

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Richard Davidson,
Kevin Nugent, Claudia Malacrida, Kelly Kennedy, Jeremy Girard,
Jeremiah Merkl, Myles Bourke, Grant Pisko, Karen Bartsch, Dean Setoguchi,
Susan Lea, Doug McArthur, Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Gordon Jong, Nafisa Jadavji, Leah Fowler, Kim Kultgen, Guy McNab,
Sheila McHugh

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Andrew Hakin Vice-President (Academic)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Richard Westlund, Director of Government Relations
Gloria Roth, recording secretary

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Approval of the February 14, 2008 Open Session Agenda**
- 1.2 Approval of the December 20, 2007 Open Session Minutes**

MOTION: opn.2008.02.01

McArthur/Nugent That the Consent Agenda for the February 14, 2008
Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. A Taste of the U of L's Co-op Program

Andrew Hakin introduced Mandy Moser, the University's Institutional Analyst. Mandy introduced Brett Holmes, a former co-op student and a full time analyst with the University of Lethbridge since January 1, 2008. Brett gave an enjoyable power point presentation of his experiences as a Co-op student. A copy of the presentation is filed with the minutes.

3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

3.1 Order in Council

Robert Turner commented that he had received the Order in Council reappointing Karen Bartsch and Dean Setoguchi to second terms on the Board of Governors and was delighted that they consented to a second term and equally delighted that the Government chose to recognize their contributions to the University. Bill

Cade also thanked Karen and Dean for their contributions to the University of Lethbridge.

3.2 Mayor of Edmonton

Robert Turner reported that Stephen Mandel, the Mayor of Edmonton, recently attended the Edmonton Campus and gave a lecture on business ethics. Robert Turner attended the lecture and thought that the Mayor's remarks were well received.

3.3 Staff Appreciation Dinner

On January 18 the Edmonton Campus hosted the Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner. It was great opportunity to meet and thank those who commit their time to teach classes at the Edmonton campus. Andrew Hakin and Craig Monk attended the Dinner. Andrew Hakin spent some time discussing the strategic planning and branding process with the attendees.

3.4 University of Alberta

The University of Alberta kicked off their centenary celebrations in the middle of January. One of the very first acts of the Alberta Legislature was to enact the Universities Act of 1906, which paved the way to the U of A opening in 1908. President Indira Samarasekera gave a very moving speech that is available at <http://www.100years.ualberta.ca/centenaryaddress.cfm>

3.5 Meeting with Councillor Jane Batty

On January 15, 2008 Robert Turner, along with Bill Cade and Richard Westlund, met with City of Edmonton Councillor Jane