



# THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

## Approved Minutes

Saturday, December 7, 2013  
9:00 AM in Penny Building

**Present:** S. McClellan (Chair), G. Adamson, I. Berg, S. Brodrick, S. Burrows-Johnson, D. Charlesworth, R. Corbiere, M. Daunt, K. Doyle-Milder, R. Ellis, W. Fox, B. Galts, S. Glydon, G. Goulet, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, S. Hlady, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, M. Kawchuck, L. Kennedy, R. Kobbert, A. Long, M. Mahon, S. Malec, M. Mazerolle, C. Northcott, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, T. Perlich, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, T. Rollingson, D. Rossiter, B. Scott, L. Sherwood, B. Tait, J. Tanner, S. Talbot, K. Torry, N. Walker, S. Wismath

**Regrets:** T. Babalola, F. Bradley, L. Burton, A. Hann, B. Lanz, K. Lawson, B. Lyons, B. Neubauer, D. Randell, K. Schlachter, J. Seaman, R. Weasel Fat

**Others:** R. Chamberlain (recording secretary) G. Jong

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S. McClellan gave a welcome and introduced all the new Senate members.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2013.12.01

Talbot/Doyle-Milder

That the agenda for the meeting of December 7, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2013.12.02

Kawchuk/Talbot

That the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2013, and the email vote of November 19, 2013, be approved.

Motion: Carried

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Chancellor

S. McClellan reported that since the last meeting she had attended Convocation, which was a great success and is always a major event for the students. She thanked the Senate volunteers, and also mentioned that she attended the Convocation Thank You Lunch which is held for all the people that give their time to the event. S. McClellan also attended the announcement and advised that it was very exciting, but she would leave the details to M. Mahon.

- 3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor  
M. Mahon started off by showing Senate a video for the Destination Project. It was advised that we had the official announcement on December 6<sup>th</sup> of \$200million from the Government towards Destination Project, which is a very significant contribution. This provides the opportunity to move forward with the planning for new Science block, revitalization of UHall, and a new power plant. Next step is to choose the site, with the final decision being made in February by the Board, and then the choice of the Lead Architect. There has been a new Deputy Premier and Minister – Dave Hancock. He has been this Minister before, and is very supportive of Post-Secondary system. We did get 2.62% of budget back, which equates to \$2.4million. This has allowed us to reach a, relatively speaking, balanced budget. Dr. Kristine Alexander has been named Canada Research Chair in Child and Youth Studies, and is the first to receive this in Humanities. It was reported that with the blizzard that occurred classes were cancelled for one day.
- 3.3 Board of Governors  
R. Corbiere advised that there were no changes to his report.
- 3.4 General Faculties Council  
W. Osborn advised that there were no changes to the report. Some of the recent accomplishments of Faculty members were noted.
- 3.5 Alumni Association  
There were no changes to the report submitted. G. Adamson noted some of the events the Alumni Association had coming up, including the Alumni & Friends talk in Calgary, which this year is being given by Col. Chris Hadfield. Tickets for that event are selling fast.
- 3.6 Students' Union  
S. Talbot advised that the report is attached for everyone's reference. A few of the recent activities within the SU were noted.
- 3.7 Graduate Students' Association  
The report was attached to the Agenda, however there was no one from GSA present at the meeting.
- 3.8 Executive Committee  
R. Hood filled in for D. Randell, who noted that the recent meeting ended up being an email vote due to the meeting not going ahead as planned.
- 3.9 Honorary Degree Committee  
S. Burrows-Johnson provided a verbal report to the Senate. It was noted that the Committee was looking to Senate to approve an extension to the nomination deadline to encourage more nominations. It was advised that the changes to the setup of the Committee and the dissolution of the GFC Honorary Degree Committee meant a lack of academic nominations. The Senate were provided with a motion, which was passed.

MOTION: sen.2013.12.03

Osborn/Nussbaumer

That the deadline for Honorary Degree nominations be

extended to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Motion: Carried

### 3.10 Outreach Committee

D. Rossiter provided a verbal report on the recent activities of the Committee, although it had not met since the last meeting. There is one Meet Mike event currently scheduled, and one in the works. The next Outreach Committee meeting will be in January, when the Committee will decide on which school the Mace will go to. There was also a video from D. Rossiter, which was the series on the Senate she produced. This had run recently on the news.

## 4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 4.1 Senate Appointments

Two Senate application forms were put forward to the Senate by the Senate Executive Committee. All the members have reviewed the applications previously to attending the meeting. Both new applications were approved for Senate.

These now fill the two vacancies for Representative members, which are voted for by Senate.

MOTION: sen.2013.12.04

Hood/Glydon

That Senate approve the appointment of the following persons as Representative members for an initial term of three years, effective December 2013, to June 30, 2016.

Robert McKay  
Katherine Wasiak

Motion: Carried

## 5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 5.1 Senate Fund Update

S. McClellan provided Senate with the most recent info on the Senate Fund. It was advised that the fund is only approx. \$3,000.00 short of the \$200,000.00 goal. It is hoped that by the Chancellor's Dinner in May this goal will have been met. It was also noted that there are plans for a Spring event for fundraising, but also a lot of fun. There are many people offering their help for the event. There will also be an update in February as to how many students have been helped by the Senate Fund.

### 5.2 Volunteer Award Poster

It was noted that the poster was attached in the agenda. Nominations were encouraged from all Senators for anyone deserving of the award. It can be groups, individuals etc.

### 5.3 Distinguished Teaching Award

This poster again was attached to the agenda. It was noted that this award always has a high number of nominations due to the nature of it.

5.4 Ingrid Speaker Medal

This poster was also attached to the agenda. It was discussed that this is a hard award to get nominations for, due to it being an award of such distinction. It was noted then generally this is an award for people later in their careers, and who have achieved great things.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Student Union Food Bank

S. Talbot spoke to the Senators about the Food Bank and how they help out students in need. It was explained that donations are welcomed for the food packages, but they also like monetary donations to purchase gift cards for Save-on-Foods so that students can buy fresh food as well. A plate was passed round and Senators gave very generously, raising over \$700 for the Student Food Bank, along with some food item donations that were brought in.

**7. PENNY BUILDING/UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE**

N. Walker spoke to the Senators about where the Penny Building came from, and what the plans are at the moment. Volunteer Lethbridge is now housed in the building, having moved in the week prior. They will be providing reception duties for the building, and the meeting rooms are available for rent by business. The group finished by taking a self-guided tour of the building.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: sen.2013.12.05

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That the Senate meeting of December 7, 2013 adjourned.

Motion: Carried