



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2017

1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), R. Adkin, H. Babb, B. Cummins, M. Gabriel, M. Gray, J. Harker, H. Labuhn, H. MacDonald, M. Mahon, R. Masson (phone), J. Merkl, J. Nugent, T. Pace-Crosschild, R. Scrimshaw, S. Stocker, B. Tait, J. Varzari
- Other:** L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, N. Walker, R. Westlund

*Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.*

M. Gabriel was introduced as the Alumni Association President and newest member of the Board.

A moment of silence was held in honour of Van Christou, founding member of the University of Lethbridge, former Chancellor and Honorary Degree Recipient.

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

#### APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the October 12, 2017 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the June 16, 2017 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2017.10.01

Tait/Varzari

*That the Board of Governors approve the October 12, 2017 Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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### 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported on attending the mental health funding announcement made by the Minister of Advanced Education at Lethbridge College and the Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast. He gave thanks to C. Horbachewski and the Advancement Office for a successful Homecoming Weekend and noted what an honour it was to receive a Blackfoot name.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Attended celebration of life for Chancellor Emeritus Van Christou;

- Homecoming Weekend and the Shine-On Music Festival – Thanks to C. Hosgood and C. Horbachewski who co-chaired the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee. Congratulations to all those who received a Blackfoot name;
- Fall enrolment has a 1.1% overall increase over last year;
- MacLeans' University rankings were just announced and the UofL maintained number one position in support for student services, while dropping one position to fourth overall in the undergraduate category;
- Dean searches – Liberal Education is wrapping up today if approved during Closed Session and Management search is ongoing;
- Leroy Little Bear has been appointed Distinguished Niisitapi Scholar for the UofL;
- Sixth Canada-Mexico roundtable took place in June at Lakehead University;
- JD Irving visit following the sod turning at Cavendish Farms;
- Announcement of four new scholarships benefitting Blackfoot students;
- Attended planning meetings for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kainai Chieftainship in 2018
- Hosted and served at Welcome Back BBQs both at the Lethbridge and Calgary campuses;
- Launch of Centre for Financial Market Research and Training trading room at our Calgary campus;
- UofL is hosting women's rugby nationals in November;
- Will attend the Presidential Installation of Deborah Saucier at McEwan University; Two of our faculty members, Yale Belanger and Ute Wieden-Kothe, will be inducted into the College of New Scholars in the Royal Society of Canada;
- Upcoming Universities Canada Presidential Mission to Israel trip in December.

#### 4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

J. Varzari highlighted her involvement in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden, receiving her Blackfoot name during Homecoming Weekend, and attending a PUBLIC Professor Speaker series event. Encouragement was given to Board members to attend Convocation on Saturday, October 14 to support our students. It was noted that an honorary degree will be conferred upon Buffy Sainte Marie.

#### 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

##### 5.1. Mandate and Roles Document

MOTION: opn.2017.10.02

Harker/Scrimshaw

*That the Board of Governors approve the Mandate and Roles Document.*

Motion: Carried

J. Gallais noted that the Document will be submitted to the government and if they require further substantive changes, it will come back to the Board for approval. There were no questions or comments.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1. Parking Services Update**

There was a question regarding supply exceeding demand. N. Walker clarified that the parking spots not purchased by residence students went back into the pool for the general student population. Parking passes are still available at the stadium lot as well.

### **6.2. Housing Check-In Update**

N. Walker added that this was not as visible to the public or residence students as the parking issue was. Lots of work was done manually behind the scenes to ensure that our student experience was not affected.

### **6.3. Board of Governors Documents – Editorial Amendments**

There were no questions or comments.

## **7. REPORTS**

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

A. Hakin highlighted the change in leadership of the AGILITY program, which is now under the direction of David Hinger, who is moving it to be modeled after the Teaching Centre (faculty-driven). A. Hakin added that he had the opportunity to speak about liberal education at Southern Alberta Council of Public Affairs last week.

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

C. Horbachewski highlighted the recent announcement of the creation of four scholarships for Blackfoot students, thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Janes, who are pictured within his report.

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

N. Walker highlighted the progress being made on the Destination Project and noted that the Budget Advisory Committee has already begun their work on the 2018-19 operating budget.

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

In addition to the report, E. Okine gave congratulations to two of our faculty members, Yale Belanger, and Ute Wieden-Kothe, who will be inducted into the Royal Society's College of New Scholars. Congratulations were also given to the UofL iGEM team who recently published an article and for receiving \$50,000 in funding from the British Columbia government to continue their research.

### **7.5 Board Member Reports**

On behalf of the Students' Union, H. Babb reported on the by-election currently taking place to fill a vacancy on the SU executive, the meetings with Lethbridge City Council regarding UPASS, a transit pass for students, working through the process of renewal of the Sexual Violence Policy, and the excitement related to the provincial governments mental health funding announcement last month.

M. Gabriel reported on the on-going changes with the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association, most notably moving to a more active committee structure and quarterly instead of monthly council meetings. M. Gabriel encouraged all Board members to attend the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association's Let There Be Light Night tomorrow,

October 13. The event honours the 2017 Honour Society inductees, Young Alum of the Year and Alum of the Year.

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association, B. Cummins reported that the GSA has been busy attending events including New Student Orientation, Open House, and various GSA social events. He noted that this is the first time in three years that the GSA has an intact executive at the beginning of the academic year.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2017.10.03

Gabriel/Babb

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of October 12, 2017 be adjourned.*