



## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the February 15, 2001 Agenda
2. Approval of the January 18, 2001 Open Session Minutes
3. Revised Meeting Schedule

MOTION: opn.2001.02.02

Gray/Barany

That the Consent Agenda be approved as distributed.

Motion: Carried

Terry Royer explained that the Consent Agenda is a result of the Executive Committee Workshop. He stated that the items on the consent agenda should not require any discussion, however, a Board Member can ask that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

## **4. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

### **4.1 Grant Hall Resignation**

Terry Royer received a letter of resignation from Grant Hall and the Nominating Committee is moving forward and talks with the Minister about a replacement have been initiated. Someone from the Crowsnest Pass area may be appointed fairly soon.

## **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **5.1 Deaths**

Bill Cade talked about the recent deaths of several members of the university community in the past few weeks including Trevor Dick who was Professor Emeritus in Economics; a student, Phoebe Lamb; Professor Koep; student Pascal Gregoire; Howard Tennant's grandchild and Dana Andreassen's Mother.

Rita Zaugg informed the Board of the phone call she received from Hokkai-Gakuen University in Japan expressing condolences on the recent passing of Professor Koep. In Dr. Koep's memory, Dr. Morimoto, Board Chair of Hokkai-Gakuen, made a generous donation to Volunteer International Christian Service, a cause dear to Dr. Koep.

### **5.2 Convocation**

Bill Cade announced that the Convocation was a huge success. A report from the Registrar's office outlining the pros/cons and costs/benefits of the February convocation will be forthcoming. Bill Cade explained that holding a February convocation would reduce the ceremonies in May to three from four, however, it

required a tremendous effort to have one in February and it is a time when the Registrar's office is doing many other things.

Anil Pereira received the Alumnus of the Year award, the first to a Management graduate. He is now Senior Vice-President of Verisign Inc. Bill Cade stated there are four key players who stage convocation: Maureen Schwartz, Leslie Lavers, Jay Dobson and Ian McLachlan. Bill Cade will convey the Board's congratulations for the superb job done by all convocation staff.

Terry Royer commented on how fortunate the U of L is to have Jim Horsman as Chancellor. One of his many talents is his ability to interact with students which he did so well at convocation. Bill Cade reported that the Chancellor was also here for Dick Pound's presentation at the International Dinner.

### **5.3 Post-Secondary Funding Allocations**

The *Backgrounder* outlining post-secondary funding allocations was distributed and is filed with these minutes. Bill Cade stated the U of L received about six percent of the \$31 million distribution. The allocation includes the performance award, unfunded enrolment, an equity adjustment and funding for faculty retention. It does not include lights-on funding or the FLE funding and these two matters will need to be pursued with the Ministry. There has been some assurance that lights-on funding will be forthcoming but there has been no written confirmation of the amount.

### **5.4 Graduate Program for Counselors**

An Access-funded partnership with Athabasca and the U of C for a graduate program for counselors in the schools beginning in January 2002 has been approved.

### **5.5 International Dinner**

Richard Pound was the feature speaker at the University of Lethbridge's Ninth Annual International Dinner on February 13. A number of students also performed.

### **5.6 Innovation and Science Research Investment Program (ISRIP)**

Séamus O'Shea and Bill Cade attended the ISRIP funding announcement in Calgary at which the U of L received \$326,000, a large part of which is matched by NSERC. It is an initiative to bring technology transfer expertise into the Research Services office.

### **5.7 Prairie Baseball Academy**

Bill Cade mentioned that the University and the college are involved in the baseball academy which brings young people from all over Canada and the western United States to study on our campuses and to play hard ball. Brent Selinger, from Biology, was awarded the Prairie Baseball Academy Faculty of the Year Award at their annual banquet.

**5.8 Kevin Keith**

On behalf of the administration, Bill Cade welcomed and thanked Kevin Keith for sitting on the U of L's Board of Governors. The U of L has had the benefit of his long-time service on the Senate.

**5.9 Policy on Personal Security**

The draft policy on Personal Security, informally known as the "anti-harassment policy" was distributed. The Administration worked on the new policy and incorporated the legal, Deans' and Directors' advice. The next stage will be distribution to various constituencies on campus such as ULFA, AUPE, Students' Union, Womens' Centre, Grad Students Association, GFC and allowing comments to be incorporated. It will then be recommended as Board policy because it must apply to all people on campus rather than be negotiated within bargaining units. Bill Cade emphasized that this policy is a way of being proactive and providing education to the university community on issues of personal safety, security and the avoidance of harassment. Bill Cade invited all the Board members to provide their input over the next couple of months. He noted that this will be a lengthy process, not likely to be concluded much sooner than year-end. Bill Cade commented that the policy is not being developed in response to issues of this nature but in recognition of the importance of having a policy in place prior to being faced with an issue.

Don Young joined the meeting at this time.

**5.10 Partnership with City of Lethbridge**

The City of Lethbridge and the University of Lethbridge are working together, chaired by Nancy Walker, to discuss the possibility of an art gallery and field house on the U of L campus. City Council has requested presentation of a report from the joint committee within approximately five weeks.

**5.11 Japanese Representatives**

Bill Cade and Nancy Walker were guests of representatives from the Japanese community, the City and the University Judo Club. The Board has previously approved, in principle, the building of a dojo on campus. The committee has plans which they have been asked to develop to include cost, who will pay, etc. The matter will then be reported to the Board. It was noted that care needs to be taken that fund raising for the building (possibly \$2 million) does not get confused with U of L projects.

**5.12 U.S. Consul General**

Raul Chavera is the new Consul General of the United States in Calgary. He is a Mexican-American native of San Antonio, Texas. He has been invited to come to Lethbridge in the coming weeks to see the community and campus. A luncheon or reception will be held in his honour to which all the Board Members will be invited.

**5.13 Ian Whishaw's Book**

Bill Cade congratulated Ian Whishaw on his book, *An Introduction to Brain and Behavior*.

**5.14 Department Meetings**

Bill Cade has met with almost all departments on campus and stated that it is clear we have exciting and dynamic people on campus. Discussions were based on where the University is headed as well as values and goals for the Institution. The Administration and Board Chair have discussed the idea of some kind of event that would result in a Mission Statement. Any Board expertise in this process was welcomed.

**6. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Chancellor, Bill Cade reported that the Chancellor had a successful Senate Meeting and is in the process of contacting individuals the Senate has approved for Honorary Degrees. As soon as everyone has been contacted, the names will be released to the public.

Bill Cade stated that the Chancellor is also active on the Board of AHFSER and they are moving to appoint a President/CEO.

**7. STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT REPORT**

**7.1 Written Report**

Dez Belzeck handed out his report, filed with these minutes, drawing particular attention to the enhanced scholarships.

**7.2 Pronghorn Booster Club**

The Students' Union donated \$5,000.00 to Athletics as a show of commitment to that program.

**7.3 Student Union Elections**

Student Union Elections are March 13 and 14 with transitions made during April. May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first day the new executive is in office.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1 Investment Committee**

John Gray stated that the Investment Committee met today and were joined by Robert Tilden, from Jarislowsky Fraser. They are the investment managers for the University's portfolio. The portfolio for the 2000 year was number one for every asset class. Over a 3-year period, JF performed marginally below the benchmarks even though the returns were the best of the comparative group.

The investment policy has compliance rules that must be adhered to such as what type of investments are allowable and the allocation of investments. The manager was in compliance in all categories for the quarter. John Gray reviewed the permissible investments from the Investment Management Policy.

### **8.2 Audit Committee**

A meeting was held with the Auditor General staff on February 13<sup>th</sup> at which the audit plan was reviewed. John Gray explained that the Auditor of the University is the province's Auditor General who has hired Young Parkyn McNab as their local agent. The Auditor General does financial statement audits and also examines compliance with tuition fee legislation.

Terry Royer asked about the Auditor General's view of our accounting procedures and controls as they now exist. John Gray stated that the Auditor General's staff indicated there are no items of particular concern on this campus. Terry Royer congratulated Nancy Walker and her department on behalf of the Board for the comfort of knowing that the University is in good hands relative to financial reporting.

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **9.1 Vice-President (Academic)**

Séamus O'Shea reviewed highlights from the 2001 Throne Speech handout such as further support for research and development and completion of Alberta Supernet. Séamus O'Shea noted that the U of L now has superior broadband access to that of the University of Toronto.

In the Health Care area, there will be enhanced support for AADAC. The U of L has an Addictions Counseling program and supply library and information services for AADAC all across the province.

Séamus O'Shea noted that the speech refers to ensuring adequate operational and capital funding to all levels. He expressed the hope that consideration will be given to the higher costs many of our students face since more of them live away from home than do students at U of A and U of C.

A member inquired regarding the \$257 million which the province has earmarked for renovations and expansion in the post-secondary system. It was explained that a facilities condition index study is ongoing and it is anticipated that a large portion of the fund will go to deferred maintenance. The cost of the University of Lethbridge's deferred maintenance is approximately \$26 million, including the building envelopes but older and bigger institutions face much larger costs. Also impacting the U of L's deferred maintenance is that the Board has adhered to a policy of ongoing care. It is somewhat disconcerting, however, that institutions who have not participated in ongoing maintenance may be funded disproportionately.

### **Northern Campuses**

Terry Royer indicated he had attended a faculty appreciation dinner in Calgary and that morale is high. He also visited the U of L campus at SAIT. Séamus O'Shea added that the Deans of Management, Fine Arts, and Arts and Science do a good job of hiring faculty and Séamus O'Shea personally signs-off on all appointments. He is comfortable with the academic quality and noted that part of the business plan is to have more continuing faculty. Supplying social gathering space is a challenge and will be considered when new space is secured. The Ministry will continue to be lobbied to help with space issues for the northern campuses.

### **9.2 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)**

Nancy Walker indicated that the government funding increase is approximately 8%. She noted that the U of L did get recognition for equity through the Renner Report. Karen Clearwater is finalizing the budget.

Nancy Walker pointed out a display of the Life Sciences building diagrams and materials. She stated that the building is on schedule and budget. ASRA has committed \$200,000.00 more in grants so the building will be totally completed.

LINC is on schedule and budget. The compact shelving tender has been accepted and the furnishings tender will be finalized shortly. Moving day is August 15, 2001.

## **10. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **10.1 By-Law Amendments**

MOTION: opn.2001.02.04

Gray/Young

That the amendments to Part III - Board Committees of the Board of Governors By-Laws be approved.

Motion: Carried

Terry Royer mentioned that these by-laws are the result of the Retreat last September and the Executive Committee Workshop in January. The intent is to have consistency between how the Board operates and what the by-laws say.



Nancy Walker reported that three potential sites are being considered: soccer field, west parking lot and south campus. Ian Whishaw referred to the need for a 10 minute walking distance between classes and felt the close site should be preserved for classroom space. Nancy Walker agreed that this is an important consideration.

Bill Cade noted that the current gymnasium was built for a student population of 2,000. The Kinesiology Department has serious academic interest in a field house. Another factor which underscores the need for this facility is that the art work cannot be displayed now.

## 12. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Bill Cade referred to Patti Sorensen's letter included in the agenda and showed several similar letters which he had received from students expressing their objection to the mandatory fee for a newspaper that has content which they find offensive. Bill Cade indicated that he recognized freedom of the press as an important right and was not encouraging the Board to interfere in the content of the student newspaper. He added that he would like to see a newspaper that wins awards and is something of which the students can be proud. He explained that the *Meliorist* operates as a separate entity under the Societies Act but there is some concern that they may not be in compliance with terms of their constitution. It has been reported that their Board has refused to meet at the call of their Chair. There may be liability issues for the University and legal advice is being sought to determine what the exposure might be. It is also unknown if the *Meliorist* carries insurance.

Dez Belzeck indicated he is going to meet with the *Meliorist* editor to raise concerns about compliance with conditions of the Societies Act as well as insurance matters since they lease space in the Students' Union building. He added that the *Meliorist* has agreed to hold a Board meeting after reading week. Dez Belzeck agreed with Bill Cade that there needs to be a student newspaper. He noted that there will be a change in editor before next semester which may result in changes in content. Dez Belzeck reported that the editor of the newspaper is appointed from among the staff and not elected. Dez Belzeck will provide a copy of the *Meliorist* constitution to the President.

Bill Cade indicated that a report will be made to the Board on the *Meliorist* compliance with the Societies Act as well as assurance they have appropriate insurance and the status of the exposure of the Board.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:     opn.2001.02.08

Young/Cox

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting  
of February 15, 2001 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried