



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

Approved Minutes

Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00 AM in AH100, Anderson Hall

Present: J. Varzari (Chair), R. Adkin, C. Ciona, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, L. Cooper, S. Davis, M., A. Follinglo, M. Gale, B. Galts, C. Goodreau, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, C. Howey, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, G. Knitel, B. Lanz, S. Latif, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, S. Malec, T. Page, T. Perlich, M. Persinger, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, A. Predoi-Cross, A. Siaroff, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. Tailfeathers, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker, K. Wasiak

Regrets: G. Abela, D. Best, P. Bohnert, F. Bradley, K. Brown, S. Chadsey, C. Cooper, H. Doeve, M. Gabriel, R. Kobbert, R. McKay, C. Northcott, W. Osborn, V. Papworth, R. Pogorzelski, T. Schmidt, S. Stocker, B. Tait, M. Whipple

Others: S. Olson

In honour of the University of Lethbridge's 50th Anniversary and our commitment to all the local people, the UofL started the meeting with the Chancellor recognizing that the University of Lethbridge is located on traditional Blackfoot territory. Along with the Blackfoot, we recognized and honoured the First nations, Metis and Inuit People. Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

K. Schlachter was introduced as the Chair of the Board of Governors.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a student mental health presentation was given by Mark Slomp, Executive Director, Student Services.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2017.01.01

Pinder/Malec

That the agenda for the meeting of January 21, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2017.01.02

Perlich/Jurkowski

That the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2016 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chancellor

A moment of silence was held in honour of former Students' Union Vice-President and member of Senate Nathan McCowan.

J. Varzari reported that she recently attended 50th Anniversary kick-off events on Founder's Weekend, Senate Pronghorn night, BMO funding announcement, Faculty of Fine Arts events, PUBLIC Professor lectures, and Board of Governors meetings. Following the decision made today by Senate, she gets the honour of contacting the honorary degree and volunteer award recipients in the coming weeks.

3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported on:

- Funeral yesterday for former faculty member Ian McKenna. The University flags were lowered yesterday in his honour
- Happy 50th to the UofL!!
- Fiat Lux Address - Building a Destination was given by A. Hakin and E. Okine. Senate will be given a chance to participate in the conversation on where the university will go in the next 50 years.
- Founder's Weekend last weekend - kick off to our 50th Anniversary year. Highlights include beer can unveil by Coulee Brew Company, UofL tartan revealed, song by alumnus John Wort Hannam, UHall replica birthday cake made by Sugar Bakeshop owner Alumnus Amy Whipple, launch of Shine On - UofL 50th Anniversary fund in support of student scholarships, and retirees brunch
- The UofL made the list of the top 5 best-kept secret universities in Canada (according to the Huffington Post, in partnership with UniversityHub.ca)
- Funding announcement: Canada 150 grant facilitates upgrades to Max Bell pool. The \$180,000 grant from the federal government's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will be matched by the UofL through its Strategic Priorities fund.
- Toured Destination Project with Mayor/Shannon Phillips/Maria Fitzpatrick.
- Thanks to those who volunteered with Operation Red Nose. The 12-night campaign saw 629 volunteers provide 1,159 safe rides, over 23,000 km. \$27,141.29 donations from patrons, combined with \$17,200 in corporate donations, the 22 annual Operation Red Nose campaign raised \$44,341.29 for Pronghorn Athletics.
- A \$1 million funding announcement by BMO was made just before Christmas, and is the first major donation to the Destination Project.
- Faculty of Fine Arts annual Abbondanza fundraiser on January 28 had a 50th anniversary spin and was a great evening.
- Upcoming events include the Donor Gala on February 10 and Native Awareness Week March 6-10.

As it has been in the media recently, M. Mahon gave an update on the on-going process related to a faculty member. Personnel matters typically remain confidential, but this individual has given information to the media.

Thanks was given to senior administration for all they do and for sharing not only the positive goings-on at the University, but also the challenges.

3.3 Board of Governors

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.4 General Faculties Council

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.5 Alumni Association

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.6 Graduate Students' Association

S. Latif highlighted the 11th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference on March 18.

3.7 Students' Union

C. Howey reported that \$3,450 was raised through the Pass the Hat fundraiser for the Students' Union Foodbank in December. Thanks to Senate for your contributions. He highlighted upcoming speaker Jenna Marbles on February 5 in gym. Tickets can be purchased at www.ulsu.ca.

3.8 Executive Committee

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.9 Engagement Committee

At their recent meeting, the Engagement Committee had a discussion and created a list of manageable expectations for members of Senate. It was suggested that a bit more concrete direction be given in terms of the priority of which events to attend on campus. K. Gunn added that the list is available on the website and those that apply to Senate will be made aware of the expectations.

K. Gunn, along with K. Johnson will be meeting with the International Centre to see if there is still interest in the Student/Senate dinners. The Senate call centre night will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. About 20 Senators are needed that evening and those interested can contact S. Olson.

J. Varzari gave an overview of the Chancellor's Dinner, explaining that although she does emcee the event, it is not her dinner, but is a dinner hosted by Senate. Unlike other Senate dinners across Alberta, our event is not a fundraiser but celebrates the best that our University has – it highlights the accomplishments of many of our award recipients including honorary degrees, volunteer award, and various student, faculty and staff awards. Senators have an opportunity to sponsor our student award winners, help check-in guests and are asked to host tables. The 2017 dinner will take place on June 1 and Senators were encouraged to save the date.

Thanks was given to K. Johnson and K. Gunn and the work of the Engagement and Outreach Committees. J. Varzari noted that both committees do not have limits on membership and those interested can contact S. Olson.

3.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

B. Galts noted that he will be leading us through the process for selection of honorary degree recipients later in the agenda.

3.11 Outreach Committee

K. Johnson gave a reminder about school visits with the Convocation mace. The committee is working on dates with a few schools and more information will be given once the schools are confirmed.

3.12 Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that the committee will be meeting following the Senate meeting to consider the nominations and choose a recipient for 2017. She noted that the committee selects the recipient and will report back to Senate at the April 2017 meeting. The Volunteer Award is presented at the Chancellor's Dinner on June 1, 2017.

3.13 Other

There were no additional reports.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: sen.2017.01.03

Galts/Wasiak

That Senate approve the appointment of S. Olson and A. Siaroff to the position of scrutineer.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions.

5. IN CAMERA

An *in-camera* discussion was held.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION (con't)

6.1 Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

MOTION: sen.2017.01.04

Galts/Adkin

That Senate authorizes the awarding of the 2017 Honorary Degrees as per the results of the confidential vote.

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari will contact the selected individuals in the coming weeks and report back at the next Senate meeting.

6.2 Destruction of Election Ballots

MOTION: sen.2017.01.05

Galts/Lyons

That Senate authorizes the destruction of the election ballots.

Motion: Carried

It was also noted that all documentation related to the candidates, including any handwritten notes, will also be shredded. Thanks was given to B. Galts and the Honorary Degree Committee for their work narrowing down the list of candidates. A reminder was given of the confidential nature of the discussion.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Senate Moments

K. Gunn explained that a few members will share their experience or opportunities that they've had in their roles as Senators:

- K. Johnson spoke to her experience attending her first Chancellor's Dinner last year. Thinking the event was a fundraiser, which it was not, she enjoyed the evening and encouraged Senators to attend this year.
- R. Hood highlighted his last three interactions at the University:
 - Senate Pronghorn night which included two basketball games, pizza, and drinks.
 - RBC funding announcement – worked for RBC for 40 years and was proud to wear his Senate nametag.
 - Spent a lot of time at the UofL over the last few years watching grandkids in variety of sporting events. The kids feel comfortable wandering the halls and it truly has become a community centre.

K. Gunn encouraged those who would like to share their experiences to contact her.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Application Form

J. Varzari noted that there will be at least five upcoming vacancies on Senate and asked that Senators encourage friends or colleagues to apply. The Executive Committee will be considering applications in March for appointment beginning July 1.

9. ADJOURNMENT

J. Varzari gave a reminder of the Volunteer Award Committee meeting immediately following this meeting.

MOTION: sen.2017.01.06

Howey/Goodreau

That the Senate meeting of January 21, 2017 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried