

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. IN ANDERSON HALL (AH100)

MINUTES

- Present: Bill Cade (Acting Chair), Clarence Arnoldussen, Jim Berezan, John Bolton, Barrie Broughton, Susan Burrows-Johnson, David Cassidy, Debi Charlesworth, Susan Chomistek, Margaret Cook, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Mary Daunt, Holly Debnam, Andrew Hakin, Alex Hann, Lorne Jordan, Tamara Larter, Dale Merchant, John Moldon, Kiyo Oikawa, Paul Pharo, Calvin Stewart, Elisha Rasmussen, Dory Rossiter, Kathy Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Claire Torscher, Gerard Westwood, Janice Varzari, Adam Vossepoel, Rita Law (Director of Governance), Nicole Leusink (Secretary)
- Regrets: Richard Davidson (Chair), Islay Arnold, Fran Amundsen, Robert Christiansen, Van Christou, Shirley DeBow, Cheryl Dick, Jo-Anne Fiske, Dianna Greer, Eric Hawthorne, Robert Hironaka, James Horsman, Chris Hosgood, Roland Ikuta, Wayne Johnson, John Kincaid, Kim Kultgen, Kathy Lewis, Terry Longair, Rita Mahar, William Malcolm, Sheila McHugh, Sharon McNiven, Goldie Morgentaler, Gavin Parker, Brodie Pattenden, Jenn Prosser, Derek Redman, Keith Robin, Frank Spanbauer, Ingrid Speaker, Nancy Walker, Edwin Wasiak, Lloyd Yamagishi

1. WELCOME

Due to the absence of Chancellor Davidson, President Cade chaired this meeting. He extended his greetings to the Senate.

2. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

President Cade welcomed and introduced the new Government Appointed members of Senate: Dr. Lorne Trevor Jordan, a veterinarian with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Mr. Paul G. Pharo, Q.C., a senior partner with Stringham Denecky Law Firm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Broughton/Rasmussen

That the agenda for the Senate Meeting of April 4, 2009 be approved.

Motion:

Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Rossiter/Stauffer

That the minutes for the meeting of February 7, 2009 be approved.

Motion:

Carried

5. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

President Cade and Dr. Calvin Stewart spoke briefly about Son Soubert, a Fall 2009 honorary degree recipient. The U of L would like to find ways to partner with Mr. Soubert's humanitarian work in Cambodia. President Cade asked for volunteers from the Senate to work with the Senate staff to brainstorm ideas as for making his trip the most productive. Dr. Stewart stated that partnering with Mr. Soubert can highlight and enhance the good work of the University of Lethbridge.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1 2009–2011 Schedule of Senate & Senate Executive Meetings

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

That Senate approves the Senate and Senate Executive Schedule of Meetings for 2009-2011 as outlined in Enclosure #2 of the Agenda.

Motion:

Carried

6.2 Appointments to Senate for 2009-2012

6.2.1 2009 Appointments for 2nd 3-Year Term

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

That Senate approve that the following members of Senate be reappointed to Senate for a 2nd 3-year term, effective July 1, 2009 – Jun 30, 2012:

- Catherine (Betty) Cyr [Pincher Creek]
- Wayne Johnson [Lethbridge]
- Janice Varzari [Lethbridge]

Motion:

Carried

6.2.2 2009 Appointments to 1st 3-Year Term

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

That Senate approves the appointment to Senate of each of the following nominees for an initial term of 3 years, effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012:

1. Lorelee Burton [Lethbridge] to replace Kathy Lewis [Lethbridge]
2. Wendy Fox [Lethbridge] to replace Dianna Greer [Lethbridge]
3. Dianne Randell [Lethbridge] to replace Kiyo Oikawa [Lethbridge]
4. Ingrid Berg [Lethbridge] to replace Lloyd Yamagishi [Lethbridge]
5. Bernard Scott [Medicine Hat] to replace Fran Amundsen [Blairmore]

Motion:

Carried

6.3 Staffing of Standing Committees of Senate

6.3.1 Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

That Senate approves the appointment of the following people to the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee:

- Claire Torscher
- Dale Merchant

Motion:

Carried

6.3.2 Hospitality Committee

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

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

- Betty Cyr (Chair)
- Jim Berezan
- David Cassidy
- Roland Ikuta

Motion:

Carried

6.3.3 Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

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

- Derek Redman
- Janice Varzari

Motion: Carried

6.3.4 Outreach Committee

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

That Senate approves the appointment of the following people to the Outreach Committee:

- John Moldon
- Dory Rossiter

Motion: Carried

6.3.5 Executive Committee

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

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

- Kathy Stauffer (Chair)
- John Bolton (Vice-Chair)
- Betty Cyr (Chair, Hospitality Committee)

Motion: Carried

6.3.6 Volunteer Award Committee

MOTION:

Vossepoel/Burrows-Johnson

That Senate approves the appointment of the following people to the Volunteer Award Committee:

- Susan Burrows-Johnson
- Margaret Cook

Motion: Carried

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Canada Day Celebrations

Nicole Leusink encouraged the Senate to volunteer for the 2009 Canada Day celebrations. More information will be forthcoming.

8. REPORTS:

8.1 President

President Cade provided the following report:

- The President attended the Blue and Gold Dinner, where athletics awards were given out. Jim Steacy was named the Male Pronghorn of the Year, and Ashley Patzer was named the Female Pronghorn of the Year. Danny Balderson, a former Pronghorn basketball player, gave the keynote address.
- The most recent production at the University of Lethbridge Theatre was *Acadia*, directed by Brian Parkinson. The show is receiving rave reviews.
- ApplyAlberta, the new online application system for all Alberta post-secondary educational institutions was recently launched. This is a government initiative that the U of L has been leading. The U of L had the first successful test and the first applicant to use the system will be attending the U of L.
- Olga Kovalchuk recently won 1 of 6 Research Chair positions from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for her work on the side-effects of radiation in the treatment of cancer patients. Dr. Kovalchuk is also a Board of Governors Research Chair.
- The Faculty Book Awards were held recently. Thirty U of L authors were recognized.
- In accordance with the U of L Strategic Plan, the new MFA (Master of Fine Arts) and MMus (Master of Music) programs were approved. Students will be accepted into these programs in Fall 2009.
- Last year, the Digital Audio Arts program was approved, but no funding was secured. In March 2009 the program received funding and students can begin study in Fall 2009. This unique program is the first of its kind in Western Canada. Andrew Hakin pointed out what a great achievement it is that in a time when very few funds are being distributed, this program did receive funding.
- Along with other members of the University community, President Cade spent a week in Ottawa in March. They attended 17 meetings with various MP's and government officials, and attended an alumni event. The main reason for the trip was to discuss the stimulus package and to propose various building projects, such as Phase 2 of the Water Building and additional University Hall maintenance.

8.2 Board of Governors

On behalf of Kim Kultgen, Kathy Stauffer presented a report which is filed with these minutes.

Following the report, the Senate discussed the issue of decreased enrolment. Due to increased competition and decreased demographics, the U of L experienced a decrease in enrolment early in 2009. However, due to the strategic planning of John Kincaid and the staff in the recruitment department, the 2009-2010 enrolment has surged. It is now expected to be on par with or just slightly below where they would like it to be. The Senators discussed the ways that the U of L is unique and gave suggestions as to how the University might go about responding to student needs.

8.3 General Faculties Council

Lesley Brown submitted a report which is filed with these minutes.

8.4 Alumni Association

Holly Debnam submitted a report which is filed with these minutes. In particular, she highlighted the upcoming John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament and encouraged the Senators to participate.

8.5 Students' Union

Adam Vossepoel provided the following report:

- The Library is providing library fee amnesty for students who bring in donations to the Student Food Bank.
- The Students' Union elections have taken place, and the SU change-over dinner will take place in mid-April. Adam will be completing his second term as a Students' Union representative to Senate on June 30, 2009.
- In response to strong encouragement from the student population, this summer will mark the creation of a Students' Union Campus Co-Op Garden. This garden will be open to the entire Lethbridge community.
- March was a very busy month for the SU. Events included a trip to Edmonton to meet with MLA's, a trip to Ottawa to meet with MP's and Senators, applications for day-care spots, the 5 Days for the Homeless fundraiser for Woods Homes, the Last Lecture Series, and the John Gill Memorial Run.

8.6 Graduate Students' Association

Tamara Larter provided the following report:

- The 3rd Annual GSA Multi-Disciplinary Conference was held in March, where students presented their research.

- In conjunction with the Psychology Students' Organization, GSA members went on a trip to the Calgary Zoo on Saturday, April 4, which Tamara graciously agreed to miss so that she could attend the Senate meeting!
- The 2009-2010 GSA elections were held, and this marked the first contested presidential campaign in GSA history. Once the new representative is selected, his or her Senate term will begin on July 1, 2009. Tamara will complete her Senate term on June 30, 2009.

9. REFRESHMENT BREAK

10. PRESENTATION BY DR. ANDREW HAKIN

Dr. Andrew Hakin gave a presentation on the University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Ushers & Tea Pourers for Spring Convocation

President Cade encouraged the Senators to volunteer for one or more Convocation ceremonies if they are able.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Senators were reminded that the Chancellor's Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in the Atrium on May 28, 2009. A dinner recognizing retiring Senators will be on June 10, 2009 in the East Patio/Cafeteria area on the sixth level of University Hall. Invitations for both events will be forthcoming.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Broughton/

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion:

Carried