



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

1:00 p.m., W646

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

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by Hans-Joachim Wieden and the 2016/17 iGEM team.

In honour of the University of Lethbridge's 50th Anniversary and our commitment to all the local people, the UofL started the meeting with the Chair recognizing that the University of Lethbridge is located on traditional Blackfoot territory. Along with the Blackfoot, we recognized and honoured the First nations, Metis and Inuit People. Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

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#### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

##### APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the February 16, 2017 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the December 15, 2016 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2017.02.01

Howey/Harker

*That the Board of Governors approve the February 16, 2017 Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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#### 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported that he has been busy attending UofL events including Founder's Day weekend and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary kick-off, dinner with three past board chairs and M. Mahon, Abbondanza at the Galt, Donor Gala last Friday, as well as represented the UofL at a few community events.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported on:

- Mount Royal University condolences - Reynold "Reyn" Johnson was a member of the UofL community.
- Men's basketball playoffs - for the first time since 2001, the Lethbridge Pronghorn men's basketball team will host a playoff series, hosting the Victoria Vikes in a best of three Canada West play-in series, this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (if needed).
- A. Hakin and E. Okine presented the Fiat Lux Address last month on - Building a Destination. The presentation is available on the website and we will have them present a portion to the Board in the future.
- Spoke at a recent Refugee panel/lunch. Families that U has sponsored, as well as our first student supported by World University service of Canada (WUSC) were in attendance.
- Founder's Weekend last month - kick off to our 50th Anniversary year. Highlights include:
  - Beer can unveil by Coulee Brew Company
  - UofL tartan revealed
  - song by alumnus John Wort Hannam
- The UofL made the list of the top 5 best-kept secret universities in Canada (according the Huffington Post, in partnership with UniversityHub.ca)
- Funding announcement: Canada 150 grant facilitates upgrades to Max Bell pool. The \$180,000 grant from the federal government's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will be matched by the UofL through its Strategic Priorities fund.
- CARI Presidents Mission to Ottawa Feb 13 - spent a day on Parliament Hill talking with a variety of ministers about Alberta and how it is a place of research and innovation.
- Congrats to Dr. Shelly Wismath (Math & Computer Science) on receiving a 3M National Teaching Fellowship. Shelly is one of 10 recipients this year, and the UofL's second person to receive this award.
- Congrats to Professor Dr. Bryan Kolb (neuroscience) was elected to the Order of Canada
- Congrats to Dr. Carla Carnaghan (Management) who has been recognized as a YWCA Women of Distinction in the area of education and mentorship
- Hosted a successful Open House Feb 2, in which over 350 people come through the door, and completed 90 on the spot registrations.
- Upcoming: Travelling to India over Reading Week, which will include meetings with Lakehead University and visiting a number of high schools  
We open our doors to the community for Play Day on Monday, February 20
- Native Awareness Week March 6-10

### **4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

There were no questions on the submitted report.

## **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **5.1. Minister Financial Statement Response (Jan. 10/17)**

There was a question as to why only one accounting firm was mentioned regarding the net debt model and we suspect it is because there already was a connection with that firm.

### **5.2. Minister Comprehensive Institutional Plan Response (Nov.24/16)**

As is required, this letter acknowledges our submission of our annual Comprehensive Institutional Plan and notes a few questions and suggestions.

### **5.3. Minister Dec. 2/16 Meeting Follow-up Letter**

K. Schlachter remarked that the letter is reviewing the topics the Minister discussed at the meeting in December, and there will be more meetings on this topic in the future.

### **5.4. Board of Governors Evaluation Review**

J. Harker noted that the evaluations are in the same format as we've used in the past. If members have any comments or suggestions, let J. Gallais know before the evaluations are circulated in April.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

A. Hakin gave congratulations to Shelly Wismath on her 3M Teaching Award and gave thanks to his staff for the work they put into the nomination package. The last time someone from the UofL was recognized with this honour was 1999. From within the report, A. Hakin also highlighted the Dual Admission Strategy and the recent partnership with College of the Rockies, Internationalization and our goal of building this to 8% of our population, the future development of liberal education in the coming months, and looking at ways to augment our presence in Calgary.

### **6.2 Vice-President (Advancement)**

Play Day was launched six years ago, aiming to engage children and their families. The event is successful beyond what we thought, averaging 3500 participants in recent years. This year we partnered with Volunteer Lethbridge and had the help of over 100 volunteers. C. Horbachewski clarified that the March 16 concert is replacing the Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner this year as we chose to change the event in honour of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The concert is replacing the dinner this year. The event will likely go back to the dinner format next year.

### **6.3 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)**

N. Walker noted that we are still working with the provincial controller's office and the Office of the Auditor General regarding endowments and the financial statements.

### **6.4 Vice-President (Research)**

E. Okine highlighted the appointment of Bryan Kolb to the Order of Canada. Dr. Kolb is one of 100 individuals receiving this appointment this year.

## 6.5 Board Member Reports

C. Howey and E. Jing both spoke to a conference that they attended in Ottawa earlier this month, which focused on what Canada will look like in 50 years. Thanks was given the President's Office for their support. They students are both working with the Registrar to gather feedback regarding the first Fall Break held in November 2016. C. Howey also reported on a Students' Union referendum that looks to add \$2 which would go to support a refugee student. E. Jing invited Board members to attend the Meeting of the Minds Conference next month, in which Bryan Kolb is the keynote speaker.

J. Nugent noted that General Faculties Council had a very positive discussion regarding liberal education at the meeting earlier this month. At that meeting, three students gave a presentation on their liberal education experience.

R. Kobbert reported that the Alumni Association has selected their Honour Society inductees, Young Alum and Alum of the Year recipients for 2017. The names will remain confidential until the recipients have been contacted.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2017.02.02

MacDonald/Merkl

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of February 16, 2017 be adjourned.*