

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE AH 100

Present: Shirley DeBow (Chair), Clarence Arnoldussen, Jim Berezan, Henry Bergen, David Cassidy, Don Chandler, Dustin Fuller, John Gill, Sharon Holtman, Kim Kultgen, Samantha Lecerf, Kathy Lewis, Gerry Lidstone, Terry Longair, Elizabeth Martin-Jong, Sharon McNiven, John Moldon, Ken Murray, Séamus O'Shea, Cheryl Pollmuller, Guy Pomahac, Elisha Rasmussen, Derek Redman, Wilf Roesler, Paul Rusznak, Garth Sherwin, Ingrid Speaker, Locke Spencer, Lea Switzer, Tyler Tanner, Kristine Wall, Alex Wells, Sue West, Gerard Westwood, Pamela Winsor, Trevor Woods, Cliff Wright, Carol Van Dyk (Secretary)

Regrets: Bill Cade, Jennifer Drozdowski, Rex Forsyth, Dianna Greer, Lloyd Hickman, Ed Nestorowicz, Katharine Stauffer, Nancy Walker

I. WELCOME

Shirley DeBow welcomed all Senators in attendance. She also extended special greetings to Chancellor Emeritus Ingrid Speaker. She recognized those members of Senate whose terms were completed and thanked them for their efforts. A special thank-you was given to Tyler Tanner, outgoing Students' Union President for his many contributions and efforts with the numerous committees he has been a part of during his term.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Holtman/Rasmussen

That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of April 1, 2006 be approved.

Motion: Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Sherwin/Wall

That the Minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2006 be approved.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chancellor

The Chancellor reported the following:

- Spring Convocation 2006 will be held May 31, June 1 and 2. There will be a total of five ceremonies again this year. The total number of graduation applications is 1409 and 875 are expected to attend. There are 9 Honorary Degree recipients this year (7 in Spring and 2 in Fall). The Senate approved the following persons to receive degrees this year; Tom Droog, The Honourable Judge Catherine Fraser, Allan Markin, Chava Rosenfarb, Lena Russell, David Schindler, Roger Tomlinson, Bill Yuill and Blaine Thacker.
- At ceremony #5, the first graduands of the Niitsitapi Program will convocate. There will be a special ceremony within a ceremony with an honor song being performed among other things.
- Ceremony #5 will be the last ceremony held in the current U of L gymnasium, and will it will be the 100th convocation ceremony held at the U of L.
- The Senate Volunteer Award recipient for 2006 is Knud Petersen. Knud is a veteran supporter of Pronghorn Athletics and one of the founding members of the Pronghorn Booster Club. We will also have the distinguished teacher, the research award, two recipients of the Presidents' award and all of our student medallists.
- The Chancellor hosted a meeting of the Alberta Universities' Chancellors at the U of L on March 3, 2006. This was the third meeting of this group. The U of C has expressed an interest in spearheading a western Canada Chancellors' meeting. Student engagement and what initiatives a Senate might undertake to enhance the student experience outside the classroom was discussed as well as ways to enhance the faculty liaison program.
- The Chancellor reported that she was honoured to be asked to serve as the honorary chair of the 5th on 5th Investing in Youth Campaign. A "Taste of Lethbridge" event was held on March 18, 2006.
- Senators were reminded to give some thought to nominating persons to serve as Senators.
- The Chancellor's Search Committee will soon be meeting. Senators were asked to consider candidates to be nominated for the position of Chancellor once Chancellor DeBow's term ends in 2007.
- General Roméo Dallaire, who received a U of L honorary degree in October 2005, spoke at the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA), February 10, 2006 at Erickson's Restaurant. International Week featured a special screening of the movie "Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Roméo Dallaire". Peter Raymont, director and producer of

this film, was the featured guest speaker at the International Dinner held March 8, 2006.

- The annual Management Scholarship Dinner honouring Robin Hood was held March 17, 2006.
- Friday, February 3, 2006 was the last basketball home game in the existing gymnasium. The Pronghorn men prevailed over the University of Calgary in a very close and exciting game.
- A very successful Pronghorn Booster Club Dinner and Silent Auction was held on March 6, 2006. Approximately \$30,000 was raised at this event for athletics.
- The Chancellor attended the fundraiser for the Faculty of Fine Arts. Abbonanza was held at Coco Pazzo's again this year.
- The Chancellor was pleased to participate in appreciation events for the students, CDRC and Information Technology held by Vice President Nancy Walker and President Cade respectively.
- On Thursday, March 2, 2006, the U of L hosted the American Shelf Book Launch. Mr. Naim Ahmed, the United States Consul General for Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northern Territories, announced a significant gift of books and other resource materials donated to the U of L Library by the US Department of State, through its American Corners Program. The donation will expand the University's' collections in several important areas, including Water Resources, Agriculture, Environmental Studies, Political Science, Native American Studies and Education.
- The Chancellor attended a lecture presented by the President and CEO of the Lethbridge Community College, Tracy Edwards. Her presentation "The President Wears Pantyhose" explained why women excel as senior leaders.
- The YWCA Women of Distinction awards were held on March 10, 2006. The University was well represented again this year with Wilma Winter, former Professor of Physical Education and Mrs. Jean Robin, wife of Chancellor Emeritus Keith Robin being two of the recipients.
- The University of Calgary Senate has invited the Chancellor and three Senators to attend a special Senate seminar in Calgary on April 22/06. The topic will be "Engagement: the Community and the U of C".
- Joanne Cuthbertson, a University of Calgary graduate and longtime advocate for young people and education, was elected the U of C's 11th Chancellor. She becomes the third woman to hold the post in the university's 39-year history. Chancellor-elect Cuthbertson founded SPEAK, Support Public Education – Act for Kids, and received the Calgary Award in Education for that year. She will be sworn in at a special installation ceremony in the fall.
- The Senate office will be discussing with the Advancement office ways in which the Senate may be involved with the University's 40th Anniversary Celebrations that will be held in 2007. Feedback would be appreciated.

5.2 President

Provost and Vice President (Academic) Séamus O'Shea provided the following report:

- Gordon Jong has been welcomed to the Board of Governors. Mr. Jong recently completed his term as a member of the LCC Board of Governors and having him join our Board is representative of our close relationship with the Lethbridge Community College.
- Bill Cade took part in a phone conference with the Minister announcing the new budget. There was a clear indication that the province feels education is a high priority. The Minister indicated he would be making a significant and difficult decision whether to continue as Minister past June or seek leadership. In essence of the budget was a 6% increase in the operating budget another year out. This is double the operating increase that other universities in the country are getting. The guarantee in years out gives a lot of security and reliability going forward.
- As for tuition, a centennial gift was given to exempt students from paying tuition increases. Students will not pay more next year, but it will remain as it was in 2004. The \$87 million to offset the tuition will become a part of the base budget. This is approximately a 10% reduction in tuition for students. Future increases will be based on the 2004 level. It was noted that there will be additional announcements from Advanced Education to follow. It has been suggested that the majority will go to universities, colleges and technical institutions, but there will also be funding for apprenticeships and English as a Second Language.
- It has also been noted that Access is now called the Enrolment Planning Envelope to avoid confusion with the Access to the Future Endowment.
- The term of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost will end June 2007. Members of the Executive committee have been asked to consider names that may be brought to the Board of Governors as representative on the appointment committee. The Committee will be struck before the end of May 2006 and a letter to the incumbent will be drafted.
- Donald Ziraldo, President and co-founder of Inniskillin Wines recently visited the campus. Bill Cade described him as leading a very successful career as an entrepreneur in the Canadian wine industry and has recently undertaken a medical marijuana growing venture.
- The search for qualified faculty is fierce and is likely to continue as the recruiting market is tough.
- NSERC awards are up by 15% from last year.
- Seamus wished to thank and congratulate Gerda Vanderfluit on her 30 years of service to the University of Lethbridge. This year also marks the 16th year for Seamus.

5.3 Board of Governors

Sharon Holtman reported the following:

- Goodbyes were extended to all outgoing Senators on behalf of the Board of Governors and congratulations given to Dustin Fuller on his win

as Students' Union President.

- Thanks were given to the Finance Committee for their hard work with the new budget in which they review and make recommendations to the Board. The committee is wonderfully structured and do an excellent job.
- Sharon informed Senate of the Choral and Band Concert performing at the Southminster Church on April 3rd. The U of L Singers will be performing with the Wind Orchestra and the Lethbridge Big Band and encouraged all to attend.
- Sharon also informed Senate of the lecture to be given on April 4th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the University Theatre by journalist and bestselling author Linda McQuaig. The topic of her lecture will be “Resurrecting the Notion of the Common Good”.

5.4 General Faculties Council

There was no report from GFC at this time.

5.5 Alumni Association

John Gill reported the following:

- The Alumni Association will be hosting a golf tournament on June 9th. All proceeds will go to “Birdies for Bursaries”. The bursary is being established to help students in financial need.
- The Alumni Association along with the Advancement office is co-ordinating a 2007 Homecoming/Reunion for its alumni to celebrate the University's 40th Anniversary. It is still in its infancy stages and preparations are ongoing.
- The Alumni Association has gone through the rigorous selection of five alums into the Alumni Honor Society. The Honor Society inductees for 2006 are:

Ron Chambers	Igor Shaskin
Art Ferrari	Wayne Street
Wayne Peterson	

5.6 Students Union

Tyler Tanner reported:

- The General Elections that were held in March resulted in the election of a new Executive for the 2006/2007 year. The new Executive will consist of Dustin Fuller as Students' Union President, Charlotte Kingston as Students' Union Vice President, Richie Evans as VP Internal and Joanne Luu as VP Administration.
- A meeting of the Students' Union committee selected to bring a name forward for the new Health and Wellness Centre to the Board was held and it was decided to rescind the previous motion as there were a number of complaints regarding the name chosen. Tyler is disappointed that this won't be a goal that he will be able to achieve during his term as

President.

- The Rotorac Club “Wells in India” and the “Shave for Cancer” fundraisers held on campus were both extremely successful with the latter raising approximately \$22,000.
- February saw another Rock/Paper/Scissors contest with approximately 128 students. The winner was Alicia Penny and she won her tuition for the Spring Semester. The University’s Rock/Paper/Scissors event has made MacLean’s Magazine “What’s Hot” list.
- Tyler also extended his appreciation on behalf of the students to the Alumni Association for their “Birdies for Bursaries”.

5.7 Outreach Committee

Derek Redman reported the following:

- Derek reiterated that the purpose of the Outreach Committee is to foster relations between the University and the community.
- A very successful event was held in Standoff in December with guest speaker Alan Spoonhunter being the highlight of the event.
- A spring event in Lethbridge that will tie in with plans for the University’s 40th Anniversary celebrations is being considered. It is hoped that plans will highlight where the University has been, where it is presently and where it will be in the future. The Outreach committee will be in contact with the Committee organizing events to see how the Senate can be involved.

6. REFRESHMENT BREAK

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 2006-2008 Schedule of Senate & Senate Executive Meetings

MOTION:

Holtman/Wall

That Senate approves the Senate and Senate Executive Schedule of Meetings for 2006 - 2008 as outlined in Enclosure #2 of the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

7.2 Appointments to Senate for 2006-2009

MOTION #1:

Wright/Rasmussen

That Senate approve that the following members of Senate be reappointed to Senate for a 2nd 3-year term, effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009:

Peter Blackmore Dianna Greer
Kathy Lewis

Motion: Carried

MOTION #2:

Chandler/Westwood

That Senate approves the appointment to Senate of each of the following nominees for an initial term of 3 years, effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009:

1. Lloyd Yamaghishi to replace Ed Fetting [Lethbridge]
2. Janice Varzari to replace Anne Hunt [Coaldale]
3. Wayne Johnson to replace Jamie Raisbeck [Medicine Hat]
4. Fran Amundsen to replace Alex Wells [Blairmore]
5. Betty Cyr to replace Sue West [Pincher Creek]
6. Kiyo Oikawa to replace Cliff Wright [Medicine Hat]

Motion: Carried

7.3 Staffing of Standing Committee of Senate

7.3.1 Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

MOTION:

West/Murray

That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee for a term of two years:

Barrie Broughton [Chair]
Ralph Gast
Elisha Rasmussen
Students' Union President, ratified by Senate

Motion: Carried

7.3.2 Hospitality Committee

MOTION:

Pomahac/Winsor

That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Hospitality Committee:

Gerry Lidstone [Chair]
Dr. Terry Longair
Lea Switzer
Clarence Arnoldussen

Motion: Carried

7.3.3 Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Rasmussen/Kultgen

That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Honorary Degrees Committee:

Henry Bergen
2 GFC Representatives, ratified by Senate
2 Student Council Representatives, ratified by Senate

Motion: Carried

7.3.4 Senate Outreach Committee

MOTION:

Martin-Jong/Bergen

That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Outreach Committee.

Cheryl Pollmuller [Chair]
Kim Kultgen
Gerard Westwood
Katharine Stauffer (subject to consent)

Motion: Carried

7.3.5 Executive Committee

MOTION:

Pomahac/McNiven

That Senate approves the following appointment to the Senate Executive Committee:

Craig Rumer [Chair]
Derek Redman [Vice Chair]
Barrie Broughton, Chair PCC
Gerry Lidstone, Chair Hospitality Committee

Cheryl Pollmuller, Chair Outreach Committee
Students Council President, ratified by Senate
Rex Forsyth, GFC Rep ratified by Senate

Motion: Carried

7.3.6 Senate Volunteer Committee

MOTION:

Spencer/Arnoldussen That Senate approves the following appointment to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee:

Sharon McNiven
Trevor Woods
Grad Student Rep, ratified by Senate
Student Council Rep, ratified by Senate
Vacant, to be filled at later date

7.3.7 Senate Nominations to Chancellor Search Committee

MOTION:

Westwood/Lidstone That Senate approves the following appointment to the Nomination Committee for Election of Chancellor:

Derek Redman
Kathy Lewis
Dianna Greer

8. PRESENTATION

- 8.1 A presentation was given by Lynn Kennedy from her narratives of Childbirth and Motherhood in the Antebellum South. Professor Kennedy has recently received the Lerner-Scott Prize for her dissertation. It was a very informative and enlightening presentation that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Ushers and Tea Pourers for Convocation

Senators were reminded that Ushers and Tea Pourers are needed for the Spring Convocation to be held May 31, June 1 and 2, 2006.

It was mentioned by Chancellor DeBow that the Board has a mentoring program to assist with new Board members. The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to adopt the same system. New Senate members will be paired as follows to assist them in the becoming familiar with their role as a Senator.

Derek Redman – Lloyd Yamagishi

Shirley DeBow – Fran Amundsen

Kathy Lewis – Janice Vazari

John Molden – Kiyo Oikawa

David Cassidy – Wayne Johnson

Kristine Wall – Betty Cyr

It was requested that a document be provided in Senate packages that will allow Senators to indicate which committees they would be interested in serving on. This would greatly assist the Executive Committee when filling the Standing Committees of Senate.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Senators were reminded that the Chancellor's Dinner will be held on June 1, 2006.

A dinner recognizing retiring Senators will be on June 15, 2006. Invitations will be forthcoming.

Guy Pomahac informed the Senate that after many years the Judo Club will be moving to a new building and will be leaving campus. It is both a sad and exciting time for those involved. The Judo Club was the first University team to win a championship for this institution

Pamela Winsor described for the Senate the three ways in which the Faculty of Education is involved with educators in Belize. The first is that in July 2005 the Faculty launched an offering of the Master of Education in collaboration with the University of Belize for a cohort of twelve Belizean teachers. Their program is focused on the development and teaching of literacy and will be offered entirely in Belize using on-line and face-to-face communication. The second connection is that four students have completed their Professional Semester III internship in Belizean classrooms this semester. Finally, the third connection is that she has conducted research and workshops concerning early literacy in Belizean classrooms. As much as possible, attempts are made to bring the three components together to foster learning.

Cliff Wright also made mention that Senators need to be more proactive and that being a member of Senate is a prestigious thing. He feels that Senators are recognized as leaders within their community and should display that leadership.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Wright/

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion:Carried