

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 16, 2006 AT 1:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Terry Royer (Chair), Bill Cade, Kevin Keith, John Gill, Tom Robinson, Claudia Malacrida, Guy McNab, Myles Bourke, Linda Anderson, Doug Stokes, Robert Turner, Aaron Engen, Karen Bartsch, Kelly Kennedy, Tyler Tanner, Sharon Holtman, Shirley DeBow, Rita Zaugg (Secretary)

Regrets: Grant Pisko, Gordon Jong, Dean Setoguchi, Preston Williams

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)

Terry Royer introduced Claudia Malacrida, new GFC nominee to the Board. Terry presented her with a University of Lethbridge pin and a Board of Governors pin.

Gordon Jong has also been appointed as a Board member by Order in Council, and will attend the next Board meeting.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the February 16, 2006 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the December 20, 2005 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2006.02.01

McNab/Anderson

That the consent agenda for the February 16, 2006 meeting of the Board of Governors Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Day Care Action Committee

Terry Royer introduced Loralee Edwards, Past Students' Union President, and members of the Day Care Action Committee, Nafisa Jadavji, Andy Davies, Harold Jansen, Andrea Amelinckx, and Charlotte Kingston. Members of this group gave a presentation about on-campus child care, the text of which is filed with these minutes.

Andrea Amelinckx, Director of the International program in the Faculty of Management is a member of the Gender Issues Caucus. She mentioned that in 2002 the Caucus looked at this issue and found that the University of Lethbridge is one of

the few universities which does not have on campus day care. The Gender Issues Caucus has met with Bill Cade on this issue. Andrea Amelinckx noted that having an on-campus day care would provide support for students, faculty and staff.

It was recognized that the Day Care Feasibility Study done by the Irwin Easthope was well done and timely.

Recommendations being brought forward for the structure of an on-campus day care are:

- Non-profit facility with parent board
- Parent input in the design of the program
- Consultation with First Nations elders and leaders regarding needs for this particular constituency
- Qualified, trained professional staff—with above market wages in order to sustain continuity of staff
- Extended hours
- Drop in Service/Part time care
- Parent board
- Infant care
- Early childhood development programs
- First Nations cultural development programs
- Space for 100 children
- Outdoor playground
- Easily accessible by private and public transportation
- Low child to care provider ratio
- Food service for ethnic and special needs children
- Accommodation for students and parents with disabilities
- Subsidization for student parents

When asked to consider the preference between a day care on campus or a non-profit facility, Lorelee Edwards replied that an on-campus day care was more important than non-profit. She noted that the issue is quality care, and this is the reason for wanting a parent board.

Terry Royer requested that the Day Care Action Committee prioritize the list of wants.

It was also reported that the ULFA executive has spoken in support of an on-campus day care.

Tyler Tanner asked the committee which of the five scenarios from the feasibility study are they proposing. Lorelee Edwards responded that contracting out is acceptable, if it is to a quality provider with a parent board.

**2.2 John von Heyking, Ph.D., Department of Political Science
"Friendship, Politics, and the Good Life"**

Bill Cade introduced John von Heyking from the Department of Political Science. John spoke on the reciprocal relationship of friendship in politics, and how politics affects our personal relationships.

3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

The Board Chair deferred his remarks.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Guy McNab

Bill Cade congratulated Guy McNab on being reappointed to the Board of Governors for another term.

4.2 Gordon Jong

Bill Cade noted that the newest member of the Board of Governors, Gordon Jong, recently completed his term as a member and chair of the Lethbridge Community College Board of Governors. Gordon Jong, his wife, and daughter are all U of L Alumni.

4.3 Oliver Lung

Dr. Oliver Lung from the Department of Biological Sciences has been awarded \$108,227 from the Innovation and Science Small Equipment Grants Program. This will facilitate the acquisition of equipment associated with the project entitled "Cell Culture and Molecular Virology Infrastructure for Development and Enhancement of Baculovirus-based Technologies"

4.4 Colleen Klein Scholarship

Elizabeth Perdok-Waboose received the Colleen Klein Scholarship.

4.5 Calgary Herald

Bill Cade drew the Board's attention to the articles included in their agenda packages from the Calgary Herald. The articles speak of Mount Royal College, and their decision to slow down their efforts on becoming a university for the time being.

Also included in the articles was a photo of Bill Cade jumping into a pool full of lake water for a polar bear dip organized by the Faculty of Management, with proceeds going to the United Way.

4.6 Mikado

Bill Cade noted that a student performance of the Mikado is taking place in the University of Lethbridge theatre, and encouraged the Board members to attend.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

5.1 **Students With Disabilities Policy**

MOTION: opn.2006.02.02

Cade/Stokes That the Board of Governors approve the Students with Disabilities Policy.

MOTION: opn.2006.02.03

McNab/DeBow That the Board of Governors Table the motion on the Students with Disabilities Policy.

Motion: Tabled

Nancy Walker explained that the Students With Disabilities Policy has been reviewed by Deans Council, Directors Council, and General Faculties Council.

Guy McNab expressed concern about VII. ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS, particularly relating to those portions identified in bold below.

To be considered an undue hardship, the financial cost of an accommodation must amount to a substantial part of the University's applicable program budget.

The University must demonstrate that the accommodation would result in essential elements of a service or program...

Safety and health risks that contravene legally required occupational health and safety and workers' compensation requirements may be considered an undue hardship.

A situation where the student cannot meet the requirements for entering or completing a program.

Nancy Walker explained that the exact wording from human rights legislation was adopted in this policy and the committee researched what has been done at other institutions. Nancy Walker will work with Guy McNab and John Gill to amend the policy.

6. **VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT**

The written report was received for information.

7. **VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT**

The written report was received for information.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

A Wall Street Journal article was distributed which featured Jeff Milner, a former University of Lethbridge student. Mr. Miler has developed a web site that plays digital songs in reverse, revealing hidden messages. The University of Lethbridge received a lot of follow-up press as a result of this article.

9. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chancellor announced those persons who will receive honorary degrees at the upcoming spring and fall convocations. Mr. Knud Petersen will receive the Senate Volunteer Award at the spring convocation.

10. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

Terry Royer noted that this could be Tyler Tanner's last meeting with the Board of Governors. An invitation was extended to Tyler to attend the June Board Retreat.

Tyler Tanner distributed and reviewed the Students' Union report which is filed with these minutes.

11. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

No report.

12. ALUMNI REPORT

The Alumni Association's Calgary chapter held their annual general meeting on February 1. John Gill attended, along with Chris Horbachewski and Jaime Morasch of the Advancement Office. Christine Miller was elected as the new president of the Board of Directors. During the meeting John had the opportunity to thank the Calgary chapter for the work they are doing, and presented them with a cheque for \$2,000 from the Lethbridge chapter.

Winners of this years Alumni Association scholarships are Jamie Collins and Robert Shackleford. The University of Lethbridge Alumni Nursing Scholarship went to Angela Kastelic.

John Gill mentioned that he was recently interviewed by Bruce McKay for a CKXU radio broadcast. The interview was focussed on the value of the liberal education model.

The Alumni Association and Faculty of Education will co-host a wine and cheese at the Teachers Convention next week.

The selection of new inductees for the Alumni Honor Society is underway.

The annual Alumni Association golf tournament will be held on June 9 at the Picture Butte Golf and Country Club. The theme this year is “Birdies for Bursaries”, with the proceeds going towards a bursary that will be established for students in financial need. A Minimum of \$25 tax receipt will be available for tournament participants.

Tyler Tanner recognized John Gill and the Alumni Association for the work they are doing to support current students.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2006.02.04

McNab/Bourke

That the Open Session of the February 16, 2006 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried