

Bill Cade mentioned that Matthew McHugh will be speaking to the Rotary Club on Monday, February 28.

Matthew McHugh was thanked for his report and excused from the meeting.

2.2 February 8, 2005 Meeting with the Minister

Dan Laplante represented the University of Lethbridge at a recent meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, and representatives of the post-secondary system across the Province. At this meeting, the government confirmed their two overarching goals. The document was included in the agenda and is filed with these minutes.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 February 8, 2005 Alberta Government News Release

Bill Cade referred to the Alberta Government News Release that identified the post-secondary system as a major thrust for government this year. There will be an increase in the number of spaces in the adult learning system which includes English as a second language instruction, technical institutes, e-learning, as well as colleges and universities. The goal is a total of 60,000 new spaces across the system by 2020. Bill Cade mentioned that there will be an opportunity for the University of Lethbridge to expand, providing funding and need is there.

3.2 January 19, 2005 Meeting with the Minister

The Minister of Advanced Education hosted a meeting with the university Presidents, student and business leaders on January 19, 2005. This was a one-day strategic forum focussed on three themes: access, affordability, and quality. A summary of the major themes that emerged from the January 19, 2005 consultation, entitled "A Window of Opportunity" was distributed and is filed with these minutes.

3.3 Water & Environmental Science Planning Grant

A letter was received from the government, confirming a \$500,000 grant for the planning of the Water and Environmental Sciences facility. Aaron Engen, Seamus O'Shea, and Bill Cade attended a reception hosted by Lyle Oberg in his new portfolio of Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation and thanked him for the money and indicated that they were looking forward to the opening of the new building. Bill Cade thanked Aaron Engen for attending the meeting.

3.4 Mine Tour

Bill Cade thanked Doug Stokes for the tour of the Line Creek mine he hosted for Bill and Elsa Cade and Nancy Walker.

3.5 Meeting on Demographics

Bill Cade explained that Seamus O'Shea was away in Edmonton attending a meeting on demographics with David Foote, to hear his views on what the demand will be for post-secondary education.

3.6 Annual Jail 'n Bail

Bill Cade reported that Dr. O'Shea sends his thanks to the Board members for their help in getting him out of "jail" when he was arrested for the cancer society fund raiser.

3.7 LEGEND

The Board members were encouraged to pick up a copy of the LEGEND. Nicole Rabe, Masters student of the Geography Department received the National Best Thesis award. Bill Cade congratulated Derek Peddle and his student on this achievement. This is the second time that one of his student has won this award.

3.8 Medicine Hat Water Day

A water day is being planned in Medicine Hat for some time in the month of May. This comes from a meeting with a group of alumni in Medicine Hat after a discussion took place on ways of having a greater presence in their city. The event will include a full day on the water theme, with a video presentation and a presentation by a researcher. Ralph Weeks, President of Medicine Hat College, has been invited. The Senate outreach committee is also interested in being involved.

3.9 Blood Tribe Dinner

Bill Cade announced that the Board of Governors dinner that had been planned for that night in honour of Chief Charles Weasel Head and Councillors of the Blood Tribe had been cancelled, due to the unavailability of the Chief.

4. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

A written report was distributed and is filed with these minutes.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

There was nothing added to the written report.

6. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Shirley DeBow drew attention to the new Senate Volunteer Award. She explained that a nominator and seconder are the only requirements to send a nomination forward to the Committee. Nominations are needed by March 11 for the June 2005 Convocation.

Bill Cade announced that Shirley DeBow has been selected as one of the YWCA Women of Distinction for this year.

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7. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

Loralee Edwards explained that there has been an ongoing issue with the student health and dental plan that they are currently trying to work out. There is a blackout period starting in mid

December to January where students on the health and dental plan must pay for services and seek reimbursement. This problem stems from the insurance fee being collected twice per year, once in September and once in January. If the fee was collected for the year in September, then insurance coverage would be continuous. Linda Anderson and Nancy Walker will follow up on this with Lorelee Edwards and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Lorelee Edwards reported that the Students' Union has met with the architect recently and planning on the Couch Lounge is moving forward.

The International Women's Day event will be held on March 8. There will be eight young women speaking, as well as a chocolate fondue available.

Lorelee Edwards announced that March 1 is Alcohol Awareness Day. The Students' Union and AADAC are joining forces in hosting awareness activities at the University throughout the day.

Students' Union elections are being held in March. This is the first year that the elections will be done online.

8. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Graduate Students annual general meeting was held two weeks ago. A couple of key members hope to complete their education this semester, which means they will be looking for replacements at the upcoming election in March. Nominations will be taken until the end of this month.

9. ALUMNI REPORT

Doug McArthur announced that the Alumni Association will be hosting the closing event for the "Support our Students campaign" on March 14. They are currently working on selecting someone for the Honour Society and Alumnus of the year. The Board members were encouraged to submit nominations.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2005.02.02

Laplante/DeBow

That the Open Session of the February 17, 2005 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried