



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL MEETING #539

Approved Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019

3:00 p.m. in W646

- Present:** M. Mahon, (Chair), L. Barrett, J. Blum, J. Brassolotto, S. Bubel, D. Burleigh, P. Cardozo, J. Copeland, B. Cummins, J. Dobbie, L. Elias, G. Fujiwara, A. Gammack, H. Ghanberi, K. Godfrey, N. Haimoun, A. Hakin, R. Harper-Brown, B. Harray, L. Howard, M. Ingraham, D. Jarvie, S. Johnsrude, D. Kaminski, H. Kelley, S. Kennedy, H. Ladd, J. Laurendeau, M. Letts, K. Massey, C. Mattatall, K. Mazurek, J. Mills, R. Munn, C. Nicol, E. Okine, T. Oosterbroek, K. Peacock, K. Potts, E. Pullan, P. Shao (phone), J. Sheriff, A. Siaroff, S. Spenceley, C. Steinke, A. Stewart, M. Stingl, J. Usher, J. Vokey, N. Walker, S. Wismath
- Regrets:** C. Adams, K. Alexander, A. Ansah, R. Barendregt, C. Currie, J. Gamble, N. Grigg, C. Horbachewski, A. Khalil, H. Kletke, C. Loewen, J. Mather, J. Miles, A. Moatari-Kazerouni, B. Nikolai-Wilson, B. Rogers, P. Wilson, L. Zink
- Other:** J. Gallais, V. Grisack, M. Whipple, R. Graham, T. Jacobson-Gundlock

Oki, and welcome to the University of Lethbridge. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University of Lethbridge acknowledges and deeply appreciates the Siksikaitapii peoples' connection to their traditional territory. We, as people living and benefiting from Blackfoot Confederacy traditional territory, honour the traditions of people who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We recognize the diverse population of Aboriginal peoples who attend the University of Lethbridge and the contributions these Aboriginal peoples have made in shaping and strengthening the University community in the past, present, and in the future.

Introduction of new senior administrative leaders - Mary Ingraham - Dean of Fine Arts, Rob Wood - Dean of Health Sciences, Helen Kelley - Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, Matt Letts - Interim Dean of Arts & Science, Jennifer Copeland - Interim Associate Vice-President (Research), Shannon Spenceley - Acting Dean of Health Sciences for September.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: gfc.2019.09.01

Spenceley/Massey

That the Agenda for GFC Meeting #539 held Monday, September 9, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: gfc.2019.09.02

Gammack/Wismath

That the Minutes for GFC Meeting #538 held Monday, June 3, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported:

- Dean of Arts & Science Search has started with 11 focus groups meeting in the next few weeks.
- Grand Opening of the Science Commons is happening on September 13th and 14th – T. Jacobson-Gundlock and M. Letts will speak to this later in the agenda.
- Free Speech Policy is in development with the Provost and Legal Counsel working on it. There will be a robust consultation but it is mandated from the government.
- MasterCard Foundation Update – we are working on the final stages of the proposal.
- Enrolment Numbers – the present enrolment is 8,912, which is a 1.7% increase.
- M. Mahon attended many meetings in Edmonton over the summer including meetings with Deputy Minister R. Skura (Advanced Education), Minister J. Copping (Labour), and MLA Roger Reid (Nanton). He will be up in Edmonton on Wednesday to meet with the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education R. Skura to try to get information on the upcoming budget.
- MacKinnon report – there have been many conversations since this report came out. People around the province are questioning the data that was used to develop the report. This is a tightly controlled piece of information on how things will unfold from a budget perspective. Signals from the government are not positive. We have been advocating for post-secondary as a whole but are focusing aggressively now on the University of Lethbridge. We are very under-funded in comparison to the other CARU institutions. The data was published by the government in the report so the President will use it to strengthen our position in his meetings with the Ministry.
- Therapeutic Recreation program was awarded accreditation by Commission on Accreditations of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). We were the second institution in Canada to get the accreditation.
- Attended the Perspectives on Reconciliation conference in Whitehorse at Yukon College on August 10-15th. Yukon College will soon be transitioning to university status.

- New Student Orientation was the largest ever held this week on Monday & Tuesday. There were 2,400 students registered. This was almost double the number from last year.
- Calgary Campus "Illumination" New Student Orientation/Welcome Back BBQ/Faculty Orientation were great events. Many students were represented from all corners of the world.
- Citywide Reconciliation Week - September 15 - 20th - various events will be happening around the city.
- Friends of Health Sciences Dinner will be on October 10th.
- Let There Be Light Night will be held in the Science Commons on October 18th with Convocation happening the next day on October 19th.
- Senior Leaders Retreat is October 1st with the Vice-Presidents, Associate Vice-Presidents, Deans, Associate Deans and Executive Directors.
- Senate to hold their first meeting of the year at Kanai High School on the reserve. M. Mahon is excited for the Senate to be meeting there.
- Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner - Honouring Dr. Dennis Connolly on October 17th.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

- D. Kaminski – The number of students is 8,912. What is the portion of grad students? M. Mahon referred to S. Kennedy and H. Kelley, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, who stated that they will have a better idea after the add/drop deadline tomorrow. A. Hakin thought that there are roughly 700 graduate students. *After the meeting, graduate student numbers were confirmed by the Registrar and the Interim Dean of Graduate Studies. There are 629 graduate students registered. The School of Graduate Studies staff is working with several graduate students who still need to register so numbers could change.*
- J. Vokey – What is the process for replacing people who resign from GFC before their term is up? J. Gallais specified that it depends on who elected them in the first place. If the faculty appointed them, then the member would be replaced through the faculty's process.
- K. Peacock – Asked for more clarification on the free speech policy. M. Mahon referred to the Provost to answer as he has been working on the policy document. A. Hakin referenced the letter from the ministry on July 4th in which the Board is to select one of the three options – formally adopt the Chicago Statement; adopt the eight key principles of the Chicago Statement; or adopt its own policy that conforms with the key elements of the Chicago Statement. We are working with general counsels at both the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary on how to move forward as well as looking at the lessons learned in Ontario. The Chicago principles allow speakers to speak on campus without censure; however, they cannot breach hate speech laws. M. Mahon stated that the focus is to manage notifying community as well as location control. Part of the principles we come up with will be how to manage this issue. We have no ability to not adopt one of those options. The deadline for submission to the Ministry is November 15th and the policy needs to be posted by December 15th.

- J. Vokey commented on the Chicago principles, which allow for different lines because we do not have free speech amendments as in the United States. Will these lines be decided on before we decide on our response? The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects freedom of expression. The question is if these relate to academic freedom. A. Hakin stated that we are lucky to have Ontario's example of what works and what did not in their case.
- K. Peacock – Discussion on thought experiments in relation to free speech. The President commented that we need to be careful to delineate between a true university sponsored event and free speech in which someone rents a room for a presentation of some sort.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. GFC Appointed Members

MOTION: gfc.2019.09.03

Hakin/Kelley

That General Faculties Council (GFC) approves the appointed members to GFC for terms ending as noted below.

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

Arts & Science Jay Gamble June 30, 2021

Education Chris Mattatall June 30, 2021

Fine Arts Leanne Elias June 30, 2021

Graduate Studies Vacant June 30, 2021

Health Sciences Tracy Oosterbroek June 30, 2021

**APPOINTED MEMBERS (Ex-officio) Authorized Appointments
PSLA**

Section 25 & GFC Bylaws E7 (a) (b) – (GFC Appoints)

President, ULFA David Kaminski

**APPOINTED GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER (Nominated by
Graduate Students Association) Section 25 & GFC Bylaws – (GFC
Appoints)**

Graduate Student Annabella Ansah April 30, 2020

Motion: Carried

5.2. Nominations Committee

MOTION: gfc.2019.09.04

Siaroff/Nicol

That GFC approve the nominees below:

GFC Research Planning Committee

Cheryl Currie Health Sciences (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

Borries Demeler Graduate Studies (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

Michelle Hogue Social Sciences, A&S (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021)

Motion: Carried

5.3. Departmental Name Change – Department of Geography

MOTION: gfc.2019.09.05

Letts/Massey

That General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the name change from the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography and Environment.

Motion: Carried

There was a discussion on why it is just Geography and Environment. M. Letts stated that this name was chosen by the department.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Science Commons Opening & Update

M. Mahon introduced T. Jacobson-Gundlock and M. Letts to give an update on events. T. Jacobson-Gundlock gave an overview of the committee and their goals. A schedule of the events was displayed. M. Letts went over the idea of the Science Commons and that we invite the community to take part. There will be 30 exhibits and a list of the events is included in Uweekly. There will be Beakerhead displays and Jay Ingram's walk thru brain presentation. More than 300 tickets have been sold for the gala and we are hoping for 250 people for the Alumni homecoming event. There was some discussion on the public professor Pecha Kucha event where 21 professors will have a 5-minute time limit for 15 slides, and on how the professors were chosen.

6.2. Open Access Policy

C. Nicol discussed the background of the development of the policy. The GFC Library Committee has been reviewing the possibility of developing a policy at the U of L. There are faculty as well as librarians on the committee. They have developed a FAQ document. He introduced Rumi Graham, who has been on the committee and will give a brief presentation on the policy. Librarians have developed a trial and have been using it the past year. The draft policy and background docs were included in the agenda package. The advisory group tried to consult with as many groups on campus as they could. It is ready for GFC to discuss the policy. She asked for any questions. Some of the discussion included how the repositories are created, duplication of what is at other institutions and how search engines will find them. The language in the policy was discussed in length as well as the repercussions if the policy is not followed. The

decision is up to the individual on where they publish their research. This was a deliberate move by the committee. OPUS exists right now and researchers are all able to submit their materials to it but not many are doing it. Most publishers will allow the author to put the accepted manuscript in OPUS. Please let R. Graham know if there are any further comments or questions.

6.3. GFC Executive Committee Member Nominations & GFC Nominations Committee

J. Gallais reported on the process of staffing GFC Executive and the Nominations Committee. We will be asking for 2 two-year terms and 2 one-year terms at the October meeting for GFC Executive. Please come with nominees who have agreed to serve. We will be looking to fill the nominations committee in November, as we need to staff Executive first. One member of GFC Executive will serve as chair of the Nominations Committee.

6.4. Sexual Violence Policy 2019 Report

K. Massey stated the report is included in the package today. It is the first time it is being released publicly and going forward will continue to be publicly released. Dates for the public orientation meetings will be sent out after the meeting. Significant focus has been on awareness training this year. K. Massey brought three pieces of information for the GFC members including a quick reference on a binder divider and two information leaflets. They are available on the back table. Please share the dates of the meetings with others. *The dates for the training were sent out after the meeting.*

6.5. GFC Executive Committee Report – September 3, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

6.6. GFC Executive Committee Approved Minutes – May 27, 2019 & Email Meetings of June 7, June 24 and July 15, 2019

Received as information. No questions raised.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: gfc.2019.09.06

Wismath/Haimoun

That the GFC meeting #539 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried