



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #491

Approved Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2014

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon (Chair), L. Ambedian, B. Boudreau, L. Brown, C. Carnaghan, C. Cooper, J. Copeland, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, B. Ellis, M. Fosen, S. Glydon, T. Gunn, A. Hakin, M. Hawkins, M. Helstein, P. Henzi, L. Hildebrand, C. Horbachewski, C. Hosgood, L. Jacobs, E. Jurkowski, K. Kalmar, L. Kennedy, J. Lapadat, J. Laurendeau, M. Lindsay, C. Loewen, P. Loewen, A. Long, I. MacLachlan, K. McCallum, C. Nicol, D. O'Donnell, W. Osborn, M. Pijl Zieber, N. Piquette, J. Poulsen, L. Robison-Greene, A. Siaroff, D. Siminovitch, T. Spagnolo, S. Talbot, J. Usher, J. Vokey, K. Vos, D. Weeks, M. Wiens, S. Wismath, R. Wood, R. Yalamova-Usher, J. Youngdahl, W. Yuan
- Regrets:** P. Asaana, T. Babalola, G. Bedard, K. Haight, C. Hollingsworth, C. Jorgensen, M. Kawchuk, C. Kingfisher, B. Lee, C. Malacrida, F. Naeem, N. Peters, I. Townshend, P. Visentin, N. Walker, P. Wilson,
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), V. Grisack, R. Hopkins

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2014.02.01

Kalmar/Jurkowski

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #491 held Monday, February 3, 2014 be approved with the addition under Items for Action of 5.1 Appointment of Student Member and move Academic Plan to 5.2.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2014.02.02

Vos/Jurkowski

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #490 held Monday, December 9, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported:

- Open Mike in UWeekly this afternoon – he will talk about the proposed drilling and indicate that we do have concerns with this issue. We do not have a public position as board needs to do this, but we are expressing concerns. G. Weadick, MLA has been reasonably public on his similar concerns.
- Christmas Good news story - Students led initiative of Pay it Forward to employee Joe at Tim Horton's. It is an important message of how students come together unofficially using social media.
- Operation Red Nose – Successful 19th season and third highest total rides – 641 volunteers and 1,254 rides – congratulations to all who supported and participated.
- Condolences expressed for 3 Honorary Degree Recipients - Dr. Jim Coutts, Dr. Helen Manyfingers, and Dr. Dale Bartlett, as well as former Faculty member Frank Jankunis and former employee Willie Plomp.
- New Minister was announced prior to Christmas – At the meeting of Campus Alberta Board Chairs and Presidents – Andy met with new Minister and Deputy Premier, Dave Hancock who was our Minister in mid-2000's. He introduced Access to Future Fund. There may be plans for him to come to Campus in mid-February.
- Ottawa Trip – met with 4 different Deputy Ministers. We continue to push on supporting the Destination Project in all meetings.
- Presentation to city hall today about the Destination Project this afternoon.
- Budget – Working through the budget through the last few months. We now know that the Government is doing the budget announcement on March 5th with the throne speech on March 3rd Andy and Mike attended ½ day meeting with Red Crow College, support them and enhance our relationship with the College. Pursuing an MOU on how we enhance access. An interesting stat was that 95% of students graduate from UofL when they transfer from Red Crow.
- Donor gala on Thursday will recognize our donors and in particular, Ed & Linda McNally, who have supported 42 different nursing practitioners in our Health Sciences Program.
- Feb 12 – welcome back bbq to launch the strat plan.
- Feb 17th play day – Great success in welcoming families to campus. We are looking for volunteers.

4. **QUESTION PERIOD**

We have now separated out question period from the President's report. There is no change but in the past we didn't demarcate the two and have now recognized it separately on the agenda.

D. O'Donnell asked with regards to Red Crow Community College, that the benefits go both ways, so how do we benefit from Red Crow and how can we maximize that? Discussion occurred on cultural experience and how can Red Crow support our research and activities.

A. Hakin reported that RCCC President R. Weasel Fat has linked us with the elder

community which has been very beneficial to our students. Fruitful conversation in regards to programming, in particular an area called Kainai studies. Also, we would like to explore the First Nations Transition program with RCCC to shore up our work there. With regards to the Niitsitapi and the First Nations Transition program, they have an excellent understanding of our programs. In the recommendations that came from the report, there was a recommendation for the First Nations gathering space. We are looking at the redoing of University Hall but that could be 5 years in the future. We are considering the Patterson Centre as a transition space until we are in a position to move forward with space in University Hall. C. Nicol mentioned that the Blackfoot Digital Library is hosted in our library collection and we are working with Red Crow to redevelop the library. M. Hawkins stated that originally we discussed a separate stand-alone building. M. Mahon replied that as with all capital projects, this is an ongoing dialogue. Resources are far more likely to develop in conjunction with the Destination Project than trying to fund a separate building. Locating it in the heart of UHall would be a positive move. J. Usher pointed out that there are lapses in support in regards to academic staff. The reviews showed that NAS and first nation's governance in management are lacking faculty support. B. Ellis stated that the review encouraged an increase in faculty resources to the First Nations Governance program. C. Cooper is acutely aware of the budget challenges and it's on his radar. B. Boudreau stated that the First Nations Transition program is just starting its review and the NAS review is in progress.

D. Siminovitch asked about the preparation of the Academic Plan. A. Hakin replied that the academic plan is overseen and written by his office. We look to see the major directions in past plans and we change as appropriate. Style is the same and metrics were added to last year. Individual Unit alignments have been removed to underscore that it a university wide plan. The content will be utilized in the CIP.

J. Laurendeau asked about the budget process and timelines. The budget process is underway. Once the budget is fully develop, it will be sent to various groups before going to the Board for final approval. We have moved the timeline back a month so it will be submitted to the Board in March for their consideration. A challenge that we have had in the past was that we considered our budget in February with the provincial government budget coming down in March. We then had to make changes to the budget to fit the budget reality. This new process should allow us to have a final budget with a good sense of the fiscal landscape.

I. MacLachlan asked if we are considering a revision of the students with disabilities policy. The policy states that it is the responsibility of the counselling services to notify the dean who will notify the Profs. We need to be accommodating the needs of the students as well as the accommodation of the needs of our instructors. Both the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education both come from the Human Services portfolio and they bring some of those aspirations with them. The Accommodated Learning Centre is now separated from Counselling services.

D. O'Donnell asked about the Patterson Centre. M. Mahon replied that it is the building right across from our new residence. He wants to make sure that it meets the needs of our students and elders.

L. Jacobs stated that there was a committee on disability access in the past. As well as remarking that it is good to see that there is some action on the proposed drilling. We as neighbors of the institution should support the institution.

M. Mahon indicated that this was the most lively question period and has been a good move.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Approval of Remaining Appointed Members

MOTION: gfc.2014.02.03

Hakin/Kalmar

That GFC approves the appointment of Matthew Fosen as an appointed undergraduate student to replace Benjamin Goodwin.

Motion: Carried

5.2. Academic Plan

MOTION: gfc.2014.02.04

Hakin/Jurkowski

That General Faculties Council approve the enclosed Academic Plan for 2014.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin presented the enclosed Academic Plan which is an annual document which forms some of the basis of annual reporting requirements of the government. It is supplemented by a series of metrics which have been updated this year. Explanation was given on some of the changes from last year and how it is a challenge to merge and link different parts of various plans.

A discussion occurred regarding the importance of agriculture, the role of the research plan, and scholarships and student awards. The GLER garnered much discussion and the hope is to move this forward in the next year as budget was an inhibitor in the past and with the new budget model there are no longer financial boundaries. Discussion also occurred around the topic of recruitment, dual credit opportunities, the collegia model, grad students needs for lounge space, and the increase of quality assurance reviews. It was emphasized that the information is from the units for this, so it is from the ground up.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Destination Project Update

A.Hakin updated on the process so far. The site selection process is ongoing and progress with selection of design consultant has been made. Complexities of the project means many areas need to be addressed - i.e. animal housing. The committee worked through the initial design consultant offerings and narrowed it down to 8 teams. The RFP has been developed in which we asked for comments on integrated design and stakeholder collaboration as well as build form, landscapes, sustainability approach with the building, risk assessment and any additional value added services. Closing date is February 20 for responses. A subcommittee

has been formed to evaluate the RFPs. We want to bring 2 or 3 design teams to present in March with the hopeful completion of the design process by April. We are moving forward rapidly to get the design team in place. A question regarding the building location - Has the site been selection? We have an overview of possibilities but we need the design team to guide us. The building size will be just under the size of University Hall. The sustainability of operations is important and what it means for the University. The impact on campus will be very large. Why are we adding an animal holding facility when we have one in the CCBN? It was stated that this facility will soon outlive its lifetime. A lot of the research that is associated with the CCBN will be moved to the new building with the CCBN being used for a different purpose in the future.

6.2. IT Support for Research and Teaching

A. Hakin indicated that there were some concerns brought from D. O'Donnell regarding IT. GFC Executive indicated how IT Supports Teaching and Research on campus is not well understood. To have this conversation on how they can better serve in its alignment with the Academic Plan, the CIO will be invited to GFC to give an overview of this activity. General need from all of us to see a better alignment with the research and teaching component of the university. We will be asking M. Humphries, CIO to come in March to present to GFC. Two aspects were brought up - what is working and what isn't and then aspect of intellectual decision making at IT and to what extent has IT moved from a utility to something like the library (service).

6.3. President's Service Award

J. Gallais reported that the deadline is March 21st. The award is for APO's, Exempt and AUPE.

6.4. GFC Executive Committee Report – January 27, 2014

J. Gallais stated that this is provided for information.

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – December 2, 2013

Emailed for information.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Hakin indicated that he spoke with ULFA about the sunshine clause and regulations that could be coming down. It has been made apparent that reporting of salaries over \$100,000 will be a reality for this sector. The Minister did not see a way to stop this and wanted to minimize the amount of effort required in reporting. If letter comes down that we have to report this, we can do nothing but provide the information. We have concerns over amount of time it would take to do this. A. Hakin wanted the academic body to be mindful of this possibility. Question on how it will be listed as salaries and benefits but we have no idea as of yet.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: gfc.2014.02.05

Kalmar/Glydon

That the GFC meeting #491 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried