine, K. Peacock, N. Piquette, E. Pullan, O. Rodriguez, B. Rogers, J. Sheriff, D. Slomp, C. Steinke, M. Stingl, G. Tian, J. Usher, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, R. Wood
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Whipple, K. Fuglerud, M. Letts, M. Matkin, A. Zovoilis

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

A moment of silence was observed for Elder Carolla Calf Robe.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.01

Hosgood/Cooper

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #538 held Monday, June 3, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

It was highlighted that the post-agenda attachment for item 5.2 was sent out this afternoon.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.02

Miles/Mather

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #537 held Monday, May 6, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Hakin reported on behalf of the President:

- Dean Searches for Health Sciences and Fine Arts have concluded. An announcement will be sent out this week for Fine Arts. Health Sciences is in the final stages.
- Science Building – the move is underway. – please mark in your calendars the Grand Opening on September 13th & 14th.
- Government meetings in Edmonton with: J. Krips, Deputy Minister of Economic Development; R. Skura, Deputy Minister Advanced Education; and D. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education. The funding formula has been laid out but we don't know what it entails yet. There is an overriding position of the premier to get rid of red tape and the CARU presidents have put a proposal for the removal of some of the obstacles that are tying up resources. M. Mahon also attended the Throne Speech.
- Royal Society of Canada call for nominations. The deadline is June 10th.
- A Light on Teaching – call for article submissions on various topics are due June 21st.
- HJ Wieden has been appointed Assistant Dean, Arts & Science. M. Letts will be Interim Dean after C. Cooper steps down.
- Leroy Little Bear was inducted into the Order of Canada on May 8th. M. Mahon was in attendance.
- Pipe Ceremony to recognize our new Chancellor, Charles Weaselhead as well as the Indigenous Student Affairs Graduation Reception was on May 29th.
- Spring Convocation held on May 30th & 31st. There were about 1800 students that crossed the stage. Thanks to those who came to Convocation to support their students.
- The Chancellor Installation and Chancellor's Dinner were held on May 30th. First Indigenous Chancellor for the UofL was installed by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. The Lieutenant Governor had a lunchtime presentation of awards to students in the Faculty of Education with a presentation by a grade 7 student on one of the field guns from Lethbridge Battery which was used in World War I.
- Head of the Herd held on Saturday was a great success.
- Board meeting and retreat will take place on June 13th & 14th.
- The Senate Recognition Dinner will be on June 10th in the Urban Market.
- This is the last meeting until September. Thanks to those who served on GFC. Special thanks to Dean Hosgood and Dean Cooper for all their contributions over the years.
- Enjoy the summer!

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- J. Mather – She is still having troubles with parking. She used someone else's parking spot last week as the handicapped permit spots were all being used. She is moving into the new building next month. It was noted that Parking is hoping to have the handicapped spots done by the end on the month, and N. Walker will look into the number of handicapped spots.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Reports

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.03

Hosgood/Nicol

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #1 – 3 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1 for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried (J. Laurendeau abstained)

There was a comment on being glad to see the addition of Aboriginal Health 3300 and some discussion about the two electives from Health Sciences being a potential narrowing of focus. C. Hosgood will follow up with this question and get the answer to J. Gallais (response is appended to these minutes).

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.04

Cooper/Cummins

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the minor in Japanese.

Motion: Carried

Dhillon School of Business

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.05

Jarvie/Cooper

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #5 – 6 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1 for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried (1 opposed)

A question surrounding p. 22 of 80 on Report 1 was discussed. One of the objectives was to clarify the rules around withdrawal. It was stated that we cannot require them to withdraw after the fall term so they might have more than 2 terms so students who start in the spring are advantaged.

Registrar's Office

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.06

Kennedy/Massey

General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #7 – 15 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report 1 for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried

Report 2

Faculty of Health Sciences

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.07

Hosgood/Cooper

That General Faculties Council approve the revision of the Bachelor of Nursing After Degree program requirements for implementation May 1, 2022.

Motion: Carried

The after degree is a two-year program. We won't get this up and running until the last two years of the four year program are ready which is why the implementation date is delayed.

5.2. GFC Nomination Committee – GFC Standing Committee Nominations, Senate

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.08

Siaroff/Laurendeau

That GFC Executive recommend to GFC for approval the partial slate of nominees below to fill committee vacancies with the addition of David Slomp (nomination from the floor) to fill the Education position on the Research Planning Committee and minor edits to terms.

GFC Academic Appeals Committee

Janet Youngdahl	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Wendy Osborn	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Kien Tran	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Elaine Greidanus	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

GFC Academic Quality Assurance Committee

Glenda Bonifacio	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022)
Craig Coburn	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022)
Maureen Hawkins	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

GFC Convocation Committee

Richelle Marynowski	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
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GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee

Daniela Sirbu	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Sheila McManus	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

GFC Iniskim Education Committee

Andrea Amelinckx	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Emma Scott	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

GFC Research Planning Committee

Dan Johnson	Sciences, A&S (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
David Slomp	Education (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Vacant	Health Sciences (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Andrew Iwaniuk	Graduate Studies (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Inge Genee	Humanities, A&S (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Vacant	Social Sciences, A&S (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Aaron Taylor	Fine Arts (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Brad Olson	Business (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Jon Doan	Liberal Education (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

GFC Strategic Planning Committee

(Seven (7) Academic Staff members. Selected to ensure broadest possible diversity, and no more than one from each Faculty or School)

Jason Laurendeau	A&S (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Rhiannon Mesler	Business & Calgary Campus (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Andrew Stewart	Fine Arts (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Noella Piquette	Education (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Rumi Graham	Library (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Brendan Cummins	Liberal Education (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Hadi Kharaghani	Graduate Studies (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

GFC Student Awards Committee

Marcus Dostie	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Sharon Pelech	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

Senate

(Must be a Member of GFC)

Leanne Elias	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)
Holly Kletke	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
Shawn Johnsrude	(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

Motion: Carried with friendly amendment (for Research Planning Committee Nomination)

The question arose of who decides on process of staffing and ensuring proper qualifications for Research Planning Committee requirements. It was indicated that people confirm they meet the requirements and that the ORIS can give their opinion if a person meets the qualifications. A question arose and it was indicated that if there are still vacancies the plan is to leave them and try to get the areas needed for diversity.

5.3. Type B Institute – Southern Alberta Genome Sciences Centre

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.09

Cooper/Nicol

That GFC approve the creation of the Southern Alberta Genome Sciences Centre as a Type B centre under the provisions of the University of Lethbridge Research Centres and Institutes Policy.

Motion: Carried

C. Cooper introduced M. Letts to give context on the proposal along with some of the members of the Centre who were present. The institution has been successful in attracting researchers who are making good connections in this area. They have managed to secure funding of \$1 million to establish the center as a hub for Bionet (Alberta Bio Informatics Network). The founding team members are listed in the agenda package. A. Zovoilis expressed his thanks to various people who have provided guidance and support including A. Hakin, E. Okine, C. Cooper and M. Letts. He then gave a presentation on genome sciences. It is transforming the way precision health care is being delivered. There are similar stories in agriculture. The cost of genome is coming down dramatically. Genome Alberta didn't have any success getting funding in the national competition. The University of Lethbridge as a medium size university is at the front of a number of collaborations being lead by Igor and Olga Kovalchuk, Gerlinde Metz among others. We have the first promethium sequencer in western Canada and only second in Canada. Funding of \$1.5 in provincial matching funding and \$1 million from genome Canada has been secured. Now is the time to bring all the people in the university together and to create this centre. We have interest from

biology, chemistry, biochemistry, neuroscience, computer science, humanities and business in order to look at what social and ethical issues are. Discussion occurred around basic research, increasing our research with collaboration with external sources and the UofL having priority on this equipment. The new building was a catalyst for this centre.

5.4. Final Grade Appeal Procedure – Undergraduate and Graduate Students

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.10

Massey/Rice

That GFC approve the Final Grade Appeal Procedure – Undergraduate and Graduate Students (formerly Grade Appeal Policy – Graduate Student and Grade Appeal Policy – Undergraduate Student) as attached, effective for academic terms beginning September 1, 2019 and after (with friendly amendments to (4.3.2) remove informal from informal resolution and (3.2) the addition of an exclusion – grade lowered under Student Discipline – Academic Offences Policy) as well as formatting edits.

Motion: Carried

K. Massey highlighted the major changes. It gives deans more explicit authority to resolve grade appeals earlier in the process. Students now have membership that gives them earlier involvement in the committees. There was robust discussion on the student having to jump through more hoops to resolve the issue, student advocates and the dean's role in the formal process or with an informal resolution on something like a miscalculation of a grade. K. Massey recognizes that there are different considerations in different faculties. There are expectations for GFC committees and we are proposing a common application form for the different levels to bring about some consistency to the process. J. Gallais stated that there are more opportunities for procedural training, bias and to be mindful of their role in the process. This ensures that we have the people at the table who have the right training. A. Hakin reported that the chair will take the committee through the process where they understand the rights of the student, and the hope is that this will filter down to the faculty level as well.

5.5. Student Discipline Policy – Non-Academic Offences Undergraduate and Graduate Students

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.11

Massey/Loewen

That GFC approve the revised Student Discipline Policy – Non-Academic Offences Undergraduate and Graduate Students as attached, contingent on the approval by the Board of Governors of the revisions to the Sexual Violence and Harassment and Discrimination Policies to be effective July 1, 2019 with minor grammatical and formatting edits.

Motion: Carried

K. Massey stated that this is phase one as this policy will be brought back for additional changes. A brief overview of the policy was provided and it was highlighted that there is a need to keep the details of incidents involving sexual violence as private as possible to avoid re-traumatization of those involved. There was some discussion on the Chief Safety office and how to contact that individual.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project

M. Letts gave a brief update on the project on behalf of HJ Wieden. Brian Sullivan is retiring after 33 years. He has delivered this building on time and on budget. Brad Robinson is taking over from him. The grand opening will have lots of activities and displays.

6.2. Progress and Achievement Report 2018-2019 UofL Strategic Plan

A. Hakin introduced M. Whipple who gave a presentation on the progress of the Strategic Plan. There are some revisions prior to presenting it to the Board and edits or comments can go directly to Mike Whipple.

6.3. 2019-20 Budget

A. Hakin introduced C. Takeyasu to present the 2019-20 budget. She gave an overview on continuing funds, as well as restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted are those given for a specific purpose such as an endowment where we can only spend the interest. The focus of the budget is on unrestricted funds, such as general operating funds and ancillary services – housing, parking and printing which all have to be cost recovery. The operating budget is started by making budget assumption estimates, adding in new continuing expenditures like the SAB to come up with initial budget surplus (deficit) and then how we will cover the deficit and finally submit the balanced budget. Budget values and the comprehensive institutional plan are used to guide all budget decisions. We have \$5.3 million in deficit which is mostly related to the new building. We got \$3 million in one time funding from the government for the lights on funding for the Destination Project. Deficits in the upcoming years will be about \$8 million by 2021-22. The Government grant makes up 65% of the budget and fees are 28%. We need to start diversifying revenue so we are not so dependent on the government.

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.12

Cooper/Mather

That the GFC meeting continue after 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin told the council that right now we are operating on emergency funds as there is no provincial budget. We are proceeding on the same amount of

funding as last year. We have been here before and we will navigate through the process as we move forward. Discussion occurred around the topics of the government's supply budget, increasing enrolment for international students, funding for students and micro degrees.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Report – May 27, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – April 29, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Open Access Policy has been posted for feedback. It will be brought forward in October to GFC.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2019.06.13

Copeland/Mather

That the GFC meeting #538 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried