



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

**1:00 p.m. W646, Lethbridge Campus**

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), G. Adamson, A. Amelinckx, , R. Corbiere, J. Copeland, M. Gray, C. Hollingsworth, B. Kunz, S. McClellan (phone), M. Mahon, R. Masson (phone), F. Naeem, M. Persinger, M. Smith (phone), S. Talbot, J. Varzari (phone), R. Scrimshaw (phone)
- Regrets:** T. Waters, J. Berezan, P. Forrest, D. Weeks
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), B. Boudreau, L. Brown, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, S. Sproule, N. Walker, R. Westlund
- Guests:** S. Glydon, J. Morris, S. Kieuzle, H. Jiskoot, J. Byrne, J. Usher, J. Laurendeau, M. Helstein, K. McGeough, C. Adams, W. Ramp, G. Pyle, C. Abel, T. Hall, B. Marquardson

Prior to the start of the Open Session Sean Glydon, Vice-President External of the Students' Union did a presentation on the Ignite Project to the Board of Governors.

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

#### APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the March 20, 2014, Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the February 27, 2014 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2014.03.01

Talbot/Corbiere

*That the Board of Governors approve the March 20, 2014  
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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### 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported on:

- March 6<sup>th</sup> he took part in a telephone conference with the Deputy Premier with respect to the post-secondary systems budget.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> he was in Edmonton attending the first annual Alumni Association dinner there were individuals approximately 70 people in attendance. It was a worthwhile first event. Next week is the Calgary Alumni Association Dinner.
- At the last meeting the Board discussed the proposed drilling in west Lethbridge and a decision was made to assemble a working group to address the concerns expressed

by our internal and external community and to task them with bringing back a report to the Board at this meeting. G. Jong thanked the working group and everyone involved for the work in such a tight timeline. As agreed to in the Board Executive committee the working groups report will be presented and addressed in the Closed Session meeting. For the benefit of those in the room, it was indicated that after the Closed Session meeting a statement will be released to keep everyone informed of the Board's decisions on this issue. Appreciation was given to those present and for the concerns that have been addressed. It was indicated that there will be no more discussion about this item until the Closed Session.

- A question arose about the Edmonton Alumni Event and it was indicated that some people from our Edmonton campus, the City of Edmonton, Concordia University College, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta as well as numerous alumni were in attendance.

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

M. Mahon reported on:

- Budget – The provincial government announced no new base funding to our operating budget, but \$1.5 million was allocated for new academic programming and the details are still being worked through. There was a reintroduction of the access to the future fund.
- He met with the Deputy Minister of Environment, Bill Werry and spoke on water research and the water monitoring initiative and how we can connect with that. Also spoke with him on the proposed drilling in west Lethbridge and the concerns expressed to us and this information was provided to the working group. Prior to that M. Mahon had also met with Greg Weadick, MLA about the proposed drilling.
- Around campus:
  - Native Awareness Week Mar. 3-7 – congratulations was given to A. Amelinckx for being given the Blackfoot name Sacred Necklace Woman.
  - Brain Awareness Week and ULFA Respect and Diversity Week also occurred with events on campus.
  - Rick Mercer was on campus working with the Pronghorn throwers so this piece should be appearing soon on television.
- Boil Water Advisory – occurred in the city and it was a challenging time for everyone, so a thank you was given to everyone who helped out.
- Strategic Planning Committee – a meeting was held to present the operating budget.
- Graduate Education –members of senior administration attended a retreat in Calgary with UofA and UofC counterparts around developing a strategy on growing graduate education in the province. It was a terrific meeting and they created a good framework and basis for moving forward, so now the Vice-Presidents of Research will be responsible for bringing the plan into fruition.
- Science Building – a group from the University of Lethbridge had a tour of the science building at the UofC during the time of the retreat to look at ideas in planning the destination project.
- Prairie Baseball Academy – he attended an announcement to show our support and sponsorship of the Canadian National Championships that will take place this May.

A number of our students are attached to this and this is a great way to promote our institution like we did with the Canadian Science Fair.

- Visited the student call centre last week.
- Dory and the Weatherman - Congratulations were given to our Senator Dory Rossiter for the concert that was held to support the Students' Union Food Bank. The final number raised is not yet available and dinner with the president, M. Mahon was also auctioned for money.
- Edmonton Alumni Dinner – guest speaker was A. Pereira and he and M. Mahon also met with the Deputy Premier on innovation and how the government can support universities from that perspective.

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

S. McClellan reported on:

- Edmonton Alumni Dinner – also attended it last evening and it was a good turnout and a wonderful opportunity for alumni.
- Convocation Committee and the Senate Executive committee have met so Convocation planning is going well.

#### **5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

##### 5.1. Carryover Policy

MOTION: opn.2014.03.02

Mahon/Varzari

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Carryover Fund Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

N. Walker indicated that this has been in discussion for some time and the internal budget accounts are to be reduced to 2% carryover to assist with funding more university strategic priorities. There was also concern expressed with the total value of carryover so this policy also recommends an overall percentage (10%) of carryover that we should have. A question arose on it still seems somewhat high, and it was clarified that we are not allowed to borrow for things such as student residences from the government so we must fund this and this is basically not even one month of carryover. It was also indicated that the government has not indicated to us what an ideal carryover balance should be.

##### 5.2 Capital Plan

MOTION: opn.2014.03.03

Mahon/Kunz

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached 2014-2018 Capital Plan.*

Motion: Carried

N. Walker indicated that this is a four year plan is completed every year and must be submitted by the first of April to the government. The document and projects were explained and the major project being the destination project was highlighted as well as escalation of costs in that project was mentioned. Discussion occurred on categorization of learning and office spaces. A question arose on what the major differences are on the maintenance costs, and N. Walker indicated that she will get back to the Board with this information.

### 5.3 Finance Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2014.03.04

Mahon/Persinger

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

Motion: Carried (3 Opposed: S. Talbot, C. Hollingsworth, F. Naeem)

M. Mahon indicated that the Finance Committee thoroughly discussed the request to look at student representation on this committee as was indicated by the Board at the last meeting by tabling the original motion. It was noted from the Finance Committee that there is no required constituency membership but the committee membership does not exclude representation from any constituent group. The committee decided not to change the membership requirements. The Board chooses representatives annually for committee membership and in the past precedent has been set where a student was appointed to serve on other committees such as the Board Executive Committee.

MOTION TO AMMEND: opn.2014.03.05

Hollingsworth/Talbot

*Motion to amend point 2.2 to include the Students' Union President and the Graduate Students' Association President as non-voting members.*

Motion: Defeated

The students believe students should be treated differently from the other stakeholders as they are the only members financially contributing to the operating budget. They want to be privy to more information and they feel they are only getting the information once it reaches

the Board. They indicated that they do have representation on the budget advisory committee, but feel it would be beneficial to be on the Finance Committee.

#### 5.4 Designation of Academic Staff Policy

MOTION: opn.2014.03.06

Smith/Amelinckx

*That the Board of Governors approve the updates to the Designation of Academic Staff Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon indicated that it is just to add clarity and for changes in position titles. This was discussed with the University of Lethbridge Faculty Association (ULFA) and they have contributed to some wording changes.

## 6. REPORTS

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

A. Hakin provided a verbal report. He went to the Western Vice-President meetings for research and academic individuals (WESTVAC) to meet with counterparts and there were some good sessions: a presentation by Stephen Mandell the former mayor of Edmonton; discussion on online learning; embracing opportunities in First Nations' initiatives; and program prioritization.

Janet Brooks is on campus she is a noted art historian. Also there was appointed six new teaching fellows through the Teaching Centre.

He also had Lethbridge College meetings around future programming and instructional skills workshops. Also commented on the tour of EELS building at the UofC as it was very informative and they looked at ways to use the space to engage the students.

### 6.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski sent his regrets as he was delayed in his flight back from Edmonton. M. Mahon indicated he has been busy planning for the comprehensive campaign.

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

N. Walker had nothing to add to her report.

### 6.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. Weeks had nothing to add to his written report.

### 6.5. Board Member Reports

S. Talbot – Students' Union election results: Sean Glydon, President; Chris Hollingsworth, Vice-President, External; Lisa Hildebrand, Vice-President Academic; Riley Miller, Vice-President Student Affairs and; Michael Kawchuk back as the Vice-President Finance. She reported there is an increase in student financial concerns and fees and promoted the 5 days

for the homeless challenge by passing around a can for donations. Election turnout was 19%.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2014.03.07

Persinger/Corbiere

*That the Board of Governors open session meeting of March 20, 2014 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried