



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #548

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020

3:00 p.m. via Zoom

- Present:** M. Mahon, (Chair), C. Adams, K. Alexander, R. Barendregt, J. Blum, N. Buis Deering, P. Cardozo, L. Connel, B. Cummins, J. Cunningham, C. Currie, A. Darda, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, I. Genee, K. Gillespie, K. Godfrey, H. Gray, E. Greidanus, M. Helstein, B. Hughes, M. Ingraham, D. Jarvie, P. Kellett, L. Kennedy, I. Kovalchuk, J. Laurendeau, R. Lee-Thai, M. Letts, Y. Li, R. Lindblad, C. Loewen, M. Magnuson, R. Marynowski, K. Massey, J. Mather, C. Mattatall, M. Moharjerani, C. Nicol, A. Novello, E. Okine, T. Oosterbroek, R. Parkkari, T. Patel, K. Peacock, E. Pullan, G. Pyle, N. Rebry, J. Rice, J. Sheriff, S. Spenceley, L. Spencer, R. Stark, C. Steinke, A. Stewart, M. Stingl, A. Taylor, J. Usher, J. Vokey, N. Walker, P. Wilson, S. Wismath, C. Zhu
- Regrets:** L. Barrett, J. Diaz, H. Kletke, P. Shao, D. St. Georges, R. Wood, R. Yalamova, L. Zink
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Whipple, N. Freiheit, D. Hinger, M. Moser, A. Zovoilis

The GFC Group photo was taken before the meeting by Zoom to reflect the unique situation we are in.

Oki. The President opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement. J. Gallais gave a Zoom refresher for the Council.

The President called for a moment of silence in honour of Dr. Ali Dastmalchian and Dr. Ronald Parton, both former faculty members, who recently passed away.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2020.09.01

Connel/Stark

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #548 held Monday, September 14, 2020 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2020.09.02

Adams/Loewen

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #547.1 held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Thanks to all those who worked so hard to get the programming in place for our students.
- Relaunch Committee/Oct 1st phase one reopening – a larger opening in that people will not have to seek permission to enter campus. We will still have you register so we can clean effectively and also track if there is a COVID outbreak. This process will unfold as we open up. A new app called ULethbridge Safe is being used. There are roughly 800 students on campus with 300 in residence and other students for face to face classes. This means that there are more people in the buildings and have stressed the important procedures that we have put in place. M. Mahon modeled the new UofL branded mask. The Calgary Campus at Bow Valley College has remained closed because the college has not reopened to students. We haven't yet made the decision about the winter semester but that is coming.
- Enrolment numbers - Fall 2020 total enrolment is currently 8,867 students, this is a 1.0% increase from the prior Fall enrolment of 8,777 students. The target set for Fall 2020 prior to the pandemic was 9,016 students. In this unsettled time, we are surprised by the enrolment numbers, as there is an increase in graduate students and Indigenous students.
- NSO Virtual – September 8 was a terrific success with 1,773 welcome boxes being delivered to students, and 2,600 non-unique session attendees. Congratulations to K. Massey and the student team for pivoting to an online method.
- Alberta 2030 Review led by the McKinsey Consulting Group. The 2030 plan has six objectives that they are looking at: develop highly-skilled and globally competitive graduates; create a more efficient system, by bringing costs down and removing duplication; strengthen post-secondary participation and accommodate growing enrolment demands; strengthen the commercialization of research; explore the most effective governance model to achieve these aims; and assess global best practices from leading innovation hubs for their applicability to Alberta post-secondary. We have participated in a variety of ways with the president and board chair both meeting with government officials. They have been stressing the uniqueness of the University of Lethbridge. There is wild speculations with rumours of amalgamation, closing institutions and we will deal with the information as it comes out.
- Golden Maple at Nikka Yuko – The University of Lethbridge had a strong presence at the 3rd annual Golden Maple Reception on Friday, September 11 emceed by Carly Adams. It was nice to see things starting to open up.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- J. Laurendeau – Thank you for the many updates. Could you give an update on the EDI senior advisor position? M. Mahon stated that we had a failed search with the position being not senior enough as well as only being a three-year term. We have recently finalized the revised position and it will now be a senior continuing position. We will use a search consultant so we can be successful with this challenging search. M. Helstein gave an update of timelines with communications coming out in a couple of weeks. We want to be successful and are trying to move quickly on it.
- R. Marynowski – Thank you to the Teaching Centre for all of their support in getting the faculty ready for teaching this fall. Will all of the doors on campus be open or will we have to access the campus through certain doors. M. Mahon stated that it will be through certain doors to try and contain external people from accessing the buildings. C. Mattatall responded that there will be several access points with 1-2 for each building and people have been notified where they are. They will supply maps to staff.
- J. Dobbie – currently has access but was wondering if as weather changes, will we be able to access via the Library? C. Mattatall stated that they are looking at safety concerns and he will get that information to J. Dobbie. The bus loop had work done this summer and now that is done, it should be one of the main access points. M. Mahon responded that we will provide reasonable and safe access for all staff/students as the weather changes. C. Mattatall will send J. Gallais a map of the access points to forward it on to GFC members.
- S. Spenceley – Can you confirm that there is still a registration required. Members were told that it is only the need to have permission to be on campus that is changing. A question on masks branding – do the students have to have a University of Lethbridge mask. M. Mahon stated that it does not have to be branded. C. Mattatall stated that there is some confusion on applying and registering to come on campus. After October 1st, you will not have to apply to come on campus but will need to register every visit.
- L. Spencer – Can you clarify who needs the hazard assessment requirement. C. Mattatall stated that the return to work health and safety plan for each unit has been done along with developing a hazard assessment. Please contact your relaunch coordinator for hazard assessment of your area and familiarize yourself with it.
- E. Okine – We need to get people to use the app which will simplify coming on campus. It is easy to use.
- M. Mohajerani – thank you for the clarification. Will those of us who had access before Oct. 1st, have to apply again. C. Mattatall replied that once you have access, you don't need to apply for it again.
- N. Walker – indicated that staff are to complete the online safety course.
- M. Mohajerani – Is the cell phone app tied in any way to the app developed by the provincial or federal governments. M. Mahon stated that it is specific to the UofL and not associated with the government apps.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. GFC Appointed Members

MOTION:

gfc.2020.09.03

Okine/Cummins

That General Faculties Council (GFC) approves the non-ex-officio appointed members to GFC for terms ending as noted below.

APPOINTED MEMBERS Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC Appoints) [Two-year terms staggered to provide continuity where possible (GFC Bylaws Part 2, E, 7)]

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| Arts & Science | Majid Mohajerani | June 30, 2022 |
| Arts & Science | Natasha Rebry | June 30, 2022 |
| Business | Rossitsa Yalamova | June 30, 2022 |
| Business | Pei Shao | June 30, 2022 |
| Education | Chris Mattatall | June 30, 2022 |
| Education | Richelle Marynowski | June 30, 2022 |
| Fine Arts | Aaron Taylor | June 30, 2022 |
| Health Sciences | Morgan Magnuson | June 30, 2022 |
| Library | Paula Cardozo | June 30, 2022 |

Motion: Carried

J. Gallais stated that this is a standard motion that we do every year. The student members were approved in the spring.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. GFC Strategic Planning Committee Progress and Achievement Report

M. Mahon stated that this is an annual report of how we measure against our strategic plan. M. Whipple introduced the report and gave a brief overview. Over the summer, the Advancement team was able to put it together as you see here. M. Moser from Institutional Analysis is also here to answer questions. M. Whipple stated that there are now visuals to go with the data. A question regarding the new programs was discussed. Are there any that started in 2019 and are they normally captured in this report? There are a few starting in Fall 2020 that are not captured here. It was discussed that they might want to have this included in future reports.

6.2. GFC Executive Committee Member Nominations

J. Gallais noted that there are two upcoming vacancies on GFC Executive Committee and gave an overview of what the committee does. We will need to fill two 2-year positions. Please come prepared to GFC on October 5, 2020 with your nominations.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 8, 2020

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – #525-May 25, 2020, #526-June 29, 2020 and #527-July 27, 2020

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

J. Gallais has emailed out the attachment that C. Mattatall mentioned earlier regarding access points.

M. Mahon thanked everyone for all of their work in preparing for the fall semester during these COVID times. He stated that we are doing a great job.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2020.09.04

Gillespie/Lee-Thai

That the GFC meeting #548 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried