



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

Approved Minutes

Saturday, December 1, 2012
9:30 AM in B660

Present: S. McClellan (Chair), G. Adamson, J. Adolf, I. Berg, J. Bolton, S. Brodrick, S. Burrows-Johnson, M. Cook, R. Corbiere, L. Cronkhite, M. Daunt, A. Escher, W. Fox, B. Galts, G. Goulet, K. Gunn, A. Hann, R. Hood, L. Kennedy, B. Lanz, M. Mahon, K. Lewis, W. Malcolm, M. Mazerolle, D. Merchant, B. Neubauer, W. Osborn, S. Pinder, D. Randell, D. Rossiter, K. Schlachter, B. Scott, J. Seaman, L. Sherwood, K. Spackman, F. Spanbauer, B. Tait, S. Talbot, K. Torry, C. Torscher, J. Varzari, N. Walker, J. Wiebe, S. Wismath, S. Olson (recording secretary)

Regrets: F. Bradley, L. Burton, R. Caldie, D. Charlesworth, B. Ellis, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, S. Malec, C. May, P. Menzies, S. Milne, A. Nussbaumer, G. Parker,

Others: L. Brown, L. Corbiere

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2012.12.01

Torscher/Rossiter That the agenda for the meeting of December 1, 2012 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2012.12.02

Corbiere/Merchant That the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2012 be approved .

Motion: Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chancellor

S. McClellan reported that it has been busy around the University. She recently attended a University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA) event at Transcend Coffee in Edmonton. Chancellor McClellan gave hats off to the President of the ULAA Edmonton Chapter Shannon Digweed on the event and the enthusiasm of the Alumni in Edmonton.

3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported on the the UofL's placements in the various metrics just released:

- Due to a 38 per cent increase in research funding in the last year, the UofL

was named Canada's Research Institute of the Year (in the undergraduate category) by *Research InfoSource*

- The UofL continues to climb in the annual *Maclean's* ranking, this year earning a top-three position and being referred to as 'Alberta's rising research star'.
- Rating as good or better (compared to last year) in all categories of the *Globe & Mail's* University Report Card.

M. Mahon noted that there is an increase in prospective students and their parents using these tools to help make the decision on which post-secondary institution to attend and the University itself is taking more time to look at how we report on activities.

It is an active and exciting time for the Board of Governors as they look to keep moving the University forward with a new Campus Master Plan, new Academic Plan, and a motion regarding the Food Services provider. The Board Advancement Committee is currently planning the annual Alumni and Friends dinner in Calgary and M. Mahon noted that Senators should look forward to that event.

3.3 Board of Governors

J. Varzari submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. She thanked the Senate for electing her as the representative on the Board of Governors and noted that she felt privileged and enjoyed her time.

S. McClellan thanked J. Varzari for her service on the Board and noted that she has served the Senate and the University well.

3.4 General Faculties Council

W. Osborn submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and received as information. She noted that the open house for the new Sports Medicine Clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 5 from 3 – 6 p.m. in the lower level of the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness.

3.5 Alumni Association

G. Adamson submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and received as information. He thanked Senate for supporting the 45th Anniversary events, in particular the scotch fundraiser which generated \$10,800 in student scholarships. He encouraged Senators to look forward to an invite to the annual scotch tasting, to be held in the new year.

3.6 Students' Union

In addition to his report, A. Escher added that the Students' Union Executive, along with 100 other faculty, staff, and students, just completed the annual Cancer Society Relay for Life. Held on the track of the 1st Choice Savings Centre, the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. event raised over \$26,000 for the Cancer Society.

3.7 Graduate Students' Association

J. Wiebe had nothing to add to his report.

3.8 Executive Committee

J. Bolton had nothing to report on behalf of the Executive Committee in addition to the action items coming forward.

3.9 Outreach Committee

D. Rossiter submitted a report which was included in the agenda package. She noted that the Meet Mike event in Vulcan has been confirmed for Tuesday, March 12. April 9th has also been reserved in M. Mahon's schedule for an event and D. Rossiter is still waiting to hear back from a few schools.

D. Rossiter highlighted the Outreach initiative with Volunteer Lethbridge and the possibility of presenting a small scholarship to one of the Leaders of Tomorrow. M. Mahon noted that the University is presently in talks with the organization about a future collaboration to build a volunteer presence on campus among students. It was pointed out that the scholarship would be presented to a high school student (as encouragement to attend the UofL) so as not to impede upon the existing Senate scholarship which goes to a current UofL student. B. Schnell mentioned that scholarships do help students decide which post-secondary institution to attend.

MOTION: sen.2012.12.03

Rossiter/Burrows-Johnson That Senate tasks the Outreach Committee to further investigate having a presence at the Leaders of Tomorrow event with Volunteer Lethbridge as well as the creation of a scholarship to be awarded at the event.

Motion: Carried

The Outreach Committee will report back to Senate on the progress of this initiative at the February meeting of Senate.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Outreach Committee Membership

MOTION: sen.2012.12.04

Bolton/Rossiter That Senate approves the appointment of Ginny Goulet to the Senate Outreach Committee, effective December 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014.

Motion: Carried

4.2 Board of Governors Representative

R. Corbiere excused himself from the meeting. J. Bolton gave thanks to J. Varzari for her work and representation of the Senate on the Board over the past three years.

J. Bolton explained that an email went out to all Senate explaining the upcoming vacancy, the time commitment required, as well as putting in place a specification

that the individual should have at least two years left on their term on Senate. He noted that there was an overwhelming interest in the position.

MOTION: sen.2012.12.05

Bolton/Brodrick That Senate approves and recommends to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education the appointment of Ron Corbiere as the Senate representative on the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors.

Motion: Carried

Upon returning to the meeting, R. Corbiere was congratulated on his new role.

4.3 Volunteer Award

There are many people who give of their time for the University of Lethbridge, and many Senators felt that since they are not on campus all the time, they are not aware of those that do volunteer. S. McClellan mentioned that there was some discussion at the Committee meeting surrounding a campus-wide volunteer roster, but felt that keeping a database of that type would be difficult to keep up-to-date. S. Pinder noted that the award is very broad in that you can nominate someone who is from the community volunteering at the University or someone from the University building up the UofL's name out in the community.

MOTION: sen.2012.12.06

Varzari/Cook That Senate approves the change in name of the Senate Volunteer Award to the University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: sen.2012.12.07

Merchant/Pinder That Senate approves the changes to the Volunteer Award Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

S. McClellan gave a reminder that although the changes are a step in the right direction, the most important way of raising the profile of the award out in to the community is through Senators. She noted that changes will be coming to the Chancellor's dinner, trying to raise the profile of the award.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Senate Fund Update

The fund was initiated in the UofL's 40th anniversary year with a goal to raise \$40,000 to provide awards to students who not only excelled in academics but also contributed to their communities through volunteerism.

Since 2007, Senate members from past and present have donated generously to the fund. Thanks to those donations and the matching dollars from the Alberta

Government's Access to the Future Fund, the Senate Endowment has grown to \$187,000. So far 11 stellar recipients have benefited from this award.

S. McClellan congratulated Senate on the amazing accomplishment so far, and encouraged Senators to try and hit the \$200,000 mark for the Senate Fund.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Distinguished Teaching Award Nominations

M. Daunt explained the criteria for the award and noted the February 1st deadline. She encouraged nominations for any member of the academic staff, including those at the Calgary and Edmonton campuses.

6.2 Ingrid Speaker Medal Nominations

Last year being his first year on the Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Scholarship or Performance Committee, R. Corbiere is excited to be Chair this year. The past recipients are a testament to the high calibre of researchers at the University of Lethbridge. Applications are accepted from across all faculties and the deadline to submit nominations is February 28.

6.3 Volunteer for Playday – February 18, 2013

Playday is about celebrating the importance of play in our lives. Play is essential for physical and emotional growth, for mental, intellectual and educational development, and for acquiring social and behavioural skills.

The inaugural Playday was held on Family Day this year, and plans are well underway for 2013. The free, family fun event was an overwhelming success. Volunteers are needed on February 18, 2013 from approximately 11am – 3pm. Please let S. Olson know and she'll be in touch with further details.

7. PRESENTATION

M. Mahon gave a brief introduction prior to the Strategic Planning presentation. Senators moved to the Coulee Junction Café for the presentation and workshop by L. Corbiere.

11. ADJOURNMENT

S. McClellan thanked everyone for their participation in the Strategic Planning workshop and encouraged everyone to stay and enjoy some Christmas cheer at the following reception.

MOTION: sen.2012.12.08

Escher/Adolf That the Senate meeting of December 1, 2012 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried