



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes to Committee

Thursday, June 16, 2016
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** R. Masson (Chair), P. Forrest, M. Gale, M. Gray, J. Harker, C. Howey, E. Jing, R. Kobbert, H. MacDonald, M. Mahon, J. Nugent, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, B. Tait, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Other:** L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, S. Sproule, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Introductions of C. Howey and E. Jing were made and they were welcomed as the newly appointed student representatives on the Board. Thanks was given to P. Forrest for his service to the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the June 16, 2016 Open Agenda
1.2. Approval of the April 21, and May 26, 2016 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2016.06.01

Varzari/Mahon

That the Board of Governors approve the June 16, 2016 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

R. Masson remarked that he enjoyed participating in day two of spring Convocation and recommends that Board members take the opportunity to sit on the platform during a Convocation ceremony if they are able.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Destination Project official ground breaking is confirmed for June 23, with invitations to come out later this afternoon.
- Fair amount of time meeting with government officials and developing relationships. It was highlighted that Associate Vice-President (Research) Claudia Malacrida has been named to a panel of eight that will review research across Canada. This significant appointment is great for C. Malacrida and also the University of Lethbridge, as the UofL is the only smaller research institution represented.

- A proposal by Dr. David Naylor has won a \$500,000 grant from the Canadian Space Agency, with additional support from the UofL and several industrial partners, brings the total to \$1.2 million.
- Leading investigators in the field of Ribonucleic acid (RNA) research gathered on campus June 5-8 for the 12th annual RiboWest Conference.
- Meetings with Chief Charles Weasel Head regarding Treaty 7 and environment, adaptation, and agriculture.
- Presented Marmie Hess with a key to the University to mark her 100th birthday.
- Delegation from Anyang China visiting campus tomorrow.
- Traveling to Accra, Ghana July 21 - Aug 1 for Association of Commonwealth Universities Conference. The group meets once per year and attending is a great way to make international connections. M. Mahon will be speaking on a panel regarding liberal education.
- Promises to be a busy summer on campus with youth camps (2,500 expected) and international student groups (6 groups from Mexico, Japan, and South Korea totalling 128 students).
- Canadian Olympian Clara Hughes to headline 2016 Pronghorns Scholarship Breakfast September 29. She brings a very inspiring message around mental health and we are looking forward to the event.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on attending:

- Lethbridge College Convocation on April 22.
- Meeting of Canadian University Chancellors May 1-2 in Ottawa. Ninety two chancellors from across the country were invited to the meeting by Governor General Don Johnson. He was interested in bringing excellent minds from universities together to share their ideas about research and reconciliation. The Governor General said that he knows Lethbridge well and sent his greetings along. J. Varzari also met with our Member of Parliament Rachel Harder and attended question period at the House of Commons.
- Gave greetings on behalf of Senate and the Board at the annual UofL Long Service and Retiree Recognition Ceremony on May 4.
- Phone call with Minister Schmidt on May 5 to discuss the board chair position.
- Along with M. Mahon, traveled to Japan May 8-19, and toured multiple universities throughout the trip.
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit mini pow wow on June 1. The event was very well done and well attended.
- June 2 and 3 Convocation and Chancellor's Dinner - 1452 students graduated this spring, 1043 RSVD's to attend convocation, with 1093 actually crossing the stage. Ceremony III was the largest (by far) with 364 grads. J. Varzari noted that sitting on the platform as board members is a great way to see the end product of students' time here.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Finance Committee Terms of Reference - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2016.06.02

Harker/Persinger

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

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.2. Audit Committee Terms of Reference - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2016.06.03

Harker/Smith

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

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.3. Comprehensive Institutional Plan 2016/17 – 2018/19

MOTION: opn.2016.06.04

Gray/Tait

That the Board of Governors approve the 2016/17 – 2018/19 Comprehensive Institutional Plan.

Motion: Carried

A. Hakin explained that the plan is divided into two approval sections – academic section goes to General Faculties Council and the financial component goes to the Board. The combination of the two goes under the board chair's signature and is sent to the Minister of Advanced Education. There was a question on why only undergraduate science numbers are listed. A. Hakin responded that we intentionally wanted to highlight the impact that the new science and academic building will have.

5.4.2016-17 Student Homestay Fees

MOTION: opn.2016.06.05

Gray/Harker

That the Board of Governors approve the proposed 2016-17 Student Homestay fees, with the fees for 2017-18 to 2018-19 approved in principle.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker clarified that this fee is not a new fee and does not go against the mandated tuition freeze. The fee used to be contracted out but now it will be collected in-house starting in the new year.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. 2015 -16 Financial Statements

The Financial Statements were provided for information only as the Board had approved them via an email vote on May 26, 2016. Thanks was given to C. Takeyasu and her team for all their work putting the statements together.

6.2. 2016-2017 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule

This was provided for information. It was noted that we are looking at having a one-day retreat in September in place of the retreat that was originally scheduled for this week, as the Governance Committee wanted to wait on the appointments of the incoming members. We hope to have a date set by the beginning of July.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin expressed his happiness that AGILITY is moving forward, with 12 students completing our first summer course. As the program develops, we hope to increase in size. There was a question regarding the impact of the curriculum revamp with the school districts in the province. A. Hakin responded that Dean Loewen will be working with this, as it then relates to curriculum within the Faculty of Education.

7.2 Vice-President (Advancement)

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

7.3 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker highlighted that there is now a live feed of the construction site of the Destination Project, and the link is included within her report.

7.4 Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine had nothing to add to his submitted report.

7.5 Board Member Reports

Representing the Students' Union, C. Howey reported that it was great to see all the fresh faces at the recent Ahead of the Herd event.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2016.06.06

Harker/Kobbert

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of June 16, 2016
be adjourned.*