

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION**  
**OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 AT 1:30 P.M.**  
**IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)**

Present: Bob Turner (Chair) (by phone), Mike Mahon, Karen Bartsch (by phone), Patrick Forrest (by phone), Blaine Kunz (by phone), Kevin Nugent (by phone), Paul Walz, Eric Hawthorne, Jim Berezan, Heidi MacDonald, Jeremiah Merkl, Don Chandler, Gordon Jong, Doug McArthur

Regrets: Janice Varzari, Evelyn Good Striker, Richard Davidson, Taz Kassam

Others: Andrew Hakin, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost  
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)  
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)  
Dan Weeks, Vice-President (Research)

Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning)  
Richard Westlund, Director, Government Relations.

**PRESENTATION**

Professor H.J. Wieden was introduced. He is a Canada Research Chair and Professor of Chemistry, who was the advisor to an 18-person team of University of Lethbridge undergraduate Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology, and Neuroscience students who were awarded with Gold Standing at the 2010 International Genetically Engineered Machines competition (iGEM). The group was in attendance at the Board meeting and each was presented with a certificate and congratulated on this achievement. This is the third gold-level victory for the U of L team, competing this time against 128 teams at an event at MIT in Boston. The team's project involved the design of a petrochemical-eating bacteria, which they proved could be used to help clean up water in oil sand tailings ponds. Their effort furthers a biological solution to improve the environmental sustainability of Alberta's oil sands bitumen extraction, upgrading and refining. It was reported that the Alberta Premier was very interested in the project.

**BOARD EDUCATION**

Andrew Hakin introduced Dr. Chris Hosgood, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences who gave a presentation as part of the Board education process. Dr. Hosgood is coming to the end of his first five-year term and has expressed an interest in being reappointed for a second term. He was credited with shepherding the School of Health Sciences to full Faculty status.

Dr. Hosgood spoke of accomplishments in the Faculty of Health Sciences, particularly as they relate to Nursing, Addictions Counseling, and the Public Health major. He remarked that Public Health is an important program to move the Faculty of Health Sciences firmly and comfortably into the central part of the University in a non-clinical way. This was a major that was particularly difficult to get launched and the funding freeze shortly after approval created some

difficulty but options are being worked on. It was explained that Public Health is a discipline that doesn't immediately spring to mind for high school students as a post-secondary choice so there is an opportunity to do work in that regard. The Addictions Counseling is a flagship program and the only one in the country at the baccalaureate level. An external review done four years ago was extremely positive and went so far as to indicate the program was operating at a graduate level in some areas. This program has become so popular that some thought is being given about how to limit enrolment. The Nursing program has grown quite dramatically over the last five years, particularly related to the Nursing Education in Southwestern Alberta (NESA) program. This has been complemented by a 23-month after degree program. The Nursing program has moved from about 40 baccalaureate graduates per year five years ago to about 180 graduates this year. This program also suffered a funding freeze but given the importance of nursing education to the Province, one-time funding has recently been approved. Whether or not that funding will be continuing remains to be seen. Dr. Hosgood reported that the Nursing Education Approval Board fully approved the U of L Nursing program and the submission was identified as superior by that body. Dr. Hosgood expressed pride in his colleagues for presenting such a superb report. He added that the Globe and Mail report identified Nursing and Addictions Counseling as strong undergraduate programs at the U of L. The Nursing program is beginning to achieve the goal of being a destination for students.

Dean Hosgood reported that Dr. Judith Kulig was instrumental in getting Federal Government funding to support Aboriginal Nursing students at the U of L. Four years ago there were six Aboriginal Students in Health Sciences programs and there are now over 30. Regrettably, the pilot funding is no longer available and the program has been cut back but one position is being maintained to provide support to Aboriginal students and work is being done to find a way to maintain that commitment.

Dr. Hosgood expressed pride in the small but developing graduate program in Health Sciences that is providing strong research opportunities for students. He felt that as a Faculty they are moving to fill a niche as the University moves to strengthen its position as comprehensive university. He expressed the view that there is the capacity to have a Ph.D. in nursing. He would very much like to collaborate with the Faculty of Education in the area of counseling.

In speaking of current challenges, one of the challenges is that health education is extremely expensive. Direct clinical supervision ratios of 1:7 must be maintained in order to have accreditation. Without additional money additional students cannot be accepted into programs. He noted that the Faculty of Health Sciences has managed through severe reductions that are forecast into 2016-17.

There are more than 60 faculty in Health Sciences. Faculty are supported in gaining credentials, which means that there has had to be additional hiring to cover those absences. There are a lot of Academic Assistants since much of the program is so clinically based. The Faculty is moving towards creation of continuing positions from term positions.

Dr. Hosgood concluded by saying the Faculty of Health Sciences has had a fantastic five or six years, a period where colleagues have capitalized on opportunities and created a wonderful spirit in the Faculty. He expressed confidence that the Faculty is on the right trajectory. Graduate programming will continue to be developed, research capacity will be increased and the rigor of the program will be maintained.

Bob Turner remarked that Dr. Hosgood's enthusiasm for the Faculty of Health Sciences was apparent and was greatly in evidence at the Markin Hall opening. He was thanked for the presentation.

## 1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: opn.2010.11.01

MacDonald/Forrest

That the Consent Agenda of the November 16, 2010 Open Session of the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be approved.

Motion: Carried

## 2. **BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

Ulfa nominee to the Board was Peter McCormick. However, since he is Chair of two academic departments he is inelligible under terms of the faculty handbook. Ulfa will be submitting another nomination.

Don lowry, pres of epcor addressed a group of the university family and community. Feedback has been positive and people have said they thoroughly enjoyed this distinguished speaker program.

The morning of the installation of president mahon there was a breakfast attended by the present and previous chancellors presidents and board chairs. Tiw s a wonderful group to bring together. Those in attencance expressed their pleasure at being invited.

Installation was particularly well done. Has received positive comments in email and letters. Upifitng experience with so many people in attendance to wish mike and Maureen well. Mike's speech was so important and well received. The dinner following the installation was well attended and well done.

Convocation was well executed with its usual military precision. It was acknowledged that it was last convocation for Richard Davidson in role of chancellor

October 19 jr achievement dinner in Calgary. 3 noteworthy calgarians inducted. U of L has long supported this event. Helps to enhance univ of Leth profile in Calgary.

Oct 21 the opening of Markin hall. A "wow" factor to that. Faculty of management and health sciences well represented. An important day in the uni calendar and was attended by many people from the university community.

Yesterday, Nov 15. National philanthropy day luncheon where Bill and Elsa Cade were honored for their philanthropic work.

Mike and Maureen and Dawn and Bob attended Fraser Institute dinner honoring Dr. Allan Markin. Very worthwhile event that it is important to support Dr. Markin for what he has done to support post sec in Alberta, partic the U of L

In Palm Desert last week and had dinner with the chancellor and his wife.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Echoed comments about installation and convocation. Recognized those responsible for organizing those events. Outstanding and amazed at level of commitment shown to those activities. Statement of commitment to ac exp of students.

1/2 way through November and pleased to say Mustache is coming in. Saturday at Centre Ice trying to get as many of 20 pucks in the net as possible. Fundraiser so much for puck in net.

Fantastic week last week. Received information on Maclean's ranking and one of 22 ranked #4 in primarily undergraduate up from 6. Improvement in a number of measures class size/ student fac ratio. Opinions about the validity of the instrument but they are instruments that the public have access to. Infosource, related to research productivity, 2<sup>nd</sup> in category of sponsored research growth over last 10 years. These are indicators of growth of univ in a productive way

Astec awards Denis Fitz contribution over course of one's career. Real honor for Denis and the univ. very good rep from U of L. Ryan Johnson, inductee, award in technology category; alumni.

Dan and Richard and Mike participated in team Lethbridge, 15 orgs spent a couple of days in Edmonton meeting with ministers, dep ministers, etc. an oppo to continue to work with community in Leth to build rep of Leth. reputation and cooperation. Well attended event???

Chillin for charity Mike participated in. warm beautiful day.

Women's rugby team won 5<sup>th</sup> Canada West gold medal. Young team and national success anticipated in the future.

In Ottawa few weeks back for auct meetings, participated in one day assault on hill and met with min and dep ministers. U of L not unlike others challenged fiscally and sorting through negotiations with staff.

Compared to counterparts in the south of the border, we continue to be in better shape in managing through fiscally challenges and teaching and research.

Richard and Dan in Ottawa next week and Richard has arranged a number of meetings with ministers, senators, mps, etc.

Continue to focus on getting out. Met with public school board and made presentation, probus club upcoming and LCI and many more presentations being put together before Christmas.

Bob commented team Lethbridge was well done and it was clear U of L talent in the organization., Macleans report only a tool. How will be exploit standing. Media ops Mike said, very positive article in Herald the next morning. Will continue to position U of L in these contexts, but caution about putting too much onus on these. Credence, focus.

#### **4. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

There were no items for action.

#### **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

##### **5.1 Sustainability Report**

Mike Mahon commented and drew attention to health and wellness. Underscores the breadth of the concept of sustainability being beyond environmental issues. As strategic planning committee is brought together, the language of the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet around sustainability may be enhanced to ensure it is clear that the focus is beyond environmental sustainability.

##### **5.2 Auditor General Semi-annual Public Report**

Nancy said ag issues semi annual reports. Endowment policy was only recommendation from external audit. Reporting relationships with endowments are needing improved. Noted preservation of capital is now done on endowments. Recommendation should be addressed by new audit. Some difficulties getting ag together and other institutions together to come to common language and approach. A response to the recommendation has been sent. Finance and audit committee has been kept up to date on progress. No response needed to this report.

## **6. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) & PROVOST**

Andy circulated written report at the beginning at the meeting and it is filed with these minutes.

Business from deans' council.

Assessment policy reviewed by gfc working group. This has been worked on for a number of years. Deans council has provided input and it is anticipated it will go to gfc for approval in December.

Craig monk gave presentation. Reorganization of advising has brought student satisfaction. Advising is cenral to student retention and that model will be expanded campus wide.

Eric commented on open house where he was a volunteer and every single student who attended was given the opp to register through people staying later following the event.huge success from student perspective.

## **7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)**

The report from Nancy Walker was received for information.

## **8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)**

Chris Horbachewski reported that there will be a "Meet Mike" event at the Art Gallery in Edmonton on Thursday, at which time Bob Turner will be the host for about 250 guests from the Edmonton community.

## **9. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)**

Dan added to report. Research infosource data handed out and filed with the minutes.

## **10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

There were no reports from Board Members.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.