



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #542

Approved Minutes

Monday, December 9, 2019

3:00 p.m. in W646

Present: M. Mahon, (Chair), L. Barrett, J. Blum, J. Brassolotto, S. Bubel, P. Cardozo, B. Cummins, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, A. Gammack, K. Godfrey, N. Haimoun, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, L. Howard, C. Horbachewski, M. Ingraham, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, D. Kaminski, H. Kletke, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, M. Letts, J. Mather, K. Massey, C. Mattatall, K. Mazurek, J. Miles, J. Mills, R. Munn, C. Nicol, B. Nikolai-Wilson, E. Okine, T. Oosterbroek, T. Patel, K. Peacock, K. Potts, E. Pullan, B. Rogers, P. Shao (phone), C. Steinke, A. Stewart, M. Stingl, J. Usher, S. Wismath, R. Wood, L. Zink, A. Zovoilis

Regrets: K. Alexander, A. Ansah, R. Barendregt, D. Burleigh, J. Byrne, J. Copeland, J. Cunningham, C. Currie, G. Fujiwara, J. Gamble, H. Ghanberi, A. Hakin, H. Kelley, A. Khalil, C. Loewen, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, M. Serebryansky, J. Sheriff, J. Vokey, N. Walker, P. Wilson

Other: J. Gallais, V. Grisack, R. Graham, C. Takeyasu

Oki. The President opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement.

K. Massey introduced Chaplain Erin Phillips and SU President Andrew Gammack who presented on the new Nourish program. Approximately 1000 of our students are experiencing hunger. This week three hundred twenty-five Campus Care packages were distributed in under ten minutes and we turned students away as we ran out of bags. Today, the first little pantry in Anderson Hall was stocked with food. We hope this makes it easier for students to get a little help when they need it. The Food Insecurity Committee is very active on campus. Nourish was born out of the drive to put all these initiatives together under one umbrella. Food bank utilization is more at this time of year and any support is welcome. The money goes directly to help students. Electronic donation information will be sent out to the council.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.01

Mather/Haimoun

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #542 held Monday, December 9, 2019 be approved with the change that Item for Information 6.1 Revised Budget will be presented by M. Mahon.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.02

Ingraham/Nicol

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #541 held Monday, November 4, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Budget Town Hall took place recently and this will be discussed in length later in the agenda.
- Team Lethbridge November 5-7 - Meetings with various Ministers including Education, Economic Development, Mental Health & Addiction, as well as Indigenous Affairs. This group is a collection of Lethbridge leaders who travel to Edmonton to remind the politicians about Lethbridge and communicate about the strength of our community.
- Freedom of Expression - We have received a response from the ministry with no suggested changes. The Board will see this later this week for approval after which it will become our Freedom of Expression Statement.
- Partnership Announcement will be December 18th in Brocket at 11:00 am. GFC members are encouraged to attend the announcement of a substantial partnership between the MasterCard Foundation, the University of Lethbridge and the Blackfoot Confederacy over the next five years. It will be a transformational gift for the University.
- General update on Government activities. We have had a series of meetings with the ministry but are still in a wait and see pattern. The President will be back in Edmonton for meetings next week. He wants to ensure the community that we are doing a lot of lobbying of the government on the importance of education.
- AVP (Research) and Dean, School of Graduate Studies Search update – The Process is starting to wrap up and there will be an announcement in the near future.
- Arts & Science Dean Search - the committee has met and hope to have the recruitment process up and running before Christmas.
- Campus Community Annual Holiday Reception – Science Commons Atrium December 19th 2:30 – 5:00 pm.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- B. Cummins – The government returned the freedom of speech document. Did they make any changes? M. Mahon stated that it was the document that GFC saw with no changes and is optimistic that it will be passed at the board meeting on Thursday.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report (attached to these minutes)

School of Liberal Education

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.03

Wismath/Marynowski

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

Motion: Carried

School of Graduate Studies

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.04

Massey/Haimoun

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #4 – 16, School of Graduate Studies from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Fine Arts

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.05

Ingraham/Marynowski

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #17 – 32, 34 - 37, Faculty of Fine Arts from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.06

Ingraham/Ladd

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the core B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts required courses and to the requirements of the Technical/Design major of the B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts; as well as the name change of the major from Technical/Design to Stagecraft and Design, pending Ministerial Approval.

