



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2017
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), M Gale, J. Harker, C. Howey, E. Jing, R. Kobbert, H. Labuhn, H. MacDonald, M. Mahon, R. Masson, J. Merkl, J. Nugent, T. Pace-Crosschild, R. Scrimshaw, S. Stocker, B. Tait (phone), J. Varzari
- Regrets:** M. Gray, M. Smith, T. Waters
- Other:** B. Cummins, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, K. Hatton, C. Horbachewski, H. Mirau, R. Nicholson, E. Okine, S. Olson, M. Sawa, N. Walker, R. Westlund, S. Wismath

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by Shelly Wismath on Sustainable Governance Structure for Liberal Education.

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

Thanks was given to C. Howey, M. Gale, E. Jing, M. Smith, and T. Waters for their service on the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the April 13, 2017 Open Agenda
1.2. Approval of the February 16, 2017 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2017.04.01

Harker/Howey

That the Board of Governors approve the April 13, 2017 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported attending a few events including the Donor Gala, Calgary Alumni Concert, and meetings with the Minister of Advanced Education in Edmonton on March 21. A reminder was given for the April 30 application deadline for the board member vacancies.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Congratulations to L. Brown on her appointment as Provost and Vice-President (Academic) at Mount Royal University.
- Trip to India in February was successful as we met with a few potential partners.

- On April 7 the UofL partnered with other community organizations by signing the Southern Alberta Water Charter, via the Oldman Watershed Council. This 32 organization partnership speaks to the commitment to engaging in water conservation and the use of water. The work of Joe Rasmussen using drone technology to monitor trout population was highlighted.
- Congratulations to all involved in the successes of Research Week, Meeting of the Minds Conference, and Brain Awareness Week. Meeting of the Minds Journal was launched on March 25.
- International Dinner - Turning Obstacles into Opportunities on March 21 featured Alums Julie and Lowell Taylor (appeared on the Amazing Race Canada). ScotiaBank matched silent auction funds raised, donating \$4070 to International Student Emergency Bursary.
- Successful Native Awareness Week last month, unveiling of ceremonial pipe for 50th Anniversary (this will be displayed in the Hall of Honour).
- Tonight is the Management Scholarship dinner honouring Leroy Little Bear, Professor Emeritus and Honorary Degree Recipient and his wife Amethyst First Rider.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

J. Varzari had a written report submitted and added to her report that 2016/17 was an active year for Senate and she is pleased with the endeavors Senate took on for the 50th anniversary events to date. We will be celebrating the achievements of Senate on June 22, recognizing the retiring members of Senate and introducing new members.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. School of Liberal Education

MOTION: opn.2017.04.02

Masson/Merkl

That the Board of Governors approve a School of Liberal Education in accordance with Section 19(e) of the Alberta Post-Secondary Learning Act, and in accordance with the proposal for a liberal education sustainable governance structure.

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari commented that at a retreat a few years ago, the Board engaged in initial discussions on the creation of a school of liberal education. It is exciting to see this proposal presented today.

There were questions regarding physical location of the school as well as financial implications. A. Hakin responded that at this point resources are being reallocated in order to start the school. If and when we do put more resources in this area, it will be in the form of new hires. No firm decisions have been regarding location, other than it being in a highly visible area.

M. Mahon gave thanks to A. Hakin and the entire Liberal Education Revitalization team for all their work.

5.2.2017/18 – 2019/20 Operating Budget

MOTION: opn.2017.04.03

Labuhn/Howey

That the Board of Governors approve attached 2017-18 budget and approve in principle the 2018-19 and 2019-20 budgets.

Motion: Carried

C. Takeyasu went through the 2017/18 – 2019/20 Operating Budget presentation included within the agenda. There was a question on interest on investment in which C. Takeyasu clarified that any interest we had earned on funds received from the government for the Destination Project would have gone back into the project, but that has now changed.

5.3. Research Centres & Institutes Policy

MOTION: opn.2017.04.04

Masson/Kobbert

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Research Centres & Institutes Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.4. Audit Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2017.04.05

Harker/Howey

That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Audit Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Presidential Compensation Process

R. Masson noted that although we do have internal documents that inform the Presidential compensation process, the government mandated salary freeze supersedes our process.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin highlighted the on-going success of the PUBLIC Professor Speaker Series, the presentation he gave to Senate last week, and the importance of connection to community.

7.2 Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski highlighted the Homecoming Weekend September 1-3, particularly the Shine On summer music festival. The festival is being put on through a partnership with Enmax and will take place at the community stadium. We've sold about 650 tickets so far and are just beginning to advertise publically. Ideally we would like to have about 5000 people attend.

7.3 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker gave thanks to her team on their work preparing the budget as each year it gets more challenging. Progress is being made on the People Plan, and we are looking at options of how to promote the plan at the departmental level.

7.4 Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine highlighted his recent trip to Ghana and looking at ways to collaborate with the University of Ghana in research and academia in the future.

7.5 Board Member Reports

On behalf of the Students' Union, C. Howey reported:

- Elections in elections took place in March and the Students' Union is currently in a transition period with the incoming council. Hailey Bab (incoming President) and Royal Adkin (incoming Vice-President Operations and Finance) will be his and M. Gale's replacements on the Board. It was also noted that in addition to the election of incoming council, students also voted in favour of a referendum, approving the addition of one student fee and increase in another.
- In partnerships with the President's Office, University Advancement, and Student Service we were able to offer a free lunch to 650 students
- Recently in Edmonton for meetings with Government, advocating around student mental health.
- University of Lethbridge Students' Union recognition dinner took place last week
- Will be meeting with the City of Lethbridge in regards to UPass, transit pass for students

E. Jing reported that the Graduate Students' Association also recently held their annual elections and incoming President Brendan Cummins will be replacing her on the Board. E. Jing noted that she was amazed at the quality of research presented during the Meeting of the Minds Conference last month.

R. Kobbert reported that the Alumni Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on June 13, just prior to the Board retreat. The final John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament will take place during Homecoming weekend on September 1 and we hope to fully endow the student scholarship. There will be a scotch tasting event on June 16 in the foyer of City Hall, proceeds of 50th anniversary cask scotch sales will go towards the Shine On Fund.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2017.04.06

Varzari/Stocker

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of April 13, 2017
be adjourned.*