MINUTES OF A MEETING #409 OF THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL HELD ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2003 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM, W646

Present: Bill Cade, Chair, Séamus O'Shea, Nancy Walker, Christopher Nicol, John Usher, Jane O'Dea, Ches Skinner, Shamsul Alam, Barbara Marshalsay, Leslie Lavers, Kris Magnusson, Kas Mazurek, Leah Fowler, Dayna Daniels, Tom Johnston, Jim Thomas, Craig Monk, Ian MacLachlan, Rene Barendregt, Pat Hodd, Angela Downey, Leslie Dawn, Robert Williams, Melanee Thomas, Jerrad Kubik, Rex Forsyth, Ian McAdam, Dan O'Donnell, Diana Young, Cathy Campbell, Rae Hazelwood, Wes Balderson, Chris Hosgood, Gorm Hansen, Lindsay Mills, Peter Therrien, Jillian Erlandson,
M. Schwartz (Secretary)

Regrets: Patricia Wall, James Graham, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Will Smith, Alfred Chan, Joy Morris

3898.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3898.1 MOTION:

Daniels/Nicol That the Agenda for Meeting #409 be approved as circulated with the removal of 6.1.

MOTION: CARRIED.

3899.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3899.1 MOTION:

Thomas/Nicol That the Minutes of Meeting #408, December 2, 2002, be approved as circulated.

MOTION: CARRIED

3900.0 ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3900.1 Plagiarism Software

Dr. Chuchryk has investigated various software and one has been chosen . A Code of Conduct will come before the next meeting GFC for review and approval.

3900.2 Web Entry Software

Leslie Lavers explained that the University has acquired the ability to enter grades directly through web and can feed without an intermediator. Rick Mrazek will be working on the pilot with the M.Ed. Grades in the Spring semester. The Deans will decide as to whether or not an electronic approval by the Deans will be needed.

3901.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cade wished everyone a Happy New Year!

3901.1 Post Secondary Meeting

Presidents and Board Chairs met with Minister Oberg regarding amendments to the Legislation. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. He indicated that the colleges were unanimous in opposition for the single Act. The Minister will be communicating the details to the institutions on January 31. There was in depth conversation regarding colleges becoming degree granting institutions. The suggestions made by the colleges could not be approved without a public review.

3901.2 Tuition Increase

President Cade assured members that the recent headline in the Calgary Herald regarding the U of C and $50 m is actually a reallocation. The Board at the U of L has recently increased the tuition by 7.5%. This is the first time in awhile that the U of L has been able to increase.

3901.3 Fund Raising Campaign

The Board of Governors has recently given the go ahead to start a new fund raising campaign. They would like to raise: $1m for scholarships; $3.5 m for Art Gallery; and, $7.5m for a new academic building.

3901.4 Residences

The Board has approved an architect to develop a plan for new residences on campus. They have asked for a plan for the construction of 100 beds as well as a design for an additional 100.

3901.5 Branding

A private firm has been hired to help with the branding exercise. It is important that the University's identity be coherent.

3901.6 Personal Security Policy

The Personal Security Policy has been approved and placed in a brochure.

3901.7 The University of Lethbridge - Increased Visibility

Mayor Tarleck recently sent a letter to Murray Smith, Minister of Energy. Minister Smith had recently referred to the Province's "two" research universities in an article on November 10 regarding Kyoto.

Josie Mills has recently been featured in an article in the Calgary Herald on December 30 regarding the art collection.

Chris Hosgood has also recently been featured in the Calgary Herald on December 21. The story was about Christmas shopping and commercialism.

Glen Prusky is featured in the Calgary Sun regarding his story on Rats.

President Cade thanked Bob Cooney for assisting with raising the profile of the University in other newspapers.

3901.8 Building Bridges

Gwyn Morgan, Encana, held a building bridges lunch in Calgary. President Cade indicated that there are many people that do not know that the University has campuses in Calgary and Edmonton. Two more have been planned for Calgary and one for Edmonton.

3901.9 Joan Waterfield

President Cade read a portion of a thank you ad placed by Honorary Degree recipient Joan Waterfield.

3901.10 Nancy Olivieri

Medical Researcher Nancy Olivieri will be speaking January 9 regarding her protracted dispute with a drug company, a major research and teaching hospital and Canada's largest university.

3901.11 Federal Minister, David Anderson

David Anderson, Federal Environment Minister will be in Lethbridge on January 22, 2003.

3901.12 Matthew McHugh

Congratulations go to Matthew McHugh, former Student Union President for his recent success in receiving the most prestigious Rotarian Ambassadorial Scholarship.

3901.13 Ian MacLachlan

President Cade thanked Ian MacLachlan for serving as the University Representative to the General Assembly and member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences, Federation of Canada for the past four years.

3901.14 LINC - Damage

Due to rain damage incurred in June 2002 repairs are being made on the LINC building. The main entrance, Level 10, is now being repaired. When the damage had happened the building was still on warranty. The cost of repairs will not be coming out of the operating funds.

3901.15 Dr. Marinus Swanepoel

Seamus O'Shea reported that he is pleased to announce that a new Librarian has been appointed effective July 2, 2003. Dr. Marinus Swanepoel is currently the Director, Library Services, Technikonrand Campus, Pretoria.

President Cade thanked Barbara Marshalsay for serving as the University Librarian.

Seamus O'Shea thanked those who were participated in the search.

Questions

A general discussion about public relations occurred and what kind of mechanism Communications uses to ensure that something newsworthy is presented to the press at the right time.

President Cade noted that the Deans can play a critical role in this process as well. If it is newsworthy they should be letting Communications know.

3902.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

3902.1 Strategic Plan

3902.1.1 MOTION:

O'Shea/Walker That GFC recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Strategic Plan.

MOTION: CARRIED.

President Cade thanked members of the committee as well as those who participated by sending in comments.

3903.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3903.1 GFC Executive Committee Minutes of Meeting #377, December 16, 2002

The GFC Executive Minutes of Meeting #377, December 16, 2002 was received as information.

3904.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

3905.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

3906.0 ADJOURNMENT

3906.1 MOTION:

Downey/Daniels That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: CARRIED

3907.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Question period was not minuted.