

3.3 Shirley DeBow

Terry Royer welcomed Shirley DeBow, The University of Lethbridge Chancellor-elect, who will take office on March 16, 2003.

3.4 ULFA Dinner

The annual University of Lethbridge ULFA Dinner with the Board of Governors is to take place following the March Board meeting. ULFA will be sending out an invitation at a later date.

3.5 Jim Horsman

Terry Royer announced that this was Chancellor Horsman's last Board meeting as Chancellor. A farewell celebration in his honour would take place that evening. Terry expressed what a pleasure it was having Jim Horsman on the Board and emphasized how much he will be missed. Bill Cade also expressed his appreciation to the Chancellor for his service to the University community.

3.6 Dan Laplante

Terry Royer congratulated Dan Laplante in being reappointed for a second 3-year term on the Board of Governors, effective December 8, 2002.

3.7 Building Bridges

Terry Royer, Bill Cade, Jim Horsman, Aaron Engen, Dan Laplante, and Robert Turner all attended the Building Bridges meeting that took place in Calgary on February 11. Other meetings are scheduled for February 14 in Calgary and February 19 in Edmonton. The Edmonton event will be hosted by Robert Turner. The meetings are going well and the response has been positive.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Queen's Jubilee Medal Presentation

Bill Cade presented Terry Royer with the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Terry Royer's nomination for the medal came from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and was for excellence in leadership and governance of a Canadian postsecondary institution through commitment and service as Chair of the university's Board of Governors.

4.2 Student Delinquency Rates

A summary has been received on student loan delinquency rates, and The University of Lethbridge is well within the acceptable range.

4.3 Minister's Meeting

The Minister's meeting with all Alberta Board Chairs and Presidents was held January 31 in Calgary. Both Bill Cade and Robert Turner were there to represent The University of

Lethbridge. Bill Cade reported that the meeting was very positive and, for the most part, universities spoke with a common voice on items of concern.

4.4 Trevor Brown

Bill Cade announced that U of L student Trevor Brown has been honored with the Queens Jubilee Medal for Citizenship and a \$5000 scholarship.

4.5 Lethbridge Herald

Bill Cade pointed out that the previous day's Lethbridge Herald featured three stories related to The University of Lethbridge on the front page.

4.6 Leroy Little Bear

Leroy Little Bear, Professor of Native American Studies, has been honored with a National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Education. The official award ceremony takes place on March 28 in Ottawa and will be nationally broadcast by CBC in April.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1 Strategic Plan

MOTION: opn.2003.02.02

Cade/Cox

That the Board of Governors approve The University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan, 2003-2008 as presented in the agenda materials for the February 13, 2003 Board of Governors Open Session.

Motion: Carried

Bill Cade congratulated Nancy Walker and Séamus O'Shea for their hard work to bring this Strategic Plan to completion.

Nancy Walker commented on the Strategic Plan, indicating that the work put into it has pulled the University and community together.

Séamus O'Shea added how pleased with the clear commitment to students and scholarships that came out clearly in the development of the Plan.

5.2 Ph.D. Programs

MOTION: opn.2003.02.03

Cade/Anderson

That the Board of Governors approve in principle the Ph.D. program proposals for:

1. Bio-Molecular Science
2. Biosystems and Biodiversity
3. Earth, Space and Physical Science
4. Evolution and Behaviour
5. Theoretical and Computational Science

Motion: Carried

Bill Cade mentioned that this is the next phase in the development of our Ph.D. programs. The University of Lethbridge currently has twelve students in Ph.D. programs. The proposed programs are in areas of science in which we have the depth to offer a Ph.D. program. This proposal will be submitted to Alberta Learning to ask for authorization, but does not guarantee funding.

Séamus O'Shea noted that there was a lot of discussion among faculty in developing the proposal. Care was taken to organize the offerings in a way that does not go head to head with colleagues in the province since it is important to not have objection from objections from the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary. The University of Alberta has given written support and other letters of support are expected. Department of Learning approval is anticipated. Séamus O'Shea noted that the granting councils weigh heavily the willingness to take on Masters and Ph.D. students. A funding system was put in place this past year for adequate and systematic funding of graduate students. He noted that a goal within the Strategic Plan is commitment to centrality of undergraduate programs, with another being to expand graduate study programs. This proposal becomes an important step in achieving these objectives.

5.3 Terms of Reference for an Individual Governor

MOTION: opn.2003.02.04

Coslovi/Laplante

That the Board of Governors adopt the Terms of Reference for an Individual Governor as provided in the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

Dawna Coslovi noted that the document has been developed, reviewed and approved by the Governance committee. Terry Royer explained that this process began two years ago

at the retreat as a response to developing effective of governance. He congratulated Dawna Coslovi and the Governance committee on a job well done.

5.4 Charter of Expectations for the Board of Governors

MOTION: opn.2003.02.05

Coslovi/Laplante That the Board of Governors adopt the Charter of Expectations for the Board of Governors as provided in the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

Dawna Coslovi noted that this document has been worked on and approved by the Governance committee.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

6.1 Andrew Hakin

Andrew Hakin, Associate Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry, was awarded the Stig Sunner Memorial Award for 2003. This is awarded to the outstanding calorimetrist under 40 years of age.

6.2 Michael Campbell

Michael Campbell placed first in the Art & Design in Public Places competition with his piece titled Flyover, "Nature as Capital," a national competition for video works sponsored by the Edmonton Business Council for Visual Arts. There were 41 entries.

6.3 Ron Chambers

Ron Chambers, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dramatic Arts, has a new play "13 dogs" currently under production by Alberta Theatre Projects in Calgary in the New Plays Festival.

6.4 Student Athletics

The Athletics program has had an excellent year all around, with Men's Basketball, and Men's and Women's Hockey going to the playoffs. The Track and Field team is going to the Canadian Intercollegiate Sports (CIS) Nationals, with the men currently ranked at sixth place in Canada. Six members of the swim team are also bound for the Nationals. Two hockey players, Ryan Epp and Jeff Neufeld, were Canada West Allstars, and played for Canada on the World Student Games team that won the bronze medal in Switzerland.

6.5 Aboriginal Statistics Institute

The University of Lethbridge has recently signed an agreement with Statistics Canada to establish the first Aboriginal Statistics Institute in Canada. The Institute will "house" a data collection based on census and other data, be a study site for research dealing with Native issues, and be a training centre for preparing Native analysts.

6.6 NeteraNet

Written confirmation has been received that there will be a major upgrade in the research and education network linking Lethbridge to CANARIE, the national broadband network. The new connection will link LANet, which links The University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Community College, some of the school districts and the Regional Health Authority, to Calgary with a capacity that is 25 times greater than before. This will enable expansion of classroom sharing and other high-bandwidth experiments.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)REPORT

7.1 Alcohol Awareness Committee

Nancy Walker explained that the Alcohol Awareness Committee has been working on alcohol education on campus. This is meant to educate students of the consequences of drinking and drinking in excess. She feels that the committee is making progress with this issue.

7.2 Business plans for Ancillary Services

Nancy Walker is working on a four- year business plan required for Alberta Learning that will come to the March Board meeting for approval.

7.3 Canada/China Mentoring Program

Nancy Walker mentioned that she has been selected by AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) to take part in a Canada/China Mentoring Program. She will be going to China for ten days at the end of March where she will be paired up with a Chinese counterpart. The individual will then come here for approximately a week.

8. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Jim Horsman reported that this was his last Open session report since his term ends March 15. He remarked that his term as Chancellor has been a delightful experience from which he has learned much. He added that he has enjoyed the cooperation of all aspects of the University and mentioned how quickly four years goes by. He found the experience to be rewarding to him and to his family who also appreciate their association with The University of Lethbridge. He noted that the Chancellor's role is volunteer and the volunteer role played in supporting the university system is remarkable. The volunteer strength of Alberta is exceptional and it sets Albertans apart in Canada and other parts of the world. Jim Horsman stressed how important it is to take time and talents and give them freely to society. He feels that this particular Board is extremely well served by volunteers and strengthened unmeasurably by that kind of commitment. Jim Horsman was excited about the Chancellor's Farewell that would take place that night in his honor and thanked the Board for their participation in the event.

The Senate recently met and chose Shirley DeBow as the new Chancellor. Jim congratulated her and wished her every success.

The Senate also approved honorary degree recipients. The names will be announced shortly.

Jim Horsman attended a dinner with the Students' Union Executive where many ideas were exchanged. Jim remarked how the students are not only interested in their own education but also that of others. Jim commended them on doing a good job and expressed appreciation for the role they play.

A Federal/Provincial news conference announcing funding for a technology transfer program at The University of Lethbridge took place on February 4, 2003. In attendance was Senator Joyce Fairbairn, on behalf of Stephen Owen, Secretary of State (Western Economic Diversification and Indian Affairs and Northern Development), and Clint Dunford, Minister of Alberta Human Resources and Employment, on behalf of Victor Doerksen, Minister for Alberta Innovation and Science. This program is a part of the growth of scientific research taking place at the University, and will create opportunities in technology development and commercialization.

The Senate recently hosted a dinner to welcome new faculty and staff. This is a new initiative of the Senate to help new employees become familiar with the campus and the community.

On January 17, Jim Horsman attended a dinner to honour the faculty of the Faculty of Management Calgary campus. This was a very enthusiastic and delightful evening which underscored how influential this university is in spreading its role into Calgary and Edmonton. Jim Horsman noted that he had attended convocation events at the Calgary campus but this was his first opportunity to meet the faculty.

9. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

Melanie Thomas added her thanks to Jim Horsman for his service to the students during his term as Chancellor. She reported that students have been heard to comment that he is open, friendly and approachable.

Melanie also welcomed Shirley DeBow to the Board and expressed her excitement to see her as the new Chancellor.

The Canadian Association of University Students (CAUS) has been conducting a Provincial High School Tour. Within Lethbridge they are speaking to all four high schools to promote the University and answer questions.

Complaints about the content of items posted to "three lines free" are being dealt with. A new policy was been implemented to publish the names of those posting to the site. This policy has been discontinued due to a concern that the appropriate software is not in place to prevent posting using someone else's name.

Terry Royer noted that the terms of the Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group (LPIRG) enabling motion passed by the Board have been satisfied.

10. ALUMNI REPORT

Jill Kotkas reported that the Alumni Association committee has been stalled for a few months looking for a project. In the past they have donated pianos and plaques for theatre seats. Such projects are valuable in giving them a focus and bringing people together.

Aaron Engen reported that the Calgary chapter had a meeting last week and held an election.

The Alumni report was distributed and is filed with the minutes.

11. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 2002 Facility Condition Study

Nancy Walker referred to the 2002 Facility Condition Study. There is approximately \$82 million in deferred maintenance at the U of L, which is a facility condition index of 23%. When the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) started collecting this information a few years ago, The University of Lethbridge had \$11 million in deferred maintenance. The number has increased significantly since the reporting is more thorough and includes mechanical systems and building envelopes. Nancy Walker explained that the funds from the Alberta Infrastructure Renewal Grant, which is used for deferred maintenance is approximately 1.3 to 1.9 million dollars. She noted that facilities deteriorate rapidly if repairs are not made in a timely manner. This is a top priority for Alberta Infrastructure for disbursement of grants. There is \$863 million in total deferred maintenance in the post-secondary system and the Alberta Learning budget is only \$35 million for this. Nancy Walker reported that the U of L addresses health and safety issues first when identifying which deferred maintenance projects to do.

Séamus O'Shea added that a key issue is that university buildings are older than the college buildings and university buildings often house more technically complex University buildings also house technically complex things. The University of Lethbridge has the lowest number of square metres of assignable space and combined teaching and research space of all universities. The U of L particularly needs help to fix the envelope issue in the main building.

Melanee Thomas mentioned that students lobby extensively both Provincial and Federal government on deferred maintenance.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2003.02.06

Coslovi/Thomas

That the Open Session of the February 13, 2003 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried