



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Friday, June 12, 2015
9:00 a.m., Paterson Centre

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, P. Forrest, M. Gray, J. Harker, B. Kunz, M. Mahon, R. Masson, J. Nugent, M. Persinger, B. Scott, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, K. Ueland, J. Varzari, C. Vokey, T. Waters
- Regrets:** G. Adamson
- Other:** L. Brown, L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, S. Olson, S. Sproule, B. Tait, C. Takeyasu, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Introductions of B. Scott, K. Ueland, and C. Vokey were made and they were welcomed as the newly appointed student representatives on the Board. Thanks was given to J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, and B. Kunz for their service to the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the June 12, 2015 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the April 28, 2015 and June 2, 2015 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2015.06.01

Varzari/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the June 12, 2015 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported he attended the following events:

- CUBA Conference in Montreal beginning of May, along with J. Gallais.
- Convocation (presented Board of Governors Teaching Chair to Lisa Doolittle), Chancellor's Dinner, and First Nations', Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Round Dance. Thanks to all Board of Governors members that participated in the Convocation festivities.
- He attended the Lieutenant Governor Distinguished Artists Awards in Lethbridge hosted by the Allied Arts Council and the City of Lethbridge.

3. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Universities Canada (formerly AUCC) meetings in Ottawa, and discussed ways to educate the government on key priorities leading into a federal election. Also met with Ian Shugart, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development.
- Ahead of the Herd recruitment event was held this past weekend with over 600 new students coming to engage with the UofL early. A. Hakin gave welcome remarks.
- Quilt Canada came to campus last week, which is an example of how important it is to bring community on campus and generate revenue.
- Appreciation reception was held last Friday for senior administration, Administrative Professional Officer’s (APOs) and Exempt Support Staff (ESS).
- President's Executive had an excellent report on a draft People Plan and it is hoped that it can be brought forward to the Board in the fall for endorsement.
- A lot of activity on the research front this spring, such as the CFI investment of \$2 million to Dr. Robert Sutherland. Many more exciting announcements on UNews.
- Council of Presidents Meeting in Calgary May 15, with 26 institutions represented.
- Busy week on campus two weeks ago – we installed our 13th Chancellor, Janice Varzari on Thursday as part of our Convocation Ceremonies, Alumni Honor Society Event Wednesday, Chancellor's dinner Thursday, and First Nations’, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Round Dance on Friday.
- Long Service/Retirement Awards & Annual Paul Lewis Retirees Luncheon both were held last month. Always a great way to recognize and honor those who have given years of service to the University.
- This is B. Boudreau's last meeting with the Board before he takes on his new role as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Management. Thanks was given to B. Boudreau for his service to the Board as Vice-Provost.
- Along with R. Westlund, he will be giving a presentation to local Mayors & Reeves in Taber later today, which is part of an ongoing exercise educating people on the UofL in an effort to gain support from the community.
- Meeting with new CEO of Economic Development Lethbridge Trevor Lewington later today.
- Canada Mexico Roundtable in Nanaimo week of June 15, focused on First Nations’ engagement.
- Trip at the end of the month to Germany, which will provide an opportunity to tour examples of regional innovation in that country to lend to our expertise around the Destination Project.

4. CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on attending:

- April 30 Alumni event at the Edmonton Art Gallery.
- Gave greetings on behalf of the Board and Senate at the Long Service Awards and retirees luncheon.
- Met with two principles from Give Canada.

- Spring Alumni celebration recognizing the Honour Society inductees and the First Nations', Metis, and Inuit Round Dance
- Spring 2015 Convocation – over 1,400 students graduated, four honorary degrees were conferred, and it was her inaugural Chancellor's Dinner. Thanks was given to all members of the Board who attended the various events which celebrate the successes at the UofL.
- Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President (Academic) appointment committee meetings.
- June 8 Senate Recognition Dinner in which 14 new members were welcomed and thanks was given to 15 outgoing Senators.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. 2015-16 Budget

MOTION: opn.2015.06.02

Berezan/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the attached 2015-16 Budget and approve in principle the 2016-17 and 2017-18 budgets.

Motion: Carried

With the change in the government, we are unsure of what our funding will be until the provincial budget is released. J. Berezan reported that we are going ahead with budgeting for the 1.4 percent reduction that the previous government announced. We are also factoring in not using the previously approved market modifiers in order to balance the budget as it has been indicated that the new Government will reverse that decision. N. Walker added that this budget is being balanced with one-time funds, but that we still have a \$2.4 million continuing deficit that we have not accounted for. Thanks was given to N. Walker and her team for the work they have done the past few months in regards to the budget.

5.2. 2014-15 Annual Report

MOTION: opn.2015.06.03

Berezan/Waters

That the Board of Governors approve the 2014-15 Annual Report.

Motion: Tabled

J. Berezan noted that this report is required each year and the Auditor General does go through it.

N. Walker reported that, as of last Friday, new guidelines have been received on requirements within the report. Revisions will be made including addition of the Public Interest Disclosure Report and additional information on the Comprehensive Institutional

Plan. The document has to be submitted within six months of fiscal year end, which is September. As the Board does not meet again until October, consensus was to approve the revised document via the Executive Committee.

MOTION TO TABLE: opn.2015.06.04

Persinger/Berezan

That the Board of Governors table the motion regarding the 2014-15 Annual Report.

Motion: Carried

The Executive Committee will vote via email on behalf of the Board over the summer. The approved report will be brought back to the Board for information in the fall.

5.3. Comprehensive Institutional Plan

MOTION: opn.2015.06.05

Berezan/Kunz

That the Board of Governors approve the 2015/16 – 2017/18 Comprehensive Institutional Plan.

Motion: Carried

The Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) is a legislated requirement of the Government of Alberta. Implemented about five years ago by the former governing party, we are not yet sure if this will remain a requirement with the new Government. Thanks was given to those who worked on the various parts of the CIP.

5.4. Student Safety Abroad Policy

MOTION: opn.2015.06.06

Masson/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the attached Student Safety Abroad Policy, effective September 1, 2015.

Motion: Carried

S. Sproule reported that the policy provides a consistent approach to communicate with students abroad. The implementation date has been pushed back until September to allow Information Technology (IT) Department to ensure that the support technology is in place. Registering with the program will be a requirement for students traveling abroad, and faculty will be invited to utilize the program as well.

5.5. Progress and Achievement Report 2014-2015, Destination 2020: UofL Strategic Plan

MOTION: opn.2015.06.07

Harker/Masson

That the Board of Governors approve the attached Progress and Achievement Report 2014-15, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

J. Harker noted that following feedback received yesterday during the presentation to the Board of Governors, a few minor editorial modifications will be made.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. 2014-15 Financial Statements

The 2014-15 Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Governors last week via email and were presented for information. Thanks was given to C. Takeyasu, Associate Vice-President (Finance) and her team for preparing the statements. It was also noted that there no audit recommendations coming out of the financial statements.

6.2. Sport & Recreation Services Community Report

N. Walker noted that Sport & Recreation Services is an active hub, and a very good way that the UofL connects to the community.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin had nothing to add to his submitted report. He noted that the Academic Plan was approved by General Faculties Council and is part of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski had nothing to add to his submitted report.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing further to add to her submitted report.

7.4. Interim Vice-President (Research)

L. Brown had nothing further to add to her submitted report.

7.5. Board Member Reports

J. Varzari encouraged members to read the latest issue of *Trusteeship* magazine, specifically an article on liberal education, which solidifies the direction that the UofL is heading in. Thanks was given to J. Gallais and S. Olson for their work with Convocation and the Chancellor's dinner.

B. Scott reported that the Students' Union Executive is just finishing off the transition period of taking office about a month ago, and is busy preparing for the upcoming year.

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association, K. Ueland noted that work is being done to establish a lobbying group for the student groups at the CARI institutions in Alberta.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2015.06.08

Scrimshaw/Harker

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of June 12, 2015 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried