



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2016  
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), G. Abela, F. Bradley (phone), S. Brodrick, K. Brown, S. Chadsey, M. Clewes, M. Dececco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, B. Galts, C. Goodreau, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, S. Hlady, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, K. Johnson, G. Knitel, R. Kobbert, B. Lanz, M. Mahon, S. Malec, M. Mazerolle, R. McKay, T. Page, V. Papworth, T. Perlich, M. Persinger, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, R. Pogorzelski (phone), L. Sherwood, A. Siaroff, J. Tailfeathers, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, G. Vardazaryan, P. Visentin, N. Walker, K. Wasiak, M. Whipple
- Regrets:** D. Adams, J. Baranec, P. Bohnert, V. Brickley, C. Cooper, S. Davis, M. Gale, C. Loewen, B. Lyons, C. Northcott, W. Osborn, T. Rollingson, T. Schmidt, B. Scott, J. Seaman, C. Starzyk-Frey, B. Tait
- Others:** S. Olson, B. Sullivan
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Prior to the start of the meeting, there was a presentation on the 3 Minute Thesis and Images of Research Competitors.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2016.04.01

Malec/Petersen

*That the agenda for the meeting of April 8, 2016 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: sen.2016.04.02

Wasiak/Perlich

*That the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2016 be approved with amendment.*

Motion: Carried

A few minor editorial changes were noted.

**3. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

3.1 Senate Appointments

MOTION: sen.2016.04.03

Hood/Siaroff

*That Senate approve the reappointment of Robert McKay, Christopher Northcott, Tammy Perlich, Knud Petersen, and Katherine Wasiak as Representative members to serve a second three-year term, effective July 1, 2016.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions.

MOTION: sen.2016.04.04

Hood/Petersen

*That Senate approve the appointment of Debra Best (Medicine Hat), Laurie Cooper (Bow Island), and Lesley Colburn-Swartz (Lethbridge) as Representative members for an initial three-year term, effective July 1, 2016.*

Motion: Carried

R. Hood gave a short bios on each individual and noted that the geographical representation amongst the candidates.

### 3.2 Committee Membership 2016/17

MOTION: sen.2016.04.05

Hood/Vardazaryan

*That Senate approve the proposed Senate Standing Committee Membership for 2016-17.*

Motion: Carried

R. Hood noted that anyone not on a committee and is interested, please contact S. Olson or a committee chair. More information can also be found on the Governance website. J. Varzari added that committee involvement increases the Senate experience.

### 3.3 Volunteer Award Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: sen.2016.04.06

Persinger/Vardazaryan

*That Senate approve the revised Volunteer Award Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari noted the minor correction to student terms on the committee.

### 3.4 Volunteer Award Guidelines - Revisions

MOTION: sen.2016.04.07

VandenHoek/Kobbert

*That Senate approve the revised Volunteer Award Guidelines, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari reported that these revisions will bring the Volunteer Award Guidelines in line with honorary degree procedures.

#### 4. REPORTS

##### 4.1 Chancellor

J. Varzari reported:

- Past Honorary Degree recipient Howard Cable passed away at age 95.
- Was away in February/March, but she was able to contact all the Honorary Degree recipients and Volunteer Award recipient, all of whom are very excited.
- Attended Family Centre Gala, supporting Ronald McDonald house in Calgary and Family Centre here in Lethbridge.
- Met with the Communications office regarding the Chancellor's Dinner as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Participated in the March 30 Rise and Shine breakfast, featuring the Young Alumnus of the Year Danielle Tait. This was the inaugural breakfast, with hope it will be an annual event.
- Attended the April 6 Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner.
- Was in Edmonton yesterday to sit on a committee that the Minister of Advanced Education struck to interview potential board chair candidates. The position has been vacant since December (although we do have an acting chair). There was a question and discussion regarding the board chair process.
- Will be traveling to Ottawa in the coming weeks to attend a meeting of the 92 Chancellors from across Canada.

##### 4.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported:

- Supports available for students affected by SunRidge residential fire. 4 of our students were in one of our houses. The SU and different units on campus have made sure that the students are into housing, have food, etc. trying to provide as much support as we can.
- Budget Update - waiting on the budget next week. Have budgeted for a 2% increase in operating grant. We are hopeful, but we have contingency plans as well. Hopefully the Destination Project capital funding would be announced in this budget, which would enable us to move forward.
- Dual Admission Agreement with Medicine Hat College – wonderful announcement next week. Fine Arts. Similar to nursing program. First 2 years there, then directly come here. Announcement at penny building which houses dual art exhibit ours and there student work.
- UofL first Canadian post-secondary school to introduce 7 Cups of Tea Student Support system. The on-demand 24/7 text-based worldwide internet support network, 7 Cups of Tea provides targeted and specialized support to student who are in need of mental health support
- Federal Budget announced March 22. There is a potential for accessing some infrastructure funding and we are working to see if the Destination Project fits within the criteria.
- In Edmonton on March 8 for Throne Speech and Budget day is April 14
- Blackfoot culture and identity explored in joint project between Opokaa'sin and UofL's Institute for Child and Youth Studies and UofL Museum Studies. The photo exhibit appeared in Park Place Mall March 5-19, had an opening reception at Opokaa'sin Early Intervention Society on March 21, and the exhibit will eventually move to CASA.

Congrats to all faculty, staff and students involved.

- A couple of follow-up workshops related to the Truth and Reconciliation have taken place or are being planned. Appreciate was given to the faculty who have shown an interest in this area.
- Blue & Gold Awards were presented on Friday, April 1. Congratulations to all student athletes for another successful year.
- UofL was nominated for a Celebrate Downtown award in the 'Back in the Day' category which recognizes contributions to the preservation of Downtown. Award presentation took place on April 6 at CASA
- Congratulations to students involved with '5 Days for the Homeless' -- \$9,204 was raised for Wood's Homes
- ULSU Recognition Dinner was held last night. Thanks to the out-going Students' Union council.
- Congratulations to the World University Service Canada Club and the International Centre -- They raised \$5,000 at the International Dinner & ScotiaBank matched this. They now have enough to bring a student refugee from Syria here this fall.
- Apr. 14 - Faculty of Management to honour Marvin and Chloe Galts at annual Scholarship Dinner. Condolences were given to the Galt family on Chloe's recent passing.
- Rachel Nicol, daughter of our university librarian will be an Olympian in Rio.

#### 4.3 Board of Governors

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.4 General Faculties Council

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.5 Alumni Association

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.6 Graduate Students' Association

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.7 Students' Union

B. Scott added that the Students' Union is busy dealing with the fall out of the recent house fire and how best to help the four students that were affected.

#### 4.8 Executive Committee

R. Hood noted that the business of the committee was dealt with under Items for Action.

#### 4.9 Engagement Committee

S. Hlady highlighted the Senate Evaluation which will be sent out within the next few weeks. She added that the Senate Recognition Dinner is planned for June 23, with more details to come.

#### 4.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

This committee has not met since our last Senate meeting and had nothing to report.

#### 4.11 Outreach Committee

The most recent Mace Presentation was held at Our Lady of the Assumption School and it went very well. K. Johnson gave thanks to past Chief Convocation Marshal Jon Doan for being able to help with the presentation.

4.12 Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that the committee met after the January 23 Senate meeting and was provided with a great slate of candidates. The 2016 recipient is Erin Phillips, campus Chaplin, who will be presented her award at the Chancellor's Dinner on June 2. It was noted that until an official announcement is made by the University, the information is still confidential.

4.13 Other

S. Malec reported that the Distinguished Teaching Award recipient has been selected and J. Tailfeathers noted that the recipient of the Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research will be selected on Monday. The University will announce both recipients in the lead-up to Convocation.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 Cheers 4 Lethbridge Campaign

K. Petersen spoke to this campaign, which is funded by the City, which aims to increase the awareness of what a positive attitude can have.

5.2 Convocation/Chancellor's Dinner

Spring Convocation is schedule for Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3, 2016. Encouragement was given to sign up for one of the 36 volunteer positions and show support for our students. The June 2 Chancellor's Dinner was also highlighted. J. Varzari reported that we had 50% Senate participation last year and we hope to build on that again this year. This event showcases and celebrates many of the success at the University of Lethbridge. A sponsorship program was developed last year and we hope to expand that this year. For more information, please speak with S. Olson.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: sen.2016.04.08

Goodreau/Mazerolle

*That the Senate meeting of April 8, 2016 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried

**7. DESTINATION PROJECT PRESENTATION**

Following adjournment, A. Hakin and B. Sullivan, Destination Project Program Director gave a presentation on the Design Development Report of the Destination Project.