



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2014

1:00 p.m. W646, Lethbridge Campus

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, J. Copeland, P. Forrest, M. Gray (phone), C. Hollingsworth, M. Mahon, R. Masson, F. Naeem, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith (phone), S. Talbot, J. Varzari
- Regrets:** G. Adamson, B. Kunz, S. McClellan, T. Waters, B. Boudreau, S. Sproule
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), L. Brown, R. Chamberlain, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Westlund
- Guests:** S. Glydon, B. Gordon, K. Kalmar, M. Kawchuk, A. Long, R. Miller, N. Peters, C. Rowan, M. Sutherland

Thanks were given to S. Talbot, Students' Union President, and F. Naeem, Graduate Students' Association President, for their time on the Board of Governors as it was their last meeting. A moment of silence was also held prior to the Board of Governors meeting to honour those Calgary students who tragically passed away in the recent stabbings in Calgary.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the April 24, 2014, Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the March 20, 2014 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2014.04.01

Talbot/Corbiere

*That the Board of Governors approve the April 24, 2014
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported on:

- The Statement of Concern has been submitted regarding Goldenkey Oil's application to drill in west Lethbridge.
- He attended the following events: Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner with Chris Hadfield as the guest speaker; the Blue and Gold Pronghorn athletics awards dinner; and the UofL Management Dinner to honour John Davis.
- He has been busy chairing the Presidential Appointment Committee, and this is scheduled to be discussed within the Closed Session meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported on:

- Congratulations to:
 - Interdisciplinary group of UofL students earned 1st place in International Agribusiness Cade Competition and they now travel to Cape Town South Africa in June
 - Master's students won first round of Innovation competition at Microsoft Imagine Cup Canada – competing against two other groups to represent Canada at 2014 Imagine Cup World Finals in Seattle in July where \$50,000 USD is up as well as an opportunity to meet Bill Gates
 - UofL became the first Canadian member of the international water council
- Attended the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) conference and he presented on strengthening working relationships between colleges and universities.
- Attended the Chieftainship meeting in Standoff about membership recommendations as it changes only when people pass away.
- He traveled and did high school presentations to students from Bow Island and the Crowsnest Pass.
- We hosted the CEO of Husky Energy and toured our Nicholas de Grandmaison collection - thanks to J. Mills, Director/Curator of the Art Gallery and her team for putting on a wonderful tour.
- Calgary Alumni Dinner – special recognition was given to Board member P. Forrest for purchasing Chris Hadfield's book for every attendee.
- Fiat Lux Legacy Society event – this is the planned giving event and they had a presentation on the Oral History project and this same presentation will be provided to the Board of Governors at their retreat.
- There will be a TD Bank gift announcement on May 1st related to the First Nations' gathering place.
- Government Meetings - Next week there is a meeting on the Alberta Innovation Forum and a full day meeting with the Premier and current minister of Innovation and Advanced Education with all Presidents and Board Chairs.
- Upcoming Alumni Events in May: Alumni Scotch Tasting – May 8; Alumni and Friends Kainai High School – May 15; and Vancouver Alumni Event – June 5
- Congratulations were given to J. Copeland, Board of Governors General Faculties Council representative, as she just became part of Boston Strong as she completed the Boston Marathon last week.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

S. McClellan had sent her regrets.

5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1. 2014-15 Budget Report

MOTION:

opn.2014.04.02

Mahon/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the attached 2014-2015 budget, and approve in principle the 2015-2017 budgets.

Motion: Carried (2 opposed- S. Talbot, F. Naeem)

N. Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) went through the enclosed powerpoint presentation for the Board of Governors on the operating budget. It was highlighted that we have a balanced budget. The university kept to the main principles (people, quality and access) through the budget decisions.

Significant discussion arose on the Quality Initiatives Program (QIP) and the reductions in that student driven initiatives program. The students were very concerned with the reductions there, the negative effects it will have on some of the student events on campus and the perceived lack of communication to the students on the reductions. Two handouts were provided to Board members by the students: one chart outlined the budget of the QIP since 2009, and the second handout was a sample of a news release that would be sent if the QIP was not restored. Discussion occurred on the recommendations from General Faculties Council (GFC) in regards to the QIP reduction and input from faculty in the overall budget process.

MOTION TO AMMEND: opn.2014.04.03

Talbot/Hollingsworth

That the \$23,500 taken from the Quality Initiatives Program (QIP) be restored to the QIP and be taken from the contingency.

Motion: Defeated

Explanation was given on the process of centralizing the UofL budget, the history of the budget process and the current consultation and approval process. It has been complicated and intense and it was reported that the process will be reviewed over the next few months. It was recognized that the QIP will be impacted as well as other areas such as research enterprises, and resources in teaching. Appreciation was given to the concerns expressed by the students and it was emphasized that we will continue to look at ways to support the student experiences beyond the operating budget.

5.2. 2014/15-2016/16 Comprehensive Institutional Plan

MOTION: opn.2014.04.04

Mahon/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the 2014/15 – 2016/17 Comprehensive Institutional Plan.

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon indicated this is an annual requirement from the government. The research and academic components of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan were approved through General Faculties Council and now the entire document is being brought forward for Board of Governors approval.

5.3. Rescind Password Policy

MOTION: opn.2014.04.05

Smith/Berezan

That the Board of Governors approve the rescinding of the Password Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker indicated the password standards are being incorporated into the Information Technology Framework that was attached for information.

5.4. Executive Committee Terms of Reference – Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.04.06

Varzari/Talbot

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

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari reported that these are slight wording changes to add clarity and consistency.

5.5. Board Members on Appointment Committees

MOTION: opn.2014.04.07

Varzari/Talbot

That the Board of Governors approve the following to be added to the GFC Bylaws concerning the membership of appointment committees for those positions who then require Board approval.

*Within GFC Bylaws Appointment Committees – General Provisions:
Currently serving members of the Board can serve as Board representatives on any appointment committees, but they shall be excluded from serving as representatives of their constituent group.*

Motion: Carried

S. Talbot indicated that sometimes student representatives are hard to find and the Student's Union tries to not have the current Board representatives serve, but it may be a challenge for them moving forward.

5.6. Governance Committee Terms of Reference – Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.04.08

Varzari/Talbot

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

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari reported that these are minor changes identified from the yearly review.

5.7. Charter of Expectations – Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.04.09

Varzari/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Charter of Expectations, effective immediately with amendment to add to 3.3.7 – ensure the Board Audit Committee..

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari noted that the changes were identified within the regular review of this document. A question arose on receiving the reports from the Auditor General and it would be clarified that is the Audit Committee's responsibility.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Maintenance Costs Analysis

J. Berezan explained the analysis presented arose from a question at another meeting, the report of the maintenance cost analysis per student is higher for the UofL but recent data is showing we are getting closer to the average. We have had higher deferred maintenance costs as compared to other provinces.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin had nothing to add to his report. A question arose from the CIP on the student satisfaction and decreased use in academic advising and A. Hakin indicated he would note and discuss this with the Deans.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski had nothing to add to his report.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing to add to her report.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. Weeks had nothing to add to his report. It was clarified that the students who are listed on p. 183 are those who are defending their thesis as they are still seeking their degree.

7.5. Board Member Reports

Thank you was given to administration for their work in the difficult budget process.

The Graduate Students' Association election is completed and the new incoming President is Mark Carrell.

Appreciation was also given to the students for their work on behalf of all the students.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2014.04.10

Persinger/Scrimshaw

*That the Board of Governors open session meeting of April 24, 2014
be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried