



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2014

1:00 p.m. W646, Lethbridge Campus

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), G. Adamson, A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, J. Copeland, P. Forrest (phone), M. Gray, C. Hollingsworth, L. Karbasheski (phone), B. Kunz, S. McClellan M. Mahon, R. Masson, F. Naeem, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, S. Talbot, J. Varzari (phone), T. Waters
- Regrets:** M. Smith, B. Boudreau, D. Weeks
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), L. Brown, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, S. Sproule, N. Walker, R. Westlund, B. Sullivan, C. Zentner (Lethbridge Herald)

Prior to the meeting Dr. Carol Williams, Chair of Women and Gender Studies gave a presentation – *Stories of Girls and Women: Insights from Humanities & Social Science Undergraduate Scholars*.

Prior to the meeting L. Karbasheski was thanked for her time on the Board as she has chosen not to renew for a second term. She is eligible for a second term in the future and we would welcome her back at the table.

L. Brown, Associate Vice-President (Research) was welcomed and introduced.

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## 1. CONSENT AGENDA

### APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the February 27, 2014, Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the December 12, 2013 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2014.02.01

Waters/Kunz

*That the Board of Governors approve the February 27, 2014 Consent Agenda with addition of Item for Action 5.9 Destination Project Site Selection, 6.1 Item for Discussion Proposed Lethbridge Drilling, and the removal of Item for Action 5.5.*

Motion: Carried

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## 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported on:

- The board has not met since Christmas, so he hoped everyone had a good holiday and he thanked Mike and Maureen Mahon for opening their home to the board at Christmas.
- He attended a meeting with our administration, some board members and the Red Crow College administration and board. The meeting went well and we will look to form closer ties with them. We are also looking to incorporate a board visit there around our retreat in June.
- He attended the Beat the Blues BBQ at the UofL where the strategic plan was launched, and he drew everyone's attention to the new strategic planning banner that is hung in the boardroom and serves as a reminder to all the governing bodies.
- In February he met with Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, Dave Hancock on campus; it was very positive and we are looking forward to working with him. After that meeting, board members and vice-presidents were invited in for further discussion around things such as funding, campus Alberta model, PSLA and tuition.
- This past Monday he attending a dinner meeting with some key business leaders in southern Alberta and there were similar meetings in Calgary around preparation for a UofL campaign.
- He reported that his grandson and family went to the Playday at the University of Lethbridge held on family day and it was a tremendous event. He also thanked everyone involved in Operation Red Nose during the holiday season.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported on:

- Congratulation to N. Walker and everyone involved in another successful season in Operation Red Nose. It was the 19th season and third highest total rides – 641 volunteers and 1,254 rides.
- Condolences were expressed for: former honorary degree recipient's Dr. Jim Coutts, Dr. Helen Manyfingers, Dr. Dale Bartlett; former faculty member Frank Jankunis; former employee Willie Plomp; and current student Curtis Stilling. More on the recent student death on campus will be reported in the Closed Session.
- G. Jong and A. Hakin also attended a meeting with the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, Dave Hancock in Edmonton in January with the Campus Alberta representatives.
- Ottawa Trip – met with 4 different Deputy Ministers. We continue to push on supporting the Destination Project in all meetings.
- He was just in Mexico on follow-up meetings with the indigenous universities from Mexico and across Canada. There is a proposal to support the education of 20 indigenous women who will move onto graduate work.
- Launch of Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurial Program with Honorable Paul Martin and we have agreed to work with Kainai high school on this program.
- He was honoured to be invited by Prime Minister Harper and Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo to be part of the roundtable and at the announcement for the \$1.9 billion in funding for aboriginal education. There is talk on how the initiatives can dovetail with what is happening in the universities.

- The donor gala was held and honoured our numerous donors as well as Ed and Linda McNally who have supported 42 different nursing practitioners in our Health Sciences Program includes some in our faculty.
- The launch of the strategic plan at the Beat the Blues BBQ went well and many faculty, staff and students were in attendance.
- The family PlayDay was another tremendous success with 5,000 people on campus.
- The Research Reception and Celebration was held in Markin Hall this week. The event is important in celebrating the success of research on campus.
- A. Hakin will provide a destination project update later, but we are having good strong conversations with the government around this.
- A short term president's advisory group was struck about booking space on campus and the final input has been received from that group. We are now working through the ways of managing public displays to balance access and safety and security on campus.
- Native Awareness Week is next week, and congratulations were given to board member A. Amelinckx who will be honoured by receiving a Blackfoot name. The name is not known until that day.
- The UofL is also co-sponsoring with the City of Lethbridge an Inclusive Lethbridge conference.

#### 4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

S. McClellan reported on:

- Senate met on February 1<sup>st</sup> and selected five outstanding honorary degree candidates and they will be announced when it is appropriate. The volunteer committee also selected the volunteer of the year recipient and that individual is announced at the Chancellor's dinner.
- She has worked previously with the new Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, Dave Hancock and he has requested to get together with her and talk about post-secondary.
- Work has already started on Spring Convocation.

#### 5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

##### 5.1. Advancement Committee Terms of Reference - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.02.02

Karbashewski/Persinger

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Advancement Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately with amendments noted.*

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon spoke on and explained the proposed changes, and indicated that the membership changes will assist in preparation of the upcoming campaign. It was also clarified that the

following will be added back into the terms of reference: *The Advancement Committee can engage other advisers, with the Board of Governors approval and in accordance with the University's Approval and Signing Authorization Policy, if it is deemed necessary to carry out the Advancement Committee's responsibilities. The signing authority for any such engagement is the Board of Governors Chair.*

## 5.2. Audit Committee Terms of Reference - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.02.03

Karbaszewski/Varzari

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

Motion: Carried

J. Berezan indicated the changes are to ensure consistency with other committees. It was also clarified that the following will be added back into the terms of reference: *The Audit Committee can engage other advisers, with the Board of Governors approval and in accordance with the University's Approval and Signing Authorization Policy, if it is deemed necessary to carry out the Audit Committee's responsibilities. The signing authority for any such engagement is the Board of Governors Chair.*

## 5.3. Finance Committee Terms of Reference - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.02.04

Karbaszewski/Kunz

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

Motion: Tabled

J. Berezan indicated the changes are to add clarification and consistency. It was also clarified that the following will be added back into the terms of reference: *The Finance Committee can engage other advisers, with the Board of Governors approval and in accordance with the University's Approval and Signing Authorization Policy, if it is deemed necessary to carry out the Finance Committee's responsibilities. The signing authority for any such engagement is the Board of Governors Chair.*

A question arose on the financial literacy requirement and it was indicated that it is not a requirement for all individuals to be Chartered Accountants. It was then brought forth that a

request has been made to the Finance Committee to examine the possibility of adding a student to the membership. Within the Finance Committee's report in the Closed Session it indicates that topic is scheduled to be discussed again at the next meeting in March, so it was felt that the approval of the terms of reference is not urgent and should be delayed until that discussion has occurred.

MOTION: opn.2014.02.05

*Talbot/Naeem*

*That the Board of Governors table the motion until the Finance Committee meets again to discuss the possibility of adding a student to the membership.*

Motion: Carried (9 opposed)

#### 5.4. Position Description: Chair of the Board - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.02.06

Karbashewski/Varzari

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached Position Description: Chair of the Board, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

L. Karbashewski noted they are minor changes for clean-up and clarification.

#### 5.5. Terms of Reference for an Individual Governor - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.02.07

Karbashewski/Masson

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Terms of Reference for an Individual Governor, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

L. Karbashewski highlighted the changes to 3.1.3 around removing the requirement for a high level of financial literacy as diversity on the board is an asset and literacy is covered elsewhere and in the committees necessary. Significant discussion occurred on this and it was also echoed that all members have to ensure preparation and be comfortable with the

materials, so this does mean financial as well.

#### 5.6. Chair of Governance Committee

MOTION: opn.2014.02.08

Mahon/Waters

*That the Board of Governors appoint Janice Varzari as the Chair of the Governance Committee, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon indicated that a replacement Chair is needed for Governance as L. Karbasheski's term on the board is ending. G. Jong thanked J. Varzari for agreeing to serve as Chair.

#### 5.7. Board Senate Membership

MOTION: opn.2014.02.09

Mahon/Talbot

*That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Andrea Amelinckx and Michael Persinger to serve as the Board representatives on the University of Lethbridge Senate for a term up to three years, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

G. Jong thanked both individuals for allowing their names to stand and for serving on this governing body.

#### 5.8. Destination Project Site Selection

MOTION: opn.2014.02.10

Berezan/Persinger

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached report from Gibbs Gage and Moriyama & Teshima Architects, recommending the blended site E ("precinct") for the Destination Project's new Science and Academic Building.*

Motion: Carried

J. Berezan indicated this was approved through the Finance Committee and there are many questions that will be answered once the architects are chosen. A. Hakin explained the entire consultation process for internal and external feedback. This was recommended for approval

by the overall steering committee. Not any one site alone could accommodate the size of the building, so the final site is E.

B. Sullivan, Program Director of Destination Project was present and took some land use and campus master plan recommended the development of the campus coulee quad. The next steps were also explained to the board in that it is the selection of the architectural design team. B. Sullivan explained the selection process, who was involved in the committee, and the quantifiable criteria being used for evaluation purposes. The recommendation should come to the April board meeting.

## **6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **6.1. Proposed Lethbridge Drilling**

G. Jong indicated that the issue is that Goldenkey Oil is proposing to have three exploratory wells (from two surface locations) with associated facilities within the western boundary of the City of Lethbridge. The background is explained further within the post-agenda attachment. This issue is coming before the board as it has become a controversial item for the City of Lethbridge. We have not been entirely silent as in President Mahon's "Open Mike" article he mentioned the issue and recognized areas of concern but did not state a position. M. Mahon indicated this was brought to the executive and they agreed they should bring it to the board for discussion. Thanks were given to N. Hillary for summarizing the background information and the issues that have been discussed publically until this point. A summary was provided on the letters of concern we have received and the meetings with those around Lethbridge. It was indicated that the letter from the faculty has 119 signatures as of today.

Significant discussion occurred on this issue. Topics covered within the discussion were on things such as: is it appropriate for the board to even take a position; what is the regulatory process and is it independent; concerns on needing more scientific facts on the issue; our funding; the process, implication, and next steps. It is an important issue that needs further exploration and getting a working group together was discussed so they can gather more information on the issue.

MOTION: opn.2014.02.11

Talbot/Masson

*That this issue be referred to the Board Executive Committee for development of a framework for analysis and the Executive Committee will bring back a framework for consideration at the Board's March meeting.*

Motion: Carried

Communication will be send out by our Advancement office around this discussion and what are next steps are to keep the internal and external community informed of our actions.

## **7. REPORTS**

