



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #504

Approved Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2015

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), D. Balderson, YJ Bao, J. Bocksnick, R. Boére, B. Boudreau, S. Brandford, V. Brickley, L. Brown, S. Bubel, J. Byrne, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, L. Escobar, P. Ghazalian, J. Graham, A. Hakin, J. Harrowing, C. Helmer-Smith, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, C. Howey, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, L. Kennedy, S. Kennedy, A. Khan, J. Lapadat, M. Letts, M. Lindsay, I. MacLachlan, S. Malla, A. Martin, R. Marynowski, C. Nicol, M. Nugent, D. O'Donnell, E. Okine, D. Olsen, W. Osborn, M. Pijl Zieber, J. Sanders, B. Scott, J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, G. Singh, M. Stingl, S. Thomas, K. Ueland, G. Vardazaryan, P. Visentin, N. Walker, B. Warren, P. Wilson, R. Wood
- Regrets:** D. Adams, M. Hawkins, D. Kaminski, C. Loewen, C. Malacrida, J. Nugent, J. Poulsen, A. Predoi-Cross, E. Wasiak, S. Wickham, C. Williams, R. Yalamova, J. Youngdahl
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, D. Sirbu, B. Sullivan

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Dr. R. Leskiw, who acted as the first President of the University of Lethbridge.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.01

Scott/Brickley

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #504 held Monday, October 5, 2015 be approved with the addition of Items for Information 6.7 Get Out the Vote.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.02

Nicol/Scott

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #503 held Monday, September 14, 2015 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported:

- Board Chair Update – A search for a new board chair will be commencing shortly. A province wide advertisement will be posted in a couple of weeks. A vetting of applicants will occur by the Ministry according to the board skills matrix. There will be interviews and we will have a board representative on the interview committee. This is a new process with our new government. We are looking for someone attuned to the needs of the University of Lethbridge, who is a champion for us and who understands board governance.
- Enrolment - As of September 22, there were 8,453 students, which is an increase of 229 registrants or 2.8% over Fall 2014. Undergraduate enrolment increased by 2.9% and graduate enrolment increased by 1.3%. Enrolment on the Calgary campus increased by 2.6% and enrolment on the Lethbridge campus increased by 4.1%, while enrolment on the Edmonton campus decreased by 47.4%. International enrolment increased by 0.2% and FNMI enrolment increased by 8.1%. New high school student enrolment increased by 18.2%, while new transfer student enrolment and returning student enrolment decreased by 5.5% and 16.5% (respectively). Continuing student enrolment increased by 0.5% and Open Studies student enrolment increased by 29.9%.
- The Board has appointed Dr. Shamsul Alam as Associate Dean, Faculty of Management until June 30, 2019.
- Update on Red Crow College – We are working to support them in any way possible, particularly with IT and the Library. A. Hakin and M. Mahon met with them last week and let them know we will be strong advocates for them.
- Meeting with Shannon Phillips, MLA – The importance of the Destination Project and predictable funding were discussed.
- Meeting with Minister Sigurdson, and other Innovation and Advanced Education representatives on September 26 as well as a tour of the Uhall science labs.
- Had a meeting in Ottawa two weeks ago with Deputy Ministers regarding Regional Universities in Canada from a regional development perspective. M. Mahon has created this presentation with two other universities and it was given to 40 Deputy Ministers as well as the Conference Board of Canada. All of the granting councils were represented at the Conference Board meeting.
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast was September 29 with Women's National Soccer Coach John Herdman as the featured speaker.
- Senior Leaders' had a retreat last week – The topic between president's executive and senior leaders was the shared objectives and how they all align.
- Global Night – he celebrated and welcomed international students to our city and our institutions (UofL, LC, and City of Lethbridge), 180 students attended. It helps the international students feel a part of the community.
- M. Mahon will be conducting O Canada on opening night of the Lethbridge Symphony's Concert tonight, Monday, October 5, Southminster United Church.
- Meeting on October 16 with Chinese Consul General Wang Xinping and Mrs. Wang, Consul Bai. It will include a campus tour and meeting with students.

- Fiat Lux Address on Wednesday, October 7 (3:00 pm in SU Ballrooms). Everyone was invited to attend.
- Cyber Violence discussion last meeting –Thanked C. Williams and J. Graham for taking up the charge on this. There will be a SACPA discussion on this coming soon.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- R. Boere asked for clarification on what the old process was for selecting the board chair. M. Mahon stated that the process was not dissimilar. An advertisement is put out by the province, they would then provide us a list of applicants categorized into A, B and C candidates using our skills matrix. Based on this we would provide feedback back to the province on who would be a good fit. The major change is an interview panel that includes the minister and a representative from the premier’s office with more control now with the province instead of the University.
- A. Hakin mentioned the Open House held this past weekend. There was good attendance. Thanks to everyone involved.
- D. O’Donnell – regarding the recent Open House – What is the perspective of being down the hill for some aspects of the open house? The general impression he has was that there were not as many people going down the hill this year. M. Mahon suggested that maybe this needs some tweaking and will pass on the comments to the people setting this up.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed GFC Members

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.03

Hakin/Helmer-Smith

That GFC approves the appointed members as indicated in the 2015/2016 General Faculties Membership and listed below:

		<i>Term End Date</i>
Student (Management)	Brendan Warren	April 30, 2016
Student (Education)	Shealeigh Brandford	April 30, 2016
Student (Health Sciences)	Aini Khan	April 30, 2016

Motion: Carried

These were the three vacancies left from the last meeting that were filled by election in September.

5.2. Associate Vice-President (Research) - Appointment Committee

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.04

Siaroff/Martin

That GFC approve the appointment of Beth Gerwin, Brenda Leung and Stewart Rood to the Associate Vice-President (Research) Appointment Committee.

Motion: Carried

5.3. GFC Representative on Senate

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.05

Siaroff/Nicol

That GFC approve the appointment of Peter Visentin to the Senate for the remainder of the term until August 31, 2017.

Motion: Carried

5.4. GFC Executive Committee Nominations

A. Hakin reported on the vacancies on the Executive committee. J. Gallais explained the process for approval voting if needed.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. The following nominations were received for two, two-year terms:

- Dan O'Donnell
- Alan Siaroff

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.06

Hakin/Hosgood

All nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

There were two vacancies on the GFC Executive Committee for two-year terms, so both candidates were acclaimed.

M. Mahon opened the floor to nominations. The following nomination was received for the one, one-year appointment:

- Deric Olsen

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.07

Hakin/Cooper

All nominations cease.

Motion: Carried

There was one vacancy on the GFC Executive Committee for a one-year term, so the candidate was acclaimed.

5.5. The Lethbridge Centre for the Study of Scholarly Communication

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.08
Nicol/O'Donnell

That GFC approve of the creation of The Lethbridge Centre for the Study of Scholarly Communication as a Type B Centre, under the provisions of the University of Lethbridge Research Centres and Institutes Policy

Motion: Carried

C. Nicol, provided an overview and indicated that the centre would be a good supporting agent to the university. D. O'Donnell then provided some additional information on the support to the infrastructure and research side that it will provide for Librarians and others. The question was asked if the Centre was intended to bridge the gulf to get academic publications out to the public. C. Nicol stated that it is an incubator for free journals. They have looked at different models for disseminating scholarly work versus only using the publishing route. They are looking at open access means.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. GFC Standing Committee Reports

J. Gallais stated that the yearly reports are received as information. The Aboriginal Education Committee report was not received and will be presented at our next GFC meeting. No questions arose.

6.2. Destination Project – Renewable Energy Document

A. Hakin stated, at last GFC, that a sustainability document would be provided and B. Sullivan, Program Director, Destination Project was present to go over the document. A. Hakin commented that Minister Sigurdson stated that the labs reminded her of her high school chemistry labs. The facilities have fallen behind from where we need them to be. This was the main point we were trying to get across to the government as showing people the reality is more effective than reading a report. We are working to ensure that the money will flow in a timely manner. We would like to be in the ground in March-May of next year. If we can't get a commitment on the money by January, we will be at a dead stop. By the end of the semester, we will have an ATCO trailer by Markin Hall for the first crew which will include B. Sullivan's team. They have been meeting with Faculty, led by J. Byrne, on broadening the sustainability piece. We are getting close to the end of the design phase, and we are looking to get phase 1 which is the leveling of the site underway.

A. Hakin turned it over to B. Sullivan. He discussed two key driving factors in sustainability – optimizing user comfort and the reduction of energy consumption in the building. We have reduced energy consumption in the new building by 50-60% and are doing it through a variety of methods. A group of climate engineers from Germany have come up with some aggressive and unique techniques – including passive solar heating done by two pieces of glass making up the envelope. Air is heated between the panes of glass in the winter and then

in the summer there are shades on the windows to keep air cooler. We have lit the building with LED lighting. Bulbs will not need to be changed for 25 years. Lab air will be recycled and reconditioned in the atrium. When the labs are empty, the air will cycle less due to fume hoods technology.

We are trying to get rid of customized labs because the cost of renovating customized labs is enormous. Geothermal wasn't originally going to work because the campus wide energy centre was going to be in the building, but it has been moved. Greenhouses are now on the grade level so geothermal may be more feasible to supplement the heating and cooling as Greenhouses consume significant energy.

Discussion occurred around "smartness" of the controls on the building, the possibility of being hacked as well as the incredible opportunity and economic benefit this building will have on our community. Members were encouraged to discuss the importance of the project with MLA's. The push is as much about science and getting labs out of the University Hall, as well as, repurposing the building for humanities/arts/social sciences.

6.3. Honorary Degree Nominations

E. Okine, Vice-President (Research) discussed honorary degrees and the deadlines. These nominations are to recognize people in our society for excellence such as leading academics in all disciplines including arts, performers, etc. and we are not limited to just these.

November 1st is the deadline. The senate is responsible for awarding but there are academic members of the committee. At least one academic degree is to be awarded every year.

6.4. GFC Bylaw Revisions – Editorial

J. Gallais stated according to the GFC Bylaws, any editorial revisions must be brought to council for information. No concerns arose with the editorial amendments.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 28, 2015

Received for information. No questions raised.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – September 8, 2015

Received for information. No questions raised.

6.7. Get Out the Vote

V. Brickley has been working on getting the students out to vote. The UofL was denied a polling station because we were considered too small. Many residence students do not drive so we need to come up with ideas to get them to the polls. Some suggestions included asking faculty to drive, sponsoring a bus or taking up donations to rent a bus. The Registrar's Office can give you a letter stating you are living here for the semester. Please direct any students to the Students' Union if they have questions. M. Mahon stated that we will work with the Students' Union to find a solution.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2015.10.09
Jurkowski/Boere

That the GFC meeting #504 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried