



## GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #572

### Draft Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2023

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon, (Chair), V. Baulkaran, K. Bhatt, G. Bonifacio, R. Bright, N. Buis Deering, L. Burckes, J. Burke, G. Desteur, J. Devos, C. Devoy, A. Dymond, K. Greenwood, K. Haight, M. Helstein, B. Hughes, H. Jansen, L. Kennedy, I. Kovalchuk, O. Kovalchuk, M. Letts, S. Malla, R. Marynowski, K. Massey, I. McAdam, D. McMartin, E. Okine, N. Patel, J. Pickle, R. Preston, Y. Raza, J. Rice, J. Sadr, D. Scott, Sam Scott, Sh. Scott, C. Skiba, D. Slomp, L. Spencer, D. St. Georges, N. Thakor, M. Thomas, S. Thomas, G. Tian, S. Urquhart, J. Victor, A. von Heyking N. Walker, P. Wilson, J. Youngdahl, L. Zink, A. Zovoilis
- Regrets:** L. Barrett, Y. Belanger, R. Bello, R. Boon, C. Carnaghan, J. Dobbie, A. Dodd, S. Findlay, D. McIntyre, D. O'Donnell, P. Ghazalian, K. Godfrey, C. Hosgood, P. Kellett, T. Oosterbroek, A. Martin, N. Rebry, K. Schwarz, M. Stingl
- Other:** J. Gallais, M. Mathurin-Moe, A. Piekema, R. Westlund, M. Whipple  
(other guests were present on Zoom)

*Oki. The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement and we observed a moment of silence for Professor Emeritus Dr. Peter Letkemann who passed away March 26, 2023 at the age of 87. Departing GFC students present were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and thanks were given to them for their contributions this year.*

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the April 3, 2023 Meeting #572 Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the GFC Meeting #571 – March 6, 2023 Minutes

### INFORMATION

- 1.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – March 27, 2023
- 1.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – #553 – February 27, 2023

MOTION: gfc.2023.04.01

Marynowski/Buis-Deering

*That the General Faculties Council approve the April 3, 2023 Consent Agenda with adding an EDI update from the presentation last meeting in other business, with M. Helstein speaking to it.*

Motion: Carried

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## **2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported on the following:

- Chancellor Announcement – Terry Whitehead (BA '94), one of the University of Lethbridge's most engaged and impassioned alumni, has been elected by the ULethbridge Senate as the institution's 15th chancellor. Thank you to GFC Members of that Search Committee.
- Federal Budget- came down last week, not much support regarding post-secondary institutions.
- Provost Search – as indicated at last GFC the committee has now met and consultation has commenced – thank you in advance for your participation in this process. Please participate in the consultation process.
- Budget and Staffing Information – good news story about budget, this is the first year we can start reinvesting in full time continuing funding for approximately 50 positions. Increase to compensation to non-bargaining groups has been approved by the government. This group has been frozen for approx. 6 – 7 years. The budget will come to GFC in May.
- People Plan is being renewed – A People Plan Advisory Working Group has been established to renew the University's People Plan.
- Signing of the Buffalo Treaty – UL signed as a supporter of the treaty as part of ULethbridge's annual Indigenous Awareness Week activities.
- Dean Faculty of Health Sciences - Congratulations to Dr. Jon Doan (PhD '06), whose work has focused on improving the lives of those affected by disease and disability, has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. We know there is ongoing confidential work in three other searches so look forward to those outcomes as well.
- Donor Gala – well attended; celebrated our donors and the impact they have on our students by helping to remove financial barriers to education. Not just a celebration of external members but internal members of our community as well.
- Upcoming events - April 5<sup>th</sup> Blue & Gold banquet – celebrating athletic excellence; April 12<sup>th</sup> ULSU Changeover Dinner; Congratulations to Maleeka Thomas – new ULSU President; March 25 Meeting of the Minds – Grad Student

## **3. QUESTION PERIOD**

- G. Bonifacio asked about the people plan relating to the GFC strategic planning committee. Want to ensure how they all relate and that there is not consultation fatigue regarding all the planning that is going on. This exercise will take plan and the GFC strategic planning committee will be responsible for this task.
- K. Haight – re: provost search asked if other members on campus will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask them questions? M. Mahon said that has not been determined as of this point, and the committee will address this.
- A. Dymond asked if anyone is looking at the Student Discipline Policy in regards to AI? K. Massey said this it is being looked at. J. Gallais will ensure the gender wording is updated.

#### 4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

##### 4.1. GFC Admission Standards Committee Reports

##### **Immediate Implementation Recommendations**

MOTION: gfc.2023.04.02

Buis-Deering/Rice

*That GFC approve changes to the addition of Application Open Dates to the Application & Document Deadline form.*

Motion: Carried

MOTION: gfc.2023.04.03

Haight/Scott

*That General Faculties Council approve an update to the Master of Nursing additional requirements.*

Motion: Carried

##### 4.2. GFC Nominations Committee Appointment Slates

MOTION: gfc.2023.04.04

Scott/Bhatt

*That GFC approve the following nominees to fill committee vacancies, effective immediately:*

*GFC Iniskim Academic Development Advisory Circle*

*Don McIntyre*

*Jennifer Burke*

*Jason Laurendeau*

*GFC Convocation Ceremony Committee*

*Wayne Lippa*

Motion: Carried

##### **Campus Sustainability Plan (CSP) Working Group**

*The floor was open to the floor for nominations and no nominations arose.*

*After a discussion at GFC regarding opening eligibility the following motion arose.*

MOTION: gfc.2023.04.05

Spencer/Letts

*That GFC Nominations approve the nominations for the Campus Sustainability Plan (CSP) Working Group can be opened up to members outside of the GFC.*

Motion: Carried

#### **4.3 Amalgamation Department of History and Religious Studies**

MOTION: gfc.2023.04.06

Letts/Kennedy

*That the General Faculty Council recommends to the Board of Governors the amalgamation of the Department of History and the Department of Religious Studies to the new Department of History and Religion.*

Motion: Carried

An overview of the changes proposed was given.

### **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **5.1. CCC Update – Online Campus**

From a question that arose at last GFC, N. Buis-Deering reported that we have 4 active campuses: other - off campus work/field experience, practicum etc.; Calgary; Lethbridge; and online. In 2017 the Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation implemented an option for admission to the exclusively online delivery program. As this was the first entirely online program option, it required in 2018/2019 an online campus to be administratively created. Fees and government reporting all require this tracking. Some questions arose on what types of fees are exempt and clarity was given that this program is required to be exclusively online so it is not just some online course options.

#### **5.2. GFC Nominations Committee – Call for Nominations**

D. Scott said there are 20 vacancies on 7 committees. They are 2-year terms to be filled by Academic staff members, all information is contained in the agenda package. Please consider yourself or a colleague to help fill these openings.

### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **6.1. EDI update**

M. Helstein, as a follow-up to the presentation at the last meeting and on behalf of M. Mathurin-Moe, Vice-Provost, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, passed along to GFC the following information. While we will work to address the feedback more broadly, one specific change can address the concerns raised regarding representation and sample size in the presentation of the data. In all instances of future use of the PowerPoint or other places where the data will be shared, the following note will be included on every slide: This data is preliminary and is not based on a representative sample, it reflects the responses of the 664 people who completed the survey (response rate = 31.9%).

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

gfc.2023.04.07

Desteur/Greenwood

*That the GFC meeting of April 3, 2023 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried