

**THE OPEN SESSION**  
**OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Waterton Lakes Resort**

**Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Bob Turner (Chair), James Berezan, Bryson Brown, Don Chandler, Armin Escher, Patrick Forrest, Evelyn Good Striker, Gord Jong, Elizabeth Karbashewski, Blaine Kunz, Mike Mahon, Doug McArthur, Zack Moline, Kevin Nugent, Marilyn Smith, Janice Varzari, Paul Walz, Tim Waters, Kathleen Willms

**Regrets:** Shirley McClellan, Heidi MacDonald, Dan Weeks

**Other:** Jodie Black (recording secretary), Laurel Corbiere, Andrew Hakin, Chris Horbachewski, Nancy Walker, Richard Westlund

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1.1 Approval of the June 23, 2011 Open Session Agenda**
- 1.2 Approval of the May 19, 2011 Open Session Minutes**

**MOTION:** opn.2011.06.01

Forrest/Chandler

*That the Board of Governors approve the June 23, 2011 Consent Agenda with the amendment in the Agenda of moving Item 4.3 to Item 5.2 for information.*

Motion: Carried

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**2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

Institutional Analysis has completed the U of L Facts Book for 2010-2011. The link will be emailed to each member, as it is handy to have this at your disposal as a reference to questions.

The indemnification form needs to be signed and returned to Jodie Black; this is in addition to existing coverage.

Congratulations went out to three board members who have recently been recognized for their accomplishments. Heidi MacDonald just received the 2010 Hilda Neatby prize as the winner of the best English-language academic article deemed to make an original and

scholarly contribution to the field of women's and gender history. Marilyn Smith was congratulated on being the recipient of the 2011 Rozsa Award for excellence in arts management. Jim Berezan will be honoured this upcoming Friday with the 2011 Fellows of the Chartered Accountants for meritorious service and for bringing honour to the profession.

Condolences were sent to the family of John Irwin a former member of our Board who recently passed away.

Don Chandler was acknowledged and presented with a plaque at his last meeting as a Board member. Don Chandler, the Alumni Association President, has been on the Board since 2009. Bob Turner thanked him for his dedication.

June 1<sup>st</sup> was the Alumni Honour Society Recognition evening, and June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were spring convocation ceremonies. Chancellor Shirley McClellan was sworn in and the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, administered the oath. The events were all outstanding, and the Chancellor's dinner at the new venue worked out great as well.

June 7<sup>th</sup> was the Board dinner with the Minister, Deputy Minister and their Executive Assistants. It was an excellent turn out so thank you to everyone who made an effort to be there. It was time well spent and it allowed the U of L to show off the features of Markin Hall.

June 8<sup>th</sup> was the Telus World of Science event in Edmonton. It was a very interesting lecture from Hans Joachim-Weiden a faculty member of the U of L.

June 10<sup>th</sup> Bob Turner attended Edmonton caucus with Mike Mahon. The accomplishments of the U of L over the past year were identified and Mike Mahon outlined the objectives for the future. All those present were receptive to the information given.

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

Mike Mahon reported that we will receive \$5.6 million in new funding to finish the Physical Education complex. This is a capital project that has been on our list for eight years. In addition to the money the U of L receives for capital projects, we are waiting for the final announcement regarding the science building.

Convocation was terrific. There were a lot of new people but it was a real success.

There was a Campus Alberta meeting earlier in the week, and representatives of all post-secondary institutions in Alberta were in attendance. They are looking at partnerships, and the Minister is interested in the dialogue on this continuing.

Chris Horbachewski, Dan Weeks, and Mike Mahon had a meeting with EPCOR to discuss the possibilities of developing a partnership.

Mike Mahon had an encouraging meeting regarding water with Ron Liepert the Minister of Energy.

A presentation was given to the Medicine Hat Rotary, and it turned out well.

A decision was made by some of the western university presidents to sit together and explore the involvement of interuniversity sport in Canada West. Mike Mahon will be in attendance at this meeting.

Work is still ongoing with the comprehensive university plan on research chairs. It is a collaborative model with the comprehensive universities in Alberta.

#### **4. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **4.1 2010 – 11 Financial Statements**

MOTION: opn.2011.06.02

Mahon/Varzari

*Upon the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee that the Board of Governors approve the 2010-11 Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2011.*

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker went through the financial statement powerpoint presentation. Regarding the report from the Office of the Auditor General we were told there will be no new recommendations this year. This week the U of L is supposed to be told about the change in accounting standards. This is very late as comparative analysis is required so these changes would need to be in effect immediately.

Jim Berezan commented that a resolution was passed by Audit Committee and then recommended to the Board. Overall it was a good year.

##### **4.2 Annual Report**

MOTION: opn.2011.06.03

Mahon/Jong

*Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Board of Governors approve the 2010-11 Annual Report.*

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker said it is a requirement that the Annual Report be approved by the

Office of the Auditor General. Next year some sustainability will be incorporated into this document.

#### **4.3 Personal Security Policy – Amendments**

MOTION: opn.2011.06.04

Mahon/Karbaschewski

*That the Board of Governors approve that Section 4.1 of the Personal Security Policy be amended to include Calgary and Edmonton campuses representation on the Consultation Committee as outlined in the Agenda Package.*

Motion: Carried

This policy amendment has been approved by the Executive Committee.

#### **4.4 Emeritus Policy Revisions**

MOTION: opn.2011.06.05

Mahon/Kunz

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Emeritus Appointments Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

This is to rectify the revised policy to include Executive Directors in the emeritus policy. This was discussed by the Executive Committee at length. The Executive Directors are the same as Deans on the academic side so it makes sense to recognize both as it adds symmetry to the policy.

#### **4.5 Department of Women and Gender Studies**

MOTION: opn.2011.06.06

Mahon/Varzari

*That the Board of Governors approve the program in Women's Studies be granted Department status in the Faculty of Arts and Science as the Department of Women and Gender Studies with a calendar implementation date of May 1, 2012.*

Motion: Carried

At GFC this was approved with overwhelming support. Andrew Hakin indicated it is worthy of establishment, and it was previously operating as a multidisciplinary program.

## **5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **5.1 1st Choice Savings Centre Community Usage Report**

Nancy Walker reported that the memberships for the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Savings Centre have grown. The centre is a hub of activity and is a community gem. The sports stadium is also heavily used by the community.

### **5.2 Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators**

Mike Mahon reported that the original intent was to approve these draft proposed KPI's, as the Governance Committee has already approved them. However, there was a scheduling problem as Deans Council had not met, and now they would like to discuss these further. Andrew Hakin will first get any proposed feedback from the Deans. If there are any changes they will be taken to the Governance Committee, and if there are no changes they will be brought back to the Board for approval when ready.

## **6. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)**

Andrew Hakin reported that there is an ongoing examination of the role of our northern campuses. An engagement of other faculties and academic programs such as Health Sciences and Arts and Science is taking place.

The Jump the Line event organized by Recruitment and Student Life is for those students who are either just committed or trying to make the decision. It was recently held and it was a great turnout. A thank you went out to Lukas Neamtu for the superb job he did in organizing the event.

## **7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)**

Nancy Walker had nothing further to add to her report except to recognize the financial services staff on all the work they did this year.

## **8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)**

Chris Horbachewski reminded everyone of the June 30<sup>th</sup> opening of Coutts Centre in Nanton. Don Chandler commented on the results of the John Gill Memorial golf tournament. This year there were 136 golfers, and the maximum is 144. It was a beautiful day and community participation was encouraged. The money raised goes to an endowment for student scholarships, and this year the net profits were doubled as they raised over \$20,000.

## **9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Evelyn Good Striker reported that Chief Charles Weaslehead invited Stephen Harper to Kainai over the summer. A ceremony will be held to have him recognized as a member of their nation.

## **10. CHANCELLORS REPORT**

Shirley McClellan sent her regrets.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

opn.2011.06.07

Chandler/Varzari

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of June 23, 2011 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried