



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Minutes to Committee

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**  
**9:00 AM in AH100, Anderson Hall**

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), F. Bradley (phone), V. Brickley, S. Brodrick, M. Clewes, C. Cooper, S. Davis (phone), H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, M. Gale, B. Galts, C. Goodreau, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, S. Hlady, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, K. Johnson, G. Knitel, R. Kobbert, B. Lanz, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, M. Mazerolle, R. McKay, C. Northcott, T. Page, V. Papworth, T. Perlich, M. Persinger, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, R. Pogorzelski, T. Rollingson, B. Scott, J. Seaman, L. Sherwood, A. Siaroff, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. Tailfeathers, B. Tait, H. Tams, G. Vardazaryan, P. Visentin, K. Wasiak, M. Whipple
- Regrets:** G. Abela, D. Adams, J. Baranec, P. Bohnert, K. Brown, S. Chadsey, M. Dececco-Kolebaba, M. Gabriel, C. Loewen, S. Malec, W. Osborn, T. Schmidt, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker
- Others:** S. Olson
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Prior to the start of the meeting, S. Brodrick, Director, Housing Services and L. Neamtu, Associate Director, Housing Services gave a presentation on Residence Life.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2016.01.01

Lanz/Visentin

*That the agenda for the meeting of January 23, 2016 be approved as amended.*

Motion: Carried

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: sen.2016.01.02

Starzyk-Frey/Kobbert

*That the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

**3. REPORTS**

3.1 Chancellor

J. Varzari reported that she attended:

- Community Christmas Open House at the Penny Building and noted that Jim

Penny attended and is very pleased at how the building is looking.

- UofL Family skating party. The event had a great turn-out and included the Pronghorn Team.
- Annual University Christmas Reception held in the atrium.
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary kick-off announcement January 13. She suggested that we as a Senate need to start thinking about how we can get involved in the celebrations.
- Farewell and recognition dinner to out-going Board Chair Gord Jong.
- An alumni painting event at held at the Penny Building this past Thursday, which was put on by Smudge Art Studio owner and UofL alum Paije Ottoson.
- Senate Pronghorn event last night.

### 3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kick-off announcement was held on January 13. The planning committee seeks input and invites the public to share their ideas at [blogs.ulethbridge.ca/50-years/](http://blogs.ulethbridge.ca/50-years/)
- Recently announced the addition of two new doctoral degree programs slated to begin in September 2016: PhD in Population Studies in Health and the Master's and PhD in Cultural, Social and Political Thought
- Approval of the Fall Reading Break, slated for November 7-10, 2016. To address challenges with student mental health, it is hoped that this break will help students.
- Board appoints Dr. Claudia Malacrida as the new Associate Vice-President (Research)
- Board approved inaugural People Plan 2016-19
- Met with Shannon Phillips and Rachel Harder within the last month
- Destination Project update - trailers which house the project office signify that the Destination Project is now shovel ready. We are now waiting to hear from the government if we are one of the projects that will be included in the upcoming budget.
- In Ottawa earlier this week for Universities Canada meetings.
- Board Chair update - had a thank you dinner for Gord Jong last Friday. Richard Masson has assumed the role of Acting Chair and Patrick Forrest is serving as Vice-Chair. We are still waiting to hear back from Government as to when the position will be advertised.
- Back in the classroom last week teaching Community Psychology Theory.
- UofL Executive and City Executive Joint strategic planning breakfast meeting on Dec. 11 where we discussed priorities and how we continue to move this region forward.
- UofL joins Little Lethbridge Library movement - installation of 6 little libraries on campus

### 3.3 Board of Governors

B. Tait had nothing to add to the submitted report.

### 3.4 General Faculties Council

There were no questions regarding the report.

### 3.5 Alumni Association

R. Kobbert mentioned that extra volunteers are still needed to help on Play Day February 15.

### 3.6 Graduate Students' Association

G. Vardazaryan added that the GSA is looking for a volunteer to chair within the Graduate Students' Association, someone familiar with Roberts Rules of Order.

### 3.7 Students' Union

B. Scott highlighted the foodbank fundraiser Gala on March 11. Tickets are still available.

### 3.8 Executive Committee

R. Hood had nothing to add to the submitted report.

### 3.9 Engagement Committee

S. Hlady gave thanks to everyone who helped with Operation Red Nose and came to the Pronghorn game last night.

### 3.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

B. Galts noted that the Honorary Degree procedures are included for information within the package in regards to action items later in the agenda.

### 3.11 Outreach Committee

K. Johnson had nothing to add to the submitted report.

### 3.12 Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that the Volunteer Award Committee is meeting directly following the Senate meeting today and will be choosing a recipient of the 2016 University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award. The name of the recipient will remain confidential until the University makes an announcement. The award will be presented at the Chancellor's Dinner on June 2.

### 3.13 Other

K. Petersen

## 4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 4.1 Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: sen.2016.01.03

Galts/Tait

*That Senate approve the appointment of S. Olson and L. Sherwood to the position of scrutineer.*

Motion: Carried

**5. IN-CAMERA**

An *in-camera* discussion was held and are not minuted for public distribution with these minutes. They are available in the Senate Office to members of the Senate only.

**6. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

6.1 Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

MOTION: sen.2016.01.04

Galts/Brickley

*That Senate authorizes the awarding of the 2016 Honorary Degrees as per the results of the confidential vote.*

Motion: Carried

Process-wise, J. Varzari will first contact the five individuals who received the highest number of votes. Those who actually receive honorary degrees in 2016 will depend on availability of each individual, and some recipients may be receive their degree in subsequent years. Confidentiality regarding the discussion and approved candidates was stressed until an official announcement is made by the University.

6.2 Destruction of Election Ballots

MOTION: sen.2016.01.05

Galts/Cooper

*That Senate authorizes the destruction of the election ballots.*

Motion: Carried

It was also noted that all documentation related to the candidates, including any handwritten notes, will also be shredded. Thanks was given to B. Galts and the Honorary Degree Committee for their work narrowing down the list of candidates. J. Varzari encouraged members to start thinking about honorary degree nominations for next year, keeping in mind the University's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Fine Arts Tickets

On behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, K. Wasiak invited members of Senate to one of the remaining Fine Arts events this semester. The Faculty will be providing Senators with tickets at no cost on an on-going basis to Fine Arts events.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: sen.2016.01.06

Page/Scott

*That the Senate meeting of January 23, 2016 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried