

A thank you was given to the senior administrative group for all the work they did in M. Mahon's absence. A reminder was given about the Board Christmas dinner that will be hosted at M. Mahon's house that evening.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon indicated it is great to be back and thanked everyone for their well wishes and to the senior team for all their work.

He attended a pizza with the residence students and there was great enthusiasm for our rankings in Maclean's.

He went with A. Markin and presented to the Pure North board. This was a good opportunity to connect with them, and A. Markin is very enthusiastic about our institution. Following up on G. Jong's MIT meeting, it is an interesting initiative begun by the UofA and is initially embraced by the province. This is born from the Emerson Report that was supported by the former Premier.

The strategic planning was in full swing last month, with whiteboards on campus collecting input on various questions. Thanks to A. Escher for assisting with this.

He was pleased to report that at GFC the Aboriginal Education Policy was passed so we now have a defined policy for this and it was an engaged discussion.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

S. McClellan sent her regrets, and M. Mahon provided some highlights on Senate activities. At their December meeting they had tours of the Science labs and a strategic planning session, which were both very well received. Following the meeting they had a Christmas get together and this year retired senators were invited to try and keep those members engaged with the University of Lethbridge.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no items for information.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin was pleased to report that at the GFC meeting earlier in the week, the first ever Aboriginal Education Policy was approved. There was also a lively discussion on postponing the pre-engineering transfer program with the University of Alberta for one year due to some concerns with this course. The Academic Plan was also passed, and this is the third year of this document and the first year that it includes metric. The Liberal Education paper will also be released before Christmas on the website.

6.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski added that on Thursday, April 18, 2013 the Calgary Alumni and Friends dinner will be held.

6.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker highlighted that Operation Red Nose is a highly successful fundraiser for the pronghorn teams, and it is in need of volunteers so please call and volunteer your time.

