



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, December 13, 2018
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** R. Masson (Chair), Y. Belanger L. Bryan, J. Forrest, M. Gabriel, K. Gunn, A. Hlady, G. Knitel, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, J. Merkl, I. Ogumbor, T. Pace-Crosschild (phone), K. Philipp, K. Reid, D. Smit, S. Stocker, J. Varzari, T. Whitehead
- Regrets:** M. Hanrahan, K. Schlachter
- Other:** J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, N. Walker, R. Westlund, M. Whipple

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by Pronghorn Men's Hockey.

A moment of silence was held for President Emeritus William Beckel.

Thanks was given to J. Varzari for her time on the Board as Chancellor of the UofL. New member Y. Belanger, ULFA nominee was introduced.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the December 13, 2018 Open Agenda
1.2. Approval of the October 11, 2018 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2018.10.01

Whitehead/Gunn

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 13, 2018
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter sent his regrets. On his behalf, R. Masson reported that much time has been spent this fall advocating with government on a few different matters, including a recent meeting with the Minister and post-secondary board chairs.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- Thanks to a generous donation from Cavendish Foods, we now have a title sponsor for UCup in March. We continue to have a meaningful conversations with the company, and they look forward to becoming a part of the Lethbridge community;

- The Chancellor Search process is making good progress and we anticipate making an important announcement on the institution's 14th Chancellor in the New Year;
- Thanks to N. Walker and A. Hakin for their leadership during the on-going budget discussions. A budget website has been developed in an effort to information share during the budget process;
- Recently received Ministerial approval on new programing which comes as a result of the Cor Van Raay \$5 million gift;
- Lots of travel recently for both UofL and Universities Canada business, including a trip three weeks ago to Japan and China;
- Hosted a dinner for 70 academic all Canadian students (those that maintain 85% or higher in their classes), which is 34% of our athletes. In relation to our overall student population, we are one of the top institutions in the country. Much thanks to the coaching and athletic staff for their commitment to helping our student athletes be successful;
- The UofL is closed for Christmas December 24 – January 1;
- Thanks to Sport and Recreation Services for running Operation Red Nose again this year; and
- Upcoming, the Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast will be on Wednesday, February 6 featuring broadcaster and former NHL goaltender Kelly Hrudehy.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Further to the report, J. Varzari noted that S. Olson and K. Petersen are working to organize Senators at the January 10 Pronghorn Men's hockey game at the Enmax Centre. It will be great to have many Senators and Board members attend.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Artwork Placement Policy

MOTION: opn.2018.12.02

Forrest/Bryan

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Artwork Placement Policy (formerly Art Placement Policy), effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There was a question regarding an appeal process and it was noted that there is a collaborative approach that is utilized for artwork placement, but there is an overall appeal process in the UofL Calendar (those appeals other than for academic or discipline matters).

5.2. Mandate Revisions

MOTION: opn.2018.12.03

Forrest/Gabriel

That the Board of Governors approve the revised University of Lethbridge Mandate Statement.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.3.2019-2020 Fees and Rates

MOTION: opn.2018.12.04

Labuhn/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for 2019-2020, with the fees and rates for 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 approved in principle.

Motion: Carried

It was highlighted that the continued freeze on tuition has significant impacts, not only on the overall operating budget, but on also on departments like Sport & Recreation Services/Athletics, who continue to see increases in travel for student athletes, but no increase in revenue. Thanks was given to the students who participated during the consultation process and N. Walker noted that the question and answer document from that time was included with the Fees and Rates document.

5.4.Universities Academic Pension Plan Board of Trustees Appointment

MOTION: opn.2018.12.05

Forrest/Philipp

That the Board of Governors approve Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) as the University of Lethbridge Board representative to the Universities Academic Pension Plan Board for the four (4) year period, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1.Code of Conduct Policies

We had thought that we would be bringing the Code of Conduct Policies for approval today, but we are still working with the Ethics Commissioner about wording on a couple of different items, including previous employment and the value of gifts that can be received. Some concern was expressed by members regarding employment/previous employment and on if it has to be approved or just reported. N. Walker noted that all universities within the province were summoned to Edmonton to attend a meeting with the Ethics Commissioner two days ago to discuss the wording. We do have some frustrations trying to have the Ethics Commissioner understand the complexities of universities. It was noted that this is not the Government of Alberta, as the Ethics Commissioner does act

independently of any political party and is appointed by the House. We need to resubmit our draft by January 7, 2019, with final approval coming to the Board at the February 14, 2019 meeting. Legislation is clear in that the Code of Conduct Policies need to be signed off by March 30, 2019 and implemented by April 30, 2019.

6.2. Audited Student Financial Statements

The audited student financial statements are brought to the Board for information each year. H. Labuhn commented that the Graduate Students' Association had been receiving some funding from the UofL until they could be self-sustaining, so that funding is now coming to an end.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin highlighted enrolment for spring looks like it will be 1.3% higher than last spring enrolment; approval of new program Master of Health Services Management, which has great potential in the Calgary market; successful Banner 9 upgrade and thanks was given to IT and all other areas on campus who supported the upgrade; and Open House was held on October 20 and was one of our most successful to-date.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski highlighted the success of the October 24 student/donor appreciation event and gave thanks to those who participated. The annual Donor Gala will take place on January 31, 2019 at the Penny Building and all Board members are invited to attend. There was a question about naming the Destination Project and C. Horbachewski reported that he is chairing a committee that will be recommending a name of the building going forward.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker highlighted Operation Red Nose and encouraged members to volunteer. Our program, which continues to be one of the most successful programs across Canada, typically raises approximately \$40 thousand annually (\$20-25 thousand in donations plus corporate sponsorship).

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine highlighted the Major Initiative Fund recently announced by Alberta Economic Development and Trade, as well as the upcoming lectures in the Take Two Speaker Series.

7.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA), M. Gabriel highlighted the Let There Be Light Night which took place prior to Fall Convocation in October, and the restructuring of the Association and creation of several new chapters.

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association, I. Ogumbor reported that the GSA restructured office staff (in relation to the end of funding from the UofL); the Vice-President Student Life recently resigned and the position was filled with a by-election; the annual Meeting of the Minds Conference will take place on March 23, and fundraising for the conference has started; and the UofL GSA made the decision to leave the provincial graduate student lobby group, but are still a part of the federal lobby group.

On behalf of the Students' Union, L. Bryan reported that the SU will be hosting a cheer challenge at the January 10 Pronghorn hockey game at the Enmax Centre, as the event two weeks ago went really well. The hat was passed for the annual Students' Union Foodbank Fundraiser and L. Bryan spoke to the increase in usage of the foodbank year-over-year.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2018.12.06

Varzari/Merkl

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of December 13, 2018 be adjourned.