



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2015
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), P. Forrest, M. Gray, J. Harker (phone), R. Kobbert, H. MacDonald, M. Mahon, R. Masson (phone), M. Persinger, B. Scott, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Regrets:** B. Kunz, J. Nugent, B. Tait, K. Ueland
- Other:** B. Boudreau, L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, C. Horbachewski, M. Letts, S. Olson, S. Sproule, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by Board of Governors Research Chair Claudia Malacrida on her research on controlling sexuality and disability.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Introductions of R. Kobbert and H. MacDonald were made and they were welcomed as the newly appointed Alumni Association and Faculty Association representatives on the Board.

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the October 15, 2015 Open Agenda
1.2. Approval of the June 12, 2015 and July 14, 2015 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2015.10.01

Waters/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the October 15, 2015 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported that he attended the following events:

- Meeting with Shannon Phillips on August 17 which included discussion on Board Chair term, Destination Project, enrolment, the tuition model, and the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*
- Calgary Alumni golf tournament on August 20
- September 12 Southern Alberta Art Gallery Art Auction
- Allied Arts Council Mayor's Luncheon on September 17. Congrats to Nancy and Paul Walker on receiving the Joan Waterfield Memorial Award.
- Board of Governors orientation on September 17

- On September 26, following her tour of campus, the board chairs and presidents of Lethbridge College, Medicine Hat College, and the UofL met with Minister Sigurdson.
- The September 29 Pronghorn Scholarship breakfast. During the breakfast, M. Mahon announced a personal family donation of \$60,000 to athletic scholarships. Thanks was given to M. Mahon.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

A moment of silence was held in honour of the recent passing of Russell Leskiw, who acted as the first UofL President, member of Senate Ginny Goulet, and Honorary Degree recipient Kay Kerr. M. Mahon reported on:

- Fiat Lux Address was given last week, and is available, both written and video, on the President's website. The address is an opportunity each year to highlight the University's accomplishments and speak to the future.
- Enrolment – very positive change from this time last year. As of September 22, there were 8,453 students, which is an increase of 229 registrants or 2.8% over Fall 2014. Undergraduate enrolment increased by 2.9% and graduate enrolment increased by 1.3%. Enrolment on the Calgary campus increased by 2.6% and enrolment on the Lethbridge campus increased by 4.1%, while enrolment on the Edmonton campus decreased by 47.4%. International enrolment increased by 0.2% and FNMI enrolment increased by 8.1%. New high school student enrolment increased by 18.2%, while new transfer student enrolment and returning student enrolment decreased by 5.5% and 16.5% (respectively). Continuing student enrolment increased by 0.5% and Open Studies student enrolment increased by 29.9%.
- Minister Lori Sigurdson visited campus at the end of September, which included a tour of the science labs. It was indicated that in the near future there will be a full review of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* and the entire Campus Alberta system.
- Had a few meetings with MLA Shannon Phillips over the past couple of months, including a meet and greet with both Lethbridge MLA's and Finance Minister and President of Treasury Board Joe Ceci. Thanks was given for the strong support of the Destination Project by the community.
- In Ottawa at the end of September for Deputy Minister meetings to discuss the new concept of regional universities.
- University is participating in a city-wide steering committee to welcome Syrian Refugees to our community. We also have an active group on campus fundraising to privately sponsor a family. More information on the initiative can be found on the President's webpage.
- Red Crow College is currently exploring the possibility of rebuilding their campus, and relocating to Standoff, following their recent fire. Insurance funds will only cover a portion of the costs, so we as a university have committed to advocating to the government in support of the rebuild.
- The President's Executive had a retreat and then the larger Senior Leader's had one. This time the President presented his objectives to the President's Executive retreat then the Vice-President's presented theirs. Those joint objectives were then shared at

the Senior Leader's group where they jointly came up with about 35 common objectives.

- Funding Announcements - This has been the most successful year to date in tri-council funding. We were also recently awarded \$1.1 million in funding from Western Economic Diversification that will go towards AGILITY and will create a maker-space (a place for students to come together from across different disciplines) on campus.
- The International Genetically Engineered machine (iGEM) competition held in Boston, and the UofL team brought home the gold once again.
- Following the success of the UofL's Faculty of Management team at the University Trading Challenge in New York City last November, the UofL has been chosen as the location for the event this November. This will mark the first time that the University Trading challenge has been hosted at a Canadian location.
- On November 16, attended the installation of David Turpin as President of the University of Alberta.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on attending:

- Various community events, including the SAAG Art Auction, Allied Arts Council Mayor's Luncheon, and Harvest Moon Ball. These events provide opportunities to deliver key University messages.
- On campus events including annual Welcome Back BBQ and Pronghorn Scholarship breakfast.
- Science lab tour with Minister Lori Sigurdson and representatives from Advanced Education.
- Gave greetings at the 26th annual Career fair. The event provides a great opportunity for students to connect with industry and the 79 booths were attended by over 2700 students.
- Opening of the new Trades and Technologies building at Lethbridge College.
- Senate meeting and orientation on October 4. Leroy Little Bear presented the University the Buffalo Treaty, which will be mounted within the *** (Gathering Place). The treaty, signed by 12 nations, marks an initiative to bring back the relationship with the buffalo. Honour was given to the memory of Ginny Goulet, an active volunteer, both at the University and in the community.
- Fall Convocation will be on Saturday, October 17. Those being honoured include Honorary Degree recipients Cor Van Raay and Victor Buffalo and Alumnus of the Year Andrew Staniland. Board members were encouraged to attend Convocation and the Alumni Association concert.
- Senate is currently seeking Honorary Degree Nominations. The process is confidential and deadline for nominations is November 1. If any help is needed, or for question, please contact S. Olson.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Compensation Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2015.10.02

Harker/Scrimshaw

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

Motion: Carried

5.2. Board of Governors Research Chair Guidelines

MOTION: opn.2015.10.03

Masson/Waters

That the Board of Governors approve the Board of Governors Research Chair Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon highlighted that the change is coming because we are moving to clarify what truly needs to be a University policy, and what provides guidance. These guidelines also distinguish between Tier 1 (up and coming researchers) and Tier 2 (long standing and highly regarded researchers) appointments. It was also noted that the University Scholars programs was transferred to Tier 2 Research Chairs.

MOTION: opn.2015.10.04

Mahon/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the official rescinding of the Board of Governors Research Chairs Policy.

Motion: Carried

5.3. Board of Governors Teaching Chair Guidelines

MOTION: opn.2015.10.05

Mahon/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the Board of Governors Teaching Chair Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon noted that this allows distinct processes in the Research and Teaching Chairs but ensures consistency as well.

MOTION: opn.2015.10.06

Mahon/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the official rescinding of the Board of Governors Teaching Chairs Policy.

Motion: Carried

5.4. Destination Project – Business Case Executive Summary

MOTION: opn.2015.10.07

Gray/Waters

That the Board of Governors approve the Business Case: Destination Project Science and Academic Building September 30, 2015 Executive Summary, with noted amendments.

Motion: Carried

With the change in government, there was a need to put together a summary of the Destination Project. M. Gray noted that based on a recommendation from Give Canada, the UofL is committing to raising \$17 million, instead of the \$50 million previously communicated.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. 2014-15 Annual Report

The 2014-15 Annual Report was approved by the Board of Governors Executive Committee via email and is being presented for information.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

On behalf of A. Hakin, B. Boudreau had nothing to add to the submitted report.

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. Vice-President (Research)

On behalf of E. Okine, M. Letts remarked that changes have been made to provide a better overview on the flow of funding. Thanks was given to Penny Pickles in the Office of Research Service for her work on this.

7.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU), B. Scott reported that C. Vokey, Vice-President (Operations & Finance) resigned from his position in September and a by-election for his replacement will be scheduled for tomorrow. In regards to the federal election on October 19, a couple of polling stations are being piloted at the University of Alberta and University of Calgary campuses. In an effort to increase voter turnout, Organization of Residence Students will have buses available to take students to their polling station.

R. Masson spoke about a recent trip to China and the opportunities of water research and their use of coal and natural gas.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2015.10.08

Varzari/Persinger

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of October 15, 2015 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried