

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011 AT 9:00 AM IN AH100**

Present: Mike Mahon (Chair), Andy Hakin, Don Chandler, Rachel Caldie, Kathy Lewis, Robert Ellis, Chris Hosgood, Janice Varzari, Danny Le Roy, Nicole Rosen, Steve Brodrick, Margaret Cook, Allan Hall, Taz Kassam, Nathan McCowan, Keith McLaughlin, Jeanne Xie, Cheryl Dick, William Malcolm, Collin May, John Moldon, Paul Pharo, Calvin Stewart, Debi Charlesworth, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Mari Daunt, Wendy Fox, Alex Hann, Margaret Mazerolle, Sharon McNiven, Dale Merchant, Susan Milne, Gavin Parker, Diane Randell, Elisha Rasmussen, Dory Rossiter, Bernie Scott, Lynne Sherwood, Kathy Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Claire Torscher, Gerard Westwood

Regrets: Richard Davidson, Nancy Walker, Holly Debnam, Rob Wood, Clarence Arnoldussen, John Seaman, Frank Spanbauer, Ingrid Berg, John Bolton, Susan Burrows-Johnson, Lorelee Burton, Ron Corbiere, Wayne Johnson, Paul Kenwood, Terry Longair, Keith Spackman

Others: Dan Weeks, Jodie Black (Secretary)

Mike Mahon was pleased to inform everyone that Jill Sletto will be filling in for the remaining portion of Sheena Olson's maternity leave. For this meeting Jodie Black, who is the new University Secretariat, will be recording secretary.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Rasmussen/Dick That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of February 5, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Cyr/Cook That the enclosed Minutes for the Senate Meeting of December 4, 2010 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Mike Mahon officially recognized Rachel Caldie as a new member of the Senate and presented her with a briefcase and pin.

5. IN CAMERA (Closed Session)

MOTION:

Switzer/Chandler That the Senate Meeting will now proceed to an *in camera* closed session.

Motion: Carried

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion:

Randell/Switzer That the Senate Meeting will now return to an open session.

Motion: Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 President & Vice-Chancellor

President Mike Mahon announced that we have a new Dean of Grad Studies Rob Wood, who is also a former member of Senate. Dr. Wood was appointed January 1. In regards to staffing, Laurel Corbiere has also been appointed to the President's Office as Senior Advisor to the President and Executive. She will be in charge of moving the strategic plan forward. Rita Law is in a new position as she has moved into the Office of Privacy. She is working on structure and process and has taken on that important responsibility of building an appropriate office.

Mike Mahon has had numerous meetings with politicians, ministers and deputy ministers regarding the University of Lethbridge vision. There has been lots of discussion on community learning and engagement, as all students should have at least one community engagement experience. The general feeling is of enthusiasm for this philosophy. Jim Coutts has donated a significant art collection and it is being showcased in our gallery right now. There was a visit from MacLean's magazine, and we were happy with our 4th place ranking out of 22 primarily undergraduate institutions. Last week there was a celebration of the grand opening of Bow Valley College UofL Campus. Olds College and Athabasca will also be co-located on this campus.

There was an alumni and donor event in Medicine Hat with 80-90 alumni present. In Magrath next week, there is a Senate outreach event at the high school. There was a donor gala in Markin Hall to honour 4,100 donors who committed over 9.1 million dollars to the University of Lethbridge. These numbers include our faculty and staff.

9.2 Board of Governors

Janice Varzari submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information.

9.3 General Faculties Council

In place of Rob Wood, Danny Le Roy submitted a report which was distributed at the meeting and was received as information.

9.4 Alumni Association

Don Chandler submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. The only modification to the enclosed report is that they will not be honouring Bob Hironaka at their February 8th meeting.

9.5 Students' Union

Taz Kassam submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. A new council will be coming soon and the Students' Union has a new teaching excellence award that they are soliciting nominations for.

9.6 Graduate Students' Association

Jeane Xie submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. The GSA is happy to announce that the Board of Governors has reached agreement on duties and regulates duties of students, teaching assistants, as employees of this institution. The GSA will be hosting coffee sessions to introduce this new agreement to all students. The annual research conference will be in March or April, and will showcase undergraduate and graduate student research. The 9th annual Brenda Milner lecture series invites a leading neuroscientist to come and speak, this year they are honoured to have Dr. Suzanne Corkin, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The date of this lecture is May 9th, as it has changed from the enclosed document. This event is advertised publically, and the GSA is always looking for community support.

9.7 Senate Executive

Kathy Stauffer reported that the next Senate Executive meeting is on March 16th. The senate nomination deadline is March 1st. Members should let Kathy or Jill Sletto know their interest as the next executive committee meeting will be assigning members to the appropriate committees.

9.8 Outreach Committee

Dory Rossiter submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information.

Dory Rossiter then updated the Senate on the retired senator inclusion strategy. The Senate wants to ensure ex-senators still feel a part of the University of Lethbridge. Retired senators need to feel valued and be kept as built in ambassadors. An outreach will be conducted to each retired senator to ask them if they want to continue to be involved, by being invited to functions, and have newsletters sent to them via email. If they have a (ret.) after their names it will keep them as a separate body from the others. Discussion ensued around how to create connectivity among senate members and the University of Lethbridge.

MOTION:

Rossiter/Rasmussen That the Senate Committee approve the contacting of former senator members to inquire about reconnecting with the University of Lethbridge in a retired capacity.

Motion. Carried

9.9 Other

Andy Hakin reported that the University flags are at half staff in honour of Dr. Johan Dormaar, 1991 honorary degree recipient, and Dr. Chava Rosenfarb 2006 honorary degree recipient. The University has passed its condolences on to their families.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Senate Nomination Form

There are eight vacancies on the Senate that need to be filled, so members were encouraged to think of appropriate people. Forms were distributed with the Agenda and are also available with Jill Sletto.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Mahon extended a thank you to the Honorary Degrees and Chancellor Search Committees, as it was a tremendous time commitment. A thank you was also extended to all senate members for their care and consideration in voting. The institution is looking forward to the transition and working with Shirley McClellan. Richard Davidson has been an outstanding Chancellor, and the Senate is happy to continue working with him in a retired capacity.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Rossiter/Dick That the Senate Meeting of February 5, 2011 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried