



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #546.1

### Approved Minutes

Monday, May 25, 2020

3:00 p.m. via Zoom

**Present:** M. Mahon, (Chair), C. Adams, L. Barrett, J. Blum, J. Brassolotto, S. Bubel, L. Burckes, D. Burleigh, P. Cardozo, L. Connel, B. Cummins, J. Cunningham, C. Currie, A. Darda, J. Diaz, J. Dobbie, G. Fujiwara, H. Ghanbari, K. Gillespie, K. Godfrey, H. Gray, R. Harper-Brown, L. Howard, B. Hughes, M. Ingraham, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, D. Kaminski, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, M. Letts, R. Lindblad, C. Loewen, R. Marynowski, K. Massey, J. Mather, C. Mattatall, K. Mazurek, C. Nicol, J. Nugent, E. Okine, T. Oosterbroek, R. Parkkari, K. Peacock, E. Pullan, J. Rice, P. Shao, J. Sheriff, R. Stark, C. Steinke, A. Stewart, M. Stingl, J. Usher, J. Vokey, K. Vos, N. Walker, P. Wilson, S. Wismath, R. Wood, L. Zink

**Regrets:** K. Alexander, J. Gamble, A. Khalil, H. Kletke, R. Lee-Thai, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, A. Novello, T. Patel

**Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Whipple, C. Takeyasu, R. Westlund

*The President opened the meeting and congratulated Dr. Matt Letts on his appointment as the new Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science.*

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2020.05.15

Ingraham/Adams

*That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #546.1 held Monday, May 25, 2020 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 2. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### 2.1. 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

N. Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) introduced the budget process and passed it to Carrie Takeyasu, Associate Vice-President (Finance) to present the 2020-2021 Budget for information to GFC as contained within the agenda package. At the University of Lethbridge, we do a consolidated budget. She went over the different breakdowns for the specific sections of the budget. She elaborated on the budget process

as it relates to the budget values that the University has developed. We are in a deficit position so we are having to make tough decisions. Since the 2019-20 budget, we have seen a \$10.5 million reduction in operating grant funding as well reductions in several other grants. We are looking at 82 position reductions and still have to make over \$600,000 in reductions this year to balance our budget. The revenue sources have been reduced from 65.6 % to 60.2%. We knew some of the possible reductions from the MacKinnon Report so we had started to make adjustments. We have estimated \$5 million of lost revenue from COVID-19 alone. Research funding support, budget sensitivities and expenditures on equipment were a few of the topics covered. C. Takeyasu finished up by stating that the Budget Advisory Committee meets weekly, finally making recommendations to President's Executive who then recommend the finished budget to the board for approval. The budget is presented to GFC for information before it goes to the Board of Governors. On a final note, members were referred to the link at the end of the PowerPoint for more information on the budget.

Topics discussed during the question section of the meeting included external funding, expenditure targets, the effects of COVID-19, salaries and staffing projections, policies and guidelines, one-time funding, as well as recruitment, equipment replacement and the energy centre. M. Mahon thanked everyone for their input and all the hard work of the budget committee.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2020.05.16

Pullen/Loewen

*That the GFC meeting #546.1 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried