

**UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
DECEMBER 4, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. IN AH100  
MINUTES**

- Present: Richard Davidson (Chair), Mike Mahon, Andy Hakin, Nancy Walker, Don Chandler, Kathy Lewis, Robert Ellis, Janice Varzari, Danny Le Roy, Nicole Rosen, Rob Wood, Steve Brodrick, Margaret Cook, Taz Kassam, Nathan McCowan, Keith McLaughlin, Jeanne Xie, Cheryl Dick, William Malcolm, Collin May, John Moldon, Paul Pharo, Calvin Stewart, Ingrid Berg, John Bolton, Susan Burrows-Johnson, Lorelee Burton, Debi Charlesworth, Ron Corbiere, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Mari Daunt, Wayne Johnson, Margaret Mazerolle, Sharon McNiven, Dale Merchant, Susan Milne, Diane Randell, Elisha Rasmussen, Dory Rossiter, Bernie Scott, Lynne Sherwood, Keith Spackman, Katharine Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Claire Torscher, Gerard Westwood, Jill Sletto (Secretary)
- Regrets: Rachel Caldie, Holly Debnam, Chris Hosgood, Allan Hall, Clarence Arnoldussen, John Seaman, Frank Spanbauer, Wendy Fox, Alex Hann, Paul Kenwood, Terry Longair, Gavin Parker
- Others: Chris Horbachewski, Barb Erler

WELCOME

Chancellor Davidson welcomed Senators to the first December Senate meeting in 3 years (Last 2 years had blizzards).

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Ellis/Switzer

That the Agenda for the Senate meeting of December 4, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion:

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Dick/Rasmussen

That the Minutes of the Senate meeting of October 2, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion:

Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Richard Davidson acknowledged Rachel Caldie as the newest Senator for the Alumni Association, and passed along her regrets. Collin May was introduced as the newest Government Appointed Senate Member and awarded the U of L pin and bag to Mr. May.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chancellor

Richard Davidson gave his report verbally. He said he didn't have anything significant to report, as he was away for all of November. He went to the Grey Cup with Bob Turner and carried the U of L flag, wearing green.

Mr. Davidson reported that this would be his last Senate meeting as Chancellor, as he will be out of the Country during the February Senate meeting. He wished the Senate well in the new Chancellor Search process and also wished the new Chancellor well. Mr. Davidson reminisced of the eve of being appointed Chancellor, and how Chancellor DeBow took him out for dinner. He said he thoroughly enjoyed his experiences as Chancellor, and so did his wife, Denise. He also enjoyed being a board member and seeing students in their moment of glory during Convocation. He would try and make eye contact with each student, as he felt it gave him a connection with the students. He ended his report in saying he is very comfortable that President Mike Mahon has the same focus as him.

5.2 President and Vice-Chancellor

Mike Mahon welcomed everyone and started off by saying he has been extremely busy the last number of months. Since Installation he has been across the City/Province and Country. He started off in Ottawa with the Federal Government then went to Edmonton with the Provincial Government. He had 15 meetings with different ministers and deputy ministers. He dealt with specific projects, as well as the University of Lethbridge in general.

In Edmonton, he met with the rural caucus. He attended a speech of the Governor General, and said it was very inspiring as it highlighted the importance of post-secondary education and how volunteerism is quite significant. Mr. Mahon also attended and met with several clubs, including the Kawanis club, Lethbridge Rotary, ect..

Mike also met with Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism and has lunch with the Premiere next week to discuss funding at the Provincial and Federal level. He also participated in the Dean of Grad Studies Interviews via telephone.

On the student front, Mike reported that the Women's Rugby team placed second in the CIS Championships, which is quite impressive and stated that placing 1<sup>st</sup>

four times in a row is quite difficult and the girls did an excellent job.

Chillin' for Charity – Mr. Mahon participated in this event which was students paying for ice to put into a pool, which Mahon jumped in to. He said he felt like a wimp considering the good weather he had compared to previous years. He also participated in a Saturday night hockey game for the men's Pronghorn hockey team, where Mahon shot pucks from centre ice.

His November was topped off with a luxurious mustache that he grew for "Movember".

Mike reported he attended a Christmas Reception for International Students and said it was tons of fun and re-energized him as well as the students, we well he had a "Meet Mike" at LCI.

Mr. Mahon introduced Jill Sletto to the Senate as Sheena Olson's replacement while she is on maternity leave. Rita Law has moved to HR and will be taking over the FOIP Office. There is currently a search on for the new Director of Governance and Senior Advisor to the President, and with these positions being filled, we will be moving forward with our strategic plan.

Chancellor Davidson recognized that Paul Pharo has recently been appointed as a Provincial Court Judge.

### 5.3 Board of Governors

Janice Varzari submitted a report that was included with the Agenda package. The report was received as information. Ms. Varzari came forward and added that the New Board Member Orientation had taken place recently and that Mike Mahon and all the Vice-Presidents attended. She added that she is now growing into her roll and is getting a better understanding of the strategic plan. She noted that she has had a discussion with Mike Mahon about Senate representation on Board. Ms. Varzari ended her report with reminding everyone that anyone can see the open Board meeting minutes.

### 5.4 General Faculties Council

Dr. Rob Wood circulated a GFC report the morning of the meeting. Dr. Wood refreshed everyone on GFC and its roll and briefly went over the report that was submitted that morning as information.

### 5.5 Alumni Association

Don Chandler submitted a report with the Agenda package. Mr. Chandler briefly went over his report highlights. He also added that the Alumnus of the year and Alumni Honor Society nominations are not over until February 1, 2011.

### 5.6 Students' Union

Taz Kassam started off by saying that the Students' Union has been very busy over the last few months, as they have been participating in both Federal and

Provincial lobby groups. A few of the members had travelled to Ottawa and had over 100 meetings in 7 days. She added that there were 28 member schools across Canada coming together to Advocate for Post-Secondary Education. The team has done an excellent job representing the U of L. The Peter Mansbridge event attendance was very large and she thanked everyone for participating in that event and she also thanked everyone for all the food donations. The food bank has the largest amount that it has had in 5 years.

#### 5.7 Graduate Students' Association

Jeanne Xie had submitted a report in the Agenda package – received for Information. Ms. Xie reported on the highlights of the report.

#### 5.8 Hospitality Committee

Ms. Betty Cyr, Chair of the Hospitality Committee reported that the Welcome Reception for new staff was not as successful as previous years. Although the turnout of Senators and their spouses was impressive, there was not many new Faculty/Staff that attended. The Committee is going to re-evaluate the event. It seemed everyone liked staying on Campus and having a tour of the Costume Shop at the event. Ms. Cyr added that if anyone has any materials they would be able to donate to the Costume Shop, please do as it is a huge help to their budget. The training there is amazing and really helps the students to understand the making of costumes - one girl from the U of L is now working on movie sets in Vancouver! She encouraged everyone to go see a production if they have the chance.

Comments: Janice Varzari was disappointed with the turnout of the event, but was happy with the event in general and the amount of Senators that showed up.

Richard Davidson thought that since the event was on campus, he thought it was be a great turnout, but turned out to be the worst attendance yet. He suggested taking this back to the GFC (Andy).

Andy Hakin added that a there used to be a BBQ that took place, but it has been cancelled due to bad turnouts. There is lots of events for new staff, so they tend to pick one to go to and hopefully their workload isn't too busy at that time. He suggested combining New Senate event and the New Faculty event into one event, so everyone could have one welcome from the University, instead of different groups.

Richard Davidson added that it would be up to the Committee to get that going, not the Senate Secretary. A few suggestions were made on how to make the event work: face-to-face invitations, holding it right before Spring Break, holding it off-campus again. It was also suggested that we send out a brief email to get feedback from those that attended the event.

#### 5.9 Ingrid Speaker Medal Committee

Mari Daunt – Ingrid Speaker poster submitted with the Agenda package. Ms. Daunt let everyone know the medal is primarily for Research done at the University that brings International Recognition to the University. There were 5 or 6 nominations last year and some faculties have never received a nomination at all. Nominations are held for two years upon receipt.

5.10 Honorary Degree Search Committee

Elisha Rasmussen thanked Sheena Olson for all her help over the last year, and Jill Sletto for her help over the last month. She went to the media release that was submitted in the Agenda package. The media release was late going out, but once it did we got an amazing number of nominations. There were 10 nominations last year, 13 the year before and 32 this year. Elisha admitted that she is reluctant to leave the committee, as she feels they are onto something. Ms. Rasmussen added that the testimonials they receive from winners is very moving and that word is definitely getting out about the Honorary Degrees. She ended by saying that the 32 nominations will now be passed onto Cheryl Dick and the Honorary Degree Committee.

5.11 Honorary Degree Committee

Cheryl Dick and the committee will be reviewing the nominations over the next week and a half. The next meeting for the committee will be on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 where they will discuss the nominees and pick the ones that they will bring to the Senate for review at the February Senate meeting.

5.12 Chancellor Search Committee

Louella Cronkhite thanked the Senators and the committee for all their help. There is three candidates that the committee will be interviewing on January 17, 2011. The committee will bring their recommendations for Chancellor at the February Senate meeting (either two or all three). Ms. Cronkhite reviewed the process of the voting for Chancellor at the February meeting. It will be in-camera at the meeting, unless there is a storm and the meeting is cancelled, in which case there will be a mail-out ballot. Janice Varzari said she will not be at the February Senate meeting and wondered if there was a mechanism for voting if they are not there (Email/Phone)? Mike Mahon added that the meeting is significant to present the nominees and be there for discussions about the nominees. Ms. Cronkhite added that unless there is something in the rules saying that is not possible, they will consider that

It was suggested that there be a longer break at the February Senate meeting to review the binders of the Chancellor nominees. It was also suggested that the binder be available early morning, before the meeting starts. Ms. Cronkhite suggested looking into a reception to welcome the new Chancellor, as this has not been done before.

5.13 Outreach Committee

Dory Rossiter will be looking into a "Meet Mike" event at the Magrath High School in January or February, where media will be attending. She will be inviting the Senators to the event once she knows more. The Outreach committee will be having an additional meeting in March, instead of the one meeting per year, just to see where the gaps are and where the committee can do better.

Senator Inclusion Strategy - There was talk of coming up with a way to make

retired senators feel like they are still involved with the University. Ms. Rossiter says that these Senators are trained Ambassadors for the University and they are a great resource to use to bring U of L awareness to the rural communities. Richard Davidson supported this idea and couldn't believe this is only coming up now. A retired senators "database" is in the works where we could have all the Senators information to invite them to events and send them magazines, ect. A draft motion was included in the Agenda, but it was decided a motion does not need to be made to make this happen. It was discussed that there should be a name for this group of Senators, but not decided what the name would be.

Richard Davidson asked if there were any reports missed, or if anyone would like to add anything, and a few things were added:

Mike Mahon added that there is lots of "Meet Mike" events coming up in the near future, and he will continue on with a vengeance.

Lea Switzer has been with Senate for a few years, and still does not have a full senate picture. She suggested that with today's technology, each Senator have their picture taken separately and then photo-shopped into one picture. Jill will look into this for next year's picture.

Mike Mahon added that his friends and family were quite impressed with Lethbridge when they came to his Installation Ceremony.

It was suggested that name tags be issued to the Senators so they can tell who is who. Name tags have already been ordered and will be sent in the mail next week.

## 6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 6.1 Senate Evaluation

Senate was asked to fill out the evaluation and leave them with Jill.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Senate Volunteer Award Nominations

These are presented at the Chancellor Dinner, and next years will be the first function of the new Chancellor. It is a very prestigious award and is open to anyone in the University community. Deadline is February 1, 2011.

### 7.2 Letter from Hank Margolis

Kathy Stauffer briefly reviewed the letter that was handed out with the Agenda package. Louella Cronkhite had also received the letter, but it didn't make it to the Agenda package before it was sent out.

Andy Hakin thanked Richard Davidson for doing an outstanding job as Chancellor. Richard Davidson said it was an important part of his life, but it took some convincing to do it. He asked that if there were to be a legacy he could

leave behind it be that the meetings start and end on time!

Mike Mahon let everyone know that all students should have some sort of volunteer experience, and he is striking a new committee to look at this, and he needs one or two Senators to sit on this new committee and they are to tell Jill if they are interested.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Stauffer/Switzer

That the Senate meeting of December 4,  
2010 be adjourned.

Motion:

Carried

9. TOUR OF MARKIN HALL/CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

Everyone was encouraged to head over to Markin Hall to go on a tour of the new Markin Hall building and enjoy some food.