



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #575

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** D. Jayas, (Chair), A. Akbary, S. Alam, B. Allen, K. Anderson-Bain, L. Barrett, V. Baulkaran, N. Buis Deering, C. Carnaghan, J. Cunningham, H. Davis-Fisch, J. Doan, J. Dobbie, A. Dymond, A. Ebenmelu, S. Findlay, P. Ghazalian, K. Godfrey, K. Greenwood, K. Haight, M. Helstein, M. Hill, C. Hosgood (virtually), B. Hughes, K. Ito, H. Jansen, S. Johnsrude, O. Kovalchuk (virtually), M. Letts, R. Marynowski, K. Massey, J. Mather, C. Mattatall, D. McMartin, D. McNeill, A. Mukherjee, L. Ochieng, J. Oldfield, D. Olsen, R. Patel, R. Preston, N. Rebry, J. Reiter (virtually), J. Rice, J. Sadr, K. Schwarz, E. Scott, D. Slomp, D. Smither, L. Spencer, L. Starr, R. Sutherland, N. Thakor, M. Thomas, G. Tian (virtually), S. Urquhart, L. Vogelsang, A. von Heyking, N. Walker, P. Wilson (virtually), J. Youngdahl, Y. Zheng, A. Zovoilis
- Regrets:** J. Burke, C. Burton, D. Cooley, S. Malla, D. McIntyre, N. Patel, Y. Sackey-Forson, R. Williams, F. Wright
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Mathurin-Moe, R. Westlund, M. Whipple
(other guests were present on Zoom)

Oki. The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome and the Territorial Statement. J. Gallais gave a brief biography of the President, Dr. Jayas. The President introduced the new Provost, Dr. M. Helstein. The Chair went over the meeting bylaws regarding guests before welcoming the new and acknowledged departing members of GFC.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the September 11, 2023 Meeting #575 Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the GFC Meeting #574 – June 5, 2023 Minutes

INFORMATION

- 1.3. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 1, 2023
- 1.4. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – #556 – May 29, 2023 & #557 – June 26, 2023

MOTION: gfc.2023.09.01

Preston/Allen

That the General Faculties Council approve the September 11, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas reported on the following:

- Fall Semester Kick Off; September 6th First Day – We did NSO on both Lethbridge and Calgary campuses which were hugely successful.
- Fall 2023 Enrolment - total enrolment forecast is currently 8,391 students; this is a 1.5% increase from the prior Fall enrolment of 8,263 students.
- South Campus Development – the first step to the development is the incorporation of the University of Lethbridge Business Corporation
- Susan Dieleman named Jarislowsky Chair in Trust and Political Leadership
- Horn's Triple Header Event Saturday September 16th – the President invited everyone to attend.
- Campus Welcome Walk – D. Jayas thanked the participants who walked with him. It was a warm welcome to campus.
- Successful Provost search with the recent appointment of Dr. M. Helstein as the new Provost & Vice-President Academic effective September 1st with Dr. C. Hosgood appointed as Interim Deputy Provost.
- As noted within the agenda today for staffing the committees from GFC, the search committees are being formed for the Deputy Provost position and for the Vice-President (Finance & Administration) position.
- Tour of Agri-Food innovation Hub and grand opening of new building. He encouraged all to check it out.
- Attended his first Calgary Stampede events including Premier's Breakfast. It was the first time he wore jeans! It was a great event. He was able to give ribbons to a youth event that the UofL sponsored.
- Tour of Haul All with donor and Board member Kelly Philipp.
- Campus tour with Sport & Recreation Services
- Meet and greet with School of Grad Studies
- Campus visit of Red Crow Community College – we are exploring options to deliver more courses at Red Crow.
- Post-secondary pancake breakfast was a joint UofL & LC event for Whoop Up Days.
- Visit with the Federal Minister of Jobs & Economy, Matt Jones, on campus. He was able to tour the trading center.
- Attended a reception with Advanced Education Minister Rajan Sawhney in Calgary
- Local food processing tour with MP Rachael Thomas of three different processing plants to see how we can enhance our course offerings.
- A new institutional strategic vision and plan is needed to address the changing landscape of post-secondary education both nationally and globally, and to respond to the evolving opportunities and challenges for the University of Lethbridge. Along with this overall strategic planning a renewal of our Academic Plan, Research Plan, and People Plan are also required. To this end, individuals from the Strategic Planning Committee, the Provost's Office (Academic Plan), ORIS Office (Research Plan), and the University community will be embedded in the planning process to ensure

engagement activities, and subsequent drafting of respective plans, to properly reflect the information gathered. The engagement process will commence this Fall. Single feedback process for all plans and then using the feedback to develop all of the plans. The Calgary campus will also be involved in the process.

- ULethbridge has completed a dose response study in rodents for GB Sciences, Inc., a leading cannabis- and plant-inspired biopharmaceutical research and development company.
- Dr. Jenny McCune, a biology professor, collaborated with an up-and-coming filmmaker, alumnus Rodrigo Henriquez (BFA - New Media '20) to produce a documentary designed to focus greater public attention on endangered plant species and her fight to save them.
- University of Lethbridge researchers across a breadth of disciplines have earned more than \$2.3 million in funding support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
- Three ULethbridge Researchers named Canada Research Chairs; Stacey Wetmore, Trushar Patel, and Julie Young
- Dr. Michael Gerken, a professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, was recently named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society (ACS), an honour currently shared by only seven other Canadians.
- Campaign for Students is gaining momentum and enthusiasm as donors actively seek to enhance their philanthropic contributions through our matching program. By prioritizing our students and their award needs, we have witnessed the development of new awards, the conversion of annual awards into endowed ones, and a notable rise in donations to existing endowed awards.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

- Going forward the President's report will be included in the agenda package and the chair will answer questions at the meeting. He is also asking for questions to be sent in advance so he has time to compile a complete answer.
- J. Dobbie – will the answers to questions sent in prior to the meeting be provided at the GFC meeting. The chair stated that the question/answer will be provided at GFC. M. Helstein noted that questions can also come from the floor but if they are more involved, send them in so that they can get a more concise answer prior to the meeting.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1. Appointments of New Members

MOTION:

gfc.2023.09.02

Helstein/Preston

That General Faculties Council approves the following slate of appointed members, effective immediately:

APPOINTED MEMBERS [13] Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC Appoints) [Two-year terms staggered to provide continuity where possible (GFC Bylaws Part 2, E, 7)]

<i>Fine Arts</i>	♦Deric Olsen	<i>Dec. 31, 2023</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	Dana Cooley	<i>June 30, 2025</i>
<i>Graduate Studies</i>	Athan Zovoilis	<i>June 30, 2025</i>
<i>Health Sciences</i>	Devan McNeill	<i>June 30, 2025</i>
<i>Library</i>	♦Emma Scott	<i>June 30, 2024</i>

(♦Denotes Leave replacements)

APPOINTED MEMBERS (Ex-officio) Authorized Appointments [4] PSLA Section 25 & GFC Bylaws E7 (a) (b) – (GFC Appoints)

<i>Interim Deputy-Provost</i>	<i>Chris Hosgood</i>
<i>President, ULFA</i>	<i>Chris Burton</i>

APPOINTED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBERS (Nominated by Students' Union) [8] Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC Appoints)

<i>Student (Fine Arts)</i>	<i>Mason Hill</i>	<i>April 30, 2024</i>
<i>Student (Health Sciences)</i>	<i>Leo Ochieng</i>	<i>April 30, 2024</i>

Motion: Carried

This appointment is done annually. There have been a couple of changes to the student members so this is reflected here. The members were acknowledged as their names were read.

4.2. GFC Nominations Committee

MOTION: gfc.2023.09.03

Marynowski/Findlay

That GFC Nominations Committee met on August 30, 2023 and recommends to GFC for approval the following slate of nominees, for terms effective immediately:

GFC Academic Appeals and Discipline Committee
One (1) Academic Staff Member - Alternate
• *Jacob Bachinger (Alternate)*

GFC Academic Quality Assurance Committee
One (1) Tenured Faculty Member for three-year term

- *Justin Blum*

GFC Convocation Ceremony Committee

One (1) Academic Staff Member

- *Maurice Needham*

GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee

One (1) Academic Staff Member

- *Luis Escobar*

GFC Student Awards Committee

One (1) Academic Staff Member

- *Maurice Needham*

Vice-President (Finance & Administration) Search Committee

Two (2) Academic Staff Members

- *Sonya von Heyking*
- *Jennifer Mather*

Deputy Provost Search Committee

Three (3) Academic Staff Members

- *Olu Awosoga*
- *Daniela Sirbu*
- *Brenda Nguyen*

Senate

One (1) Members of GFC

- *Natasha Buis-Deering (Executive Director. SEM & Registrar)*

Motion: Carried

R. Marynowski thanked everyone who put their names forward. A question arose on workload and the similar names on the provost and now deputy search so the Nominations Committee works to ensure maximum diversity and equity in the from the nominations that they receive and for that one both campuses are represented.

The floor was then open to nominations for the other vacant positions on each committee.

The following nominations were received:

Senate

One (1) Members of GFC

- Rachele Preston (September 11, 2023 - April 30, 2024)

MOTION: gfc.2023.09.04

Rice/Olsen

That Nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

GFC Research Planning Committee

Two (2) Academic Staff Members

- NAME (A& Sc. Social Sciences)
- NAME (School of Liberal Education)

If there were no volunteers, the positions will be kept vacant. H. Jansen noted that Liberal Education feels like they do not have anyone qualified to serve at this time. There were no volunteers from the floor so the spots will be brought back in January to try again.

GFC Strategic Planning Committee

One (1) Academic Staff Members (Education or Fine Arts)

- Jenna Lowe (Education)

MOTION: gfc.2023.09.05

Helstein/Preston

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

4.3. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

M. Helstein reported that there are two vacancies for academic staff members to serve on the GFC Executive Committee. The process was explained on how we nominate. They must be active members of GFC. The Provost ensured that we should have diversity in concert with the diversity statement that was approved by GFC. Three nominations were received and so the members were asked to leave the room during the voting process.

MOTION: gfc.2023.09.06

Helstein/Preston

That nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

The following nominations were approved:

- One-year (September 11, 2023 – October 3, 2024) Janet Youngdahl
- Two-year (October 3, 2023 – October 7, 2025) James Dobbie

The Chair thanked everyone for letting their names stand.

4.4. GFC Nominations Committee Nominations

M. Helstein reported that there is one vacancy on the GFC Nominations Committee for an academic staff member who is a current member of council. The Provost noted the areas represented on the committee. The floor was opened for nominations. There were no nominations received so the position will remain vacant at this time.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Guidelines for Meeting Format

J. Gallais reported that this is reviewed at the beginning of each year. There were no changes made to the format so the same process will be in place as last year.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2023.09.07

Preston/Marynowski

That the GFC meeting of May 1, 2023 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried