

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M. IN AH100

Present: Shirley DeBow (Chair), Michelle Allen, Henry Bergen, Tiffany Boulton, Bill Cade, Kristine Carlsen Wall, David Cassidy, Don Chandler, Holly Debnam, Rex Forsyth, Dustin Fuller, Ralph Gast, John Gill, Dianna Greer, Lloyd Hickman, Charlene Janes, Tyler Johnson, Charlotte Kingston, Rita, Law, Kathy Lewis, Gerry Lidstone, Terry Longair, Sharon McNiven, John Moldon, Ken Murray, Ed Nestorowicz, Chris Nicol, Séamus O'Shea, Kiyo Oikawa, Cheryl Pollmuller, Derek Redman, Wilf Roesler, Ches Skinner, Katherine Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Janice Varzari, Ed Wasiak, Gerard Westwood, Lloyd Yamagishi, Carol Van Dyk (Secretary).

Regrets: Fran Amundsen, Clarence Arnoldussen, Jim Berezan, Barrie Broughton, Betty Cyr, Sharon Holtman, Wayne Johnson, Kim Kultgen, Elizabeth Martin-Jong, Guy Pomahac, Elisha Rasmussen, Garth Sherwin, Nancy Walker.

Guest: Elsa Cade

I. WELCOME

Shirley DeBow welcomed all Senators in attendance especially those who travelled some distance in order to attend. She also extended holiday greetings to all.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Greer/Switzer

That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of December 2, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Westwood/Forsyth

That the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of October 21, 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:

- A Convocation retreat was attended by the Chancellor in which both the Spring and Fall 2006 Convocations were reviewed. It was a very productive retreat as a questionnaire had been distributed by email prior to the retreat and comments were addressed and discussed so that improvements could be made for following years making for even more successful Convocations.
- The President and Chancellor hosted a thank you luncheon on November 24/06 to extend their appreciation for the exemplary work done by all those involved with Convocation. A special thank you went out to Brian Sullivan and Nancy Walker for having the building ready in time.
- The Senators who began their terms July 1 received a thorough orientation to all aspects of the University on November 18. The Chancellor is very grateful to the attendance and input from President Cade, the Vice President Academic Seamus O'Shea, Vice President Administration Nancy Walker, and Vice President Advancement Chris Horbachewski. Thanks are also extended to Carol Van Dyk for all of the preparatory work.
- Advertising has begun for the annual Senate Volunteer Award which is given to an individual each spring in recognition of exemplary volunteer service to the University. Nominations close January 2, 2007.
- Thank you to all who donated to the Students' Union Food Bank.
- Congratulations to the students who were awarded the Millennium and the Chinook Scholarships. The awards were presented at the last Board meeting.
- Thank you to Senators Elisha Rasmussen, David Cassidy and John Gill who participated in the Fort Macleod Santa Claus Parade despite the bitter cold.
- The Senate Scholarship has collected \$7500.00 in its first month and is receiving wonderful feedback and support.
- The Chancellor attended "Mustangs & Mavericks" in Calgary which recognizes graduates who are up and coming entrepreneurs. Two University of Lethbridge grads were featured.
- The University hosted Tom Huffaher with the U.S. Consulate for the signing of the Fulbright Fellowship Agreement.
- The Chancellor informed the Senate of the performance by the U of L Singers at the Southminster United Church this evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and encouraged all to attend.
- The Chillin' for Charity Polar Bear Swim will be held this afternoon as well at Galt Gardens and thank you to President Cade for his participation for the second year in a row.

- And finally, the Chancellor stressed the importance of attending the meeting of the February 3, 2007 Senate meeting in which Honorary Degree recipients for 2007 will be chosen along with the new Chancellor.

## 5.2 President

President Bill Cade provided the following report:

- Congratulations also extended to the winners of the millennium scholarship. The President informed the Senate that this scholarship is in great danger of being cut by the current government.
- The President recognized CIBC's contribution of \$125,000 in support of the University of Lethbridge's Legacy of Leadership Campaign.
- Steve Meston, CIBC Senior Vice-President, Western Canada, Commercial Banking, joined CIBC Lethbridge Branch Manager Kevin Kunigiskis and University of Lethbridge officials to announce the gift, which will be directed toward the construction of the proposed Management and Health Sciences building.
- The President commented that the University is grateful for the support given by this donation as it will help the University expand space and services to students in two key areas.
- The President was happy to attend the first basketball game of the year held in the new gym. It was felt that the acoustics might be a cause for concern but everything turned out wonderful. Thank you to all who came out and supported the Horns.
- The President also informed that the running track has now been poured and that the lines were even hand painted. The gym is now in use but we look forward to its formal opening on February 8, 2007.
- The President also commented that with the caliber of the Health and Wellness Centre, it will help the U of L to figure prominently when students are choosing perspective schools.
- The President hinted towards a significant announcement coming soon regarding a donation to the University and encourages everyone to stay tuned.
- The President and VP of Advancement Chris Horbachewski had spent the last 3 days in Calgary attending a number of rotary clubs and business to raise our flag and bring the University to the forefront.
- Construction at the University is extremely disruptive and delays are difficult but everyone is doing the best they can and we will make our way through.
- Budget presentations will happen next week
- The President is looking forward to his visit to Wilson Middle School next week thanks to the invitation extended by Wilson's Principal and U of L Senator Lloyd Yamagishi.

### 5.3 Board of Governors

Due to illness and the subsequent absence of Sharon Holtman, Séamus O'Shea reported the following:

- The Board of Governors met on Tuesday, November 28/06 and will meet again on December 21/06 to review a report regarding the daycare issue.
- They will describe a proposal in which the University would be a partner with potential users.
- Séamus O'Shea's term as VP Academic & Provost will officially come to an end in June 2007. The search for his successor is now underway.
- Séamus commented that with the latest funding announcement for education, that none of the \$160 million came to Lethbridge.
- He encouraged all Senators to get back to "grass roots" politics in which you lobby as an individual or as a group to promote our interests.

### 5.4 General Faculties Council

Rex Forsyth reported the following:

- The GFC has not met since our last meeting due to the November meeting of GFC being cancelled.
- The Centre for the Advancement of Excellence in Teaching and Learning is off the ground, running and doing well.
- The next GFC agenda will include 150 curricular changes for the committee to review and approve.

### 5.5 Alumni Association

John Gill reported the following:

- The Alumni hosted two events in November. One was the scotch tasting event held in Lethbridge and the other being the Alumni meeting held at the Big Rock Brewery in Calgary. Both were well received.
- On December 13, 2006 there will be a reception to honour the 20 past presidents of the Alumni Association.
- The year ahead will see new Honour Society Inductees in May. The process of selecting those individuals is now under way.
- June will see the annual golf tournament and October 2007 will see the Alumni Homecoming and Reunion in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

### 5.6 Students' Union

Dustin Fuller reported the following:

- Thank you to everyone for the many donations to the Students' Union food bank.
- An email was sent out to the student body regarding the renaming of the Health and Wellness Centre. 221 students responded to the email with Vita Sanus (which is believed Latin for wellness) being chosen.
- Initiatives are underway to help relieve the debt of the University radio station CKXU.

- The ULSU GA will be revising the current Students' Union Constitution, Bylaws and Policies. The goal of this committee is to have these documents revised and adopted by the end of February.
- The General Assembly held their Christmas Party at the rock climbing wall and a lot of fun was had by all. Dustin commented whereas he was only able to make it up the wall once, VP Charlotte Kingston was "up and down the wall all night".

#### 5.7 Outreach Committee:

Cheryl Pollmuller gave the following report:

- No new list regarding events for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations has been received to date.
- The committee has opted to try a different approach in which a sign-up sheet was compiled listing scheduled events so far.
- The sign-up sheet was then distributed and each Senator was requested to sign up for events that they would be interested in participating in.
- The sheet will then be forwarded to the Advancement Office for their information.

#### 5.8 Hospitality Committee:

Gerry Lidstone gave the following report:

- Our Committee held its 2<sup>nd</sup> function of the academic year on November 15, 2006.
- The Wine and Cheese Reception for new Faculty and Staff members of the University took place in the new wing of the Galt Museum from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- Accompanied by spouses, our Chancellor and our President were in attendance. We were joined by approximately 75 people in total which comprised of 25 faculty/staff with their guests and 16 Senators plus spouses.
- Emphasis was on the "mix & mingle" aspect of the evening.
- Each new employee had an opportunity to speak and tell us (the Senators) a little about themselves, but more importantly, they were sharing with co-workers and the benefits of that became even more evident by the close of the evening.
- We were able to share some U of L pins with employees and Centennial City pins with everyone, again a source of conversation and exchange of ideas, email addresses and telephone numbers.
- As we've come to expect, the excellent event was organized by Carol Van Dyk, with various departments (including Rita Law) and the catering of Sodexo.
- Background entertainment was provided by Brooke Day and overall, it was a very enjoyable evening for all with good feedback received.

#### 5.9 PCC/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee:

Don Chandler gave the following report:

- At the committee's last meeting of November 8, 2006 the committee worked through the inventory of nominations.
- The mandate of the committee is to solicit candidates and then to comprise a list of nominees to go before the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee.
- A group of 18 candidates will go forward to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee to be short-listed and presented to Senate for consideration.
- The committee is looking forward to the Spring when they will meet again to create a tangible way to solicit names within the various communities, clubs and organizations.

#### 6.0 Senate Volunteer Award

Shirley DeBow gave the following brief report:

- Chancellor DeBow referred to the posters included in the agenda packages requesting nominations for the Senate Volunteer Award.
- The poster has been distributed throughout the University including one going to each member of the Board of Governors, the Deans and each department.
- The request for nominations has also been posted on the University Notice Board with a closing date of January 2, 2007.
- The Chancellor requested that each Senator give consideration of someone they know from their department or club who has made a significant contribution on a volunteer basis to the University and who they feel deserving of being recognized.

#### 6.1 Chancellor Search Committee:

Kathy Lewis gave the following report to the Senate:

- Since the last Senate meeting of October 20, 2006, the Chancellor Search committee has met twice.
- At our Nov. 9, 2006 meeting we reviewed the applicants and short listed those who warranted an interview. We interviewed applicants from our short list on Nov. 27. The committee believes that it has candidates for the position worthy of your consideration.
- Again we used the following guiding principles in identifying worthy candidates:
  - That they possess the ability for relationship building, both external and internally.
  - That they possess excellent fundraising capabilities.
  - That they be respected in the community.
  - That they be accomplished in both professional and personal life.
  - That they are aware that their actions reflect on the University and that they behave accordingly.
  - That they recognize that their actions are not independent of staff but that they are here to support core activities.

- That they recognize they are a part of a team (ie) Senate and Board.
  - That the individual be active politically and have political connections.
- At the Feb. 2, 2007 Senate meeting, the Chancellor Search committee will provide a verbal summary of each candidate's resume and have a short written biography, along with a list of the identified and demonstrated strengths that the candidate would bring to the position of Chancellor. Nominations for the position can also be made from the floor during that meeting. The Senate members will then be asked to complete a secret ballot identifying their preferred candidate. Ballots will be destroyed following the election.
  - For your information, Carol Van Dyk has prepared copies of the questions that were posed to the candidates during the interviews, along with a copy of the score sheet used to record committee members' impressions of the individuals. We will collect these copies following the senate meeting today.

## 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A list of proposed themes for Senate meetings in 2007 was discussed. Some of the topics included were:

- Joanne Fiske on her research "Political Economy and Kinship"
- Chris Hosgood excerpt from his "Western Civilization" lecture
- Sheila McManus re her book "The Line Which Separates – Race, Gender and the making of the Alberta-Montana Borderlands".
- Dr. Catherine Kingfisher on her research on homelessness in Lethbridge.
- Stewart Rood on his research on the cotton wood trees
- Alice Hontela on her research on "Endocrine Toxicology"
- Trudy Govier re lecture "Four Themes for Peace"
- Dr. Edward Swenson re lecture "Reconsidering the role of religion & ecology in socio-political transformation"
- Dr. Amy Shaw re "The History of Conscientious Objective Status"
- Dr. Reg Bibby on his book "The Boomer Generation; What Canada's Most Famous Generation is Leaving Behind".

Another suggestion from the floor was "How to get the most out of your Government" and a lecture by Dr. Chris Hosgood about the Victorian Shopping Habits and Christmas.

## 7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

There were no items for action at this meeting.

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Letters of appreciation and thank you that have been sent into the Senate Office were distributed with the agenda. The new updated video by the University Advancement Office was shown at this time.

9. PRESENTATION

Due to health reasons, Dr. Reginald Bibby was unable to make his presentation to Senate as indicated in the agenda. Dr. Christopher Hosgood made a presentation to Senate informing them about the progress and development regarding the School of Health Sciences.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Switzer/Lewis

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion:Carried