Motion: Carried

Faculty of Arts & Science

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.07

Letts/Ladd

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #38, 40 – 63 Faculty of Arts & Science from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.08
Letts/Mather

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Biological Sciences for the B.Sc. and B.A.Sc. (23-course load), pending Ministerial Approval.

Motion: Carried

Registrar's Office

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.09
Massey/Miles

That General Faculties Council approve Recommendations #64 – 70 from the GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried

Curriculum Coordinating Committee

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.10
Massey/Ingraham

That General Faculties Council approve the amendment to language to clarify course substitutions in a minor in the Minors section of the Undergraduate Calendar for implementation May 1, 2020.

Motion: Carried

5.2. Open Access Policy

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.11
Nicol/Gammack

That General Faculties Council approve the attached Open Access Policy, effective immediately with the friendly amendment to 3.1 where “shall freely” was replaced by “are encouraged to”.

Motion: Carried

C. Nicol introduced R. Graham who briefly highlighted what has been done since GFC saw this policy in September. There were some wording changes for clarity and a web form link was added. There was discussion on how this policy is different because there

is no compliance piece attached to it. Other points of discussion were the waiver process and at what stage the manuscript is submitted. A friendly amendment was proposed for the language in section 3.1. It was discussed that “shall” sounds more like a requirement so it was suggested that “encouraged” was a better choice.

5.3. GFC Nominations Committee Vacancy

E. Okine reported that there is still one vacancies for academic staff member on the new GFC Nomination Committee. One member is required for a one-year term (November 2019 – November 2, 2020). E. Okine went over the procedures for the nominations and the approval voting as required by the GFC Bylaws.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. One nomination was received for the vacant one-year terms:

- Lisa Howard

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.12
Okine/Haimoun

All nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

5.4. School of Liberal Education Council

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.13
Wismath/Cummins

That General Faculties Council approve the composition of the School of Liberal Education Council pertaining to the Post-Secondary Learning Act 28(2)(e) as indicated below:

- *One (1) representative each from Faculty of Fine Arts, Faculty of Health Science, Faculty of Education, Dhillon School of Business and the Library, as chosen by the Faculty/School/Library*
- *Three (3) representatives chosen from the Faculty of Arts and Science, one each from the Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities divisions*
- *Provost & Vice-President (Academic) or designate*
- *ULSU President or designate*
- *GSA President or designate*

That General Faculties Council delegate to the School of Liberal Education Council the power to approve the appointment of the members to their Council referred to under the provisions of the Post-Secondary Learning Act 28(2)(e), following the GFC approved composition and through procedures approved by their Council.

Motion: Carried

S. Wismath explained that this is the completion of the circle in bringing the School of Liberal Education in line with other faculties and schools. There was robust discussion surrounding the size, the membership within the Faculty, and operating under some sort of governing principles. S. Wismath stated that there are 25-30 people so it is complicated to get quorum. The council has discussed getting together governing principles. They have other reps from other school and faculties so they feel that there is good representation. They are working on a strategic plan for the school.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Revised Budget 2019-2020

M. Mahon provided an update to the budget. C. Takeyasu, Associate Vice-President (Finance) is here to answer questions as well. Most of this information in the package was provided at the recent town hall. We bring it to General Faculties Council for commentary to be passed on to the Board of Governors who has the final approval of the budget. We now have a revised budget in response to the reductions given to us by the government. The Board will get the budget for approval on Thursday. The summaries provided show under revenue where reductions have been made to reduce the budget by \$3.4 million. There were a cross section of reductions including not filling 19 vacant positions and reducing or eliminating some contingency funds. We will be working on next year's budget in the new year using a new budget model that the government will announce soon. It will likely include an average of 5% reduction. We are uncertain if it will be 5% across the board or vary by institution. Some of the other topics discussed were reductions in the current fiscal year, restricted funds related to salaries and what is happening in United States post-secondary institutions. M. Mahon encouraged members to give input when the new budget process starts. He thanked C. Takeyasu for coming.

6.2. Academic Quality Assurance Policy – Editorial Updates

J. Gallais indicated this concludes the editorial changes required from approval of the Centres and Institutes Policy.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – December 2, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – October 28, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Gammack thanked everyone for their contribution to the Pass the Hat campaign.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2019.12.15

Miles/Haimoun

That the GFC meeting #542 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

Curriculum Coordinating Committee Report to General Faculties Council

Summary

For purposes of discussion at General Faculties Council, the motions have been grouped as follows and I intend to recommend to GFC that they be approved in this fashion, barring difficulties with individual recommendations.

Recommendations #1-3	School of Liberal Education
Recommendations #4-16	School of Graduate Studies
Recommendations #17-37	Faculty of Fine Arts
Recommendations #38-61	Faculty of Arts and Science
Recommendations #62-68	Registrar's Office
Recommendations #69-70	Curriculum Coordinating Committee

THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE PROPOSALS IN THIS REPORT IS MAY 1, 2020, UNLESS PROPOSAL IS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*)

*Recommendations requiring Ministerial approval include:
Recommendation #33 (Faculty of Fine Arts)
Recommendation #39 (Faculty of Arts and Science)

LIBERAL EDUCATION PROPOSALS

Recommendation #1

That General Faculties Council approve the new minor Innovation Across Disciplines.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #2

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of two half courses to course combinations which reduce the Lib. Ed. List requirements.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #3

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of language clarifying that courses on List 3: Science Courses marked with an asterisk (*) may be used as either a Science course or a Social Science course.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

GRADUATE STUDIES PROPOSALS

Recommendation #4

That General Faculties Council approve the reordering of the M.A. and M.Sc. program grids, and the indication within the grids that Individualized Multidisciplinary can be offered by any Faculty/School.

Prior approval: November 18/19

Recommendation #5

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the term that M.Sc. (Mgt.) students may be accepted into Co-op.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #6

That General Faculties Council approve separation of the job shadowing component from the culminating project in the M.H.S.M. program, and the increased flexibility regarding the terms that courses are offered in.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #7

That General Faculties Council approve the extension to the thesis proposal deadline for M.A. (Economics).

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #8

That General Faculties Council approve the extension to the thesis proposal deadline for the C.S.P.T. major in the Ph.D. program.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #9

That General Faculties Council approve the course changes in M.Ed. (Educational Leadership).

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #10

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Academic Standards, Required Withdrawal, and Requirements for Degree sections for the M.C. program.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #11

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Academic Standards and Required Withdrawal sections for the M.Ed. (General, Educational Leadership, and Counselling Psychology); and the changes to the Requirements for Degree section for the M.Ed. (Counselling Psychology).

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #12

That General Faculties Council approve the restructuring of the M.Mus. so students can follow either a performance-based or a research-based program.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #13

That General Faculties Council approve the clarification that M.F.A. theses should be submitted electronically and not in print.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #14

That General Faculties Council approve the removal of the word “optional” from the introductory test for the Public Health specialization in the M.Sc. (Health Sciences) program.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #15

That General Faculties Council approve the removal of the extraneous language regarding part-time fees from the Program Sections of the Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #16

That General Faculties Council approve the clarification of the order of the Ph.D. Thesis Proposal and the Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination in the Graduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

FINE ARTS PROPOSALS

Recommendation #17

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Art History requirements in the B.F.A. – Art/B.Ed. and Post-Diploma B.F.A. – Art/B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #18

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Art major in the B.A. and B.A./B.Mgt.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #19

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Art major in the B.A./B.Ed. (Art/Art Education).

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #20

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Art History minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #21

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Art History and Museum Studies minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #22

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the Art Studio minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #23

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Museum Studies minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #24

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Art Education minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #25

That General Faculties Council approve changes to the CTS: Communications Focus minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #26

That General Faculties Council approve the updates to the proposed Art History and Museum Studies major (awaiting ministerial approval) incorporating Art History course changes.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #27

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to Art History courses in the B.F.A. – Art, and the Art History requirements in the Art Studio major.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #28

That General Faculties Council approve the Art History changes to the B.F.A. – Native American Art.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #29

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of B. A. program and major information in the Faculty of Fine Arts section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #30

That General Faculties Council approve the additional Faculty of Fine Arts disciplines/areas recognized as acceptable in the B.F.A. – Multidisciplinary and Post-Diploma B.F.A. – Multidisciplinary.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #31

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Cinema minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #32

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the course requirements in the B.F.A. – New Media, B.F.A. – New Media/B.Sc., and B.F.A. – New Media/B.Mgt.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #33*

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the core B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts required courses and to the requirements of the Technical/Design major of the B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts; as well as the name change of the major from Technical/Design to Stagecraft and Design.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19
*This proposal requires ministerial approval prior to implementation.

Recommendation #34

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Theatre Practice minor.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #35

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Dramatic Arts major in the B.A., B.A./B.Mgt., and B.A./B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #36

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the core B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts required courses and the requirements of the Technical/Design major of the B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts,

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #37

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to Drama requirements in the B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts/B.Ed. and the Post-Diploma B.F.A. – Dramatic Arts/B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

ARTS AND SCIENCE PROPOSALS

Recommendation #38

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Biological Sciences for the B.Sc. and B.A.Sc (20-course load).

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #39*

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Biological Sciences for the B.Sc. and B.A.Sc (23-course load).

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19
*This proposal requires ministerial approval prior to implementation.

Recommendation #40

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Biological Sciences/Science Education for the B.Sc./B.Ed. and the B.Sc./B.Mgt.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #41

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Agricultural Biotechnology in the B.Sc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #42

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Agricultural Studies in the B.Sc. and the Post-Diploma B.Sc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #43

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Environmental Science in the B.Sc. and Post-Diploma B.Sc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #44

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Biochemistry in the B.Sc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #45

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the subfield list for the major in English for the B.A., B.A.Sc., and B.A./B.Mgt.; and for the major in English/English Language Arts Education for the B.A./B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #46

That General Faculties Council approve the name change of the First Nations' Transition Program to Indigenous Student Success Cohort.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #47

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the options list for the First Nations' Transition program.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #48

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in History for the B.A. and B.A.Sc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #49

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the B.A. in Canadian Studies and B.A./B.Ed. (Canadian Studies/Social Studies Education).

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #50

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Indigenous Studies for the B.A., BASc., B.A./B.Mgt., and the Indigenous Studies/Indigenous Education major for the B.A./B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #51

That General Faculties Council approve the removal of a note from the major in Kinesiology for the B.Sc., BASc., B.Sc./B.Mgt., and from the major in Kinesiology/Physical Education for the B.Sc./B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #52

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Mathematics for the B.Sc., BASc., B.Sc./B.Mgt, and the major in Mathematics/Mathematics Education for the B.Sc./B.Ed.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #53

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the regulations governing the Undergraduate Thesis for second degree students.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #54

That General Faculties Council approve the deletion of Fine Arts majors from the Faculty of Arts and Science section of the Undergraduate Calendar, and resulting reorganization.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #55

That General Faculties Council approve the new minor in Neuroscience.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #56

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the B.A./B.Ed. (Political Science/Social Studies Education).

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #57

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the Engineering Transfer Program (University of Alberta).

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #58

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the minor in Linguistics.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #59

That General Faculties Council approve the changes to the major in Neuroscience for the B.Sc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #60

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of a section regarding Visiting Student Authorization to the Arts and Science section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #61

That General Faculties Council approve the adjustment to the Concentrations section of the Faculty of Arts and Science section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #62

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the major in Sociology in the B.A. and BASc.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

Recommendation #63

That General Faculties Council approve the addition of a new minor in Sociology.

Prior approval: CCC: November 19/19

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE PROPOSALS

Recommendation #64

That General Faculties Council approve the update to Minors general policies in the Minors section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #65

That General Faculties approve the updates to the four CCC proposal forms.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #66

That General Faculties Council approve the updates to the Residence Requirements and Time Limits charts in the Academic Regulations section of the Graduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #67

That General Faculties Council approve the updates to the Leave of Absence Requirements table for the M.F.A., M.Mus., M.Sc. (Mgt.), and the M.H.S.M. program in the Academic Regulations section of the Graduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #68

That General Faculties Council approve the update to the Order of Priority Registration list in the Registration section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #69

That General Faculties Council approve the change to the Visiting Student Authorization application deadline in the Undergraduate Academic Schedule.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

Recommendation #70

That General Faculties Council approve the update to the Applied Studies eligibility wording in Applied Studies and Co-operative Education section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19

CURRICULUM COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Recommendation #71

That General Faculties Council approve the amendment to language to clarify course substitutions in a minor in the Minors section of the Undergraduate Calendar.

Prior approval: CCC: November 18/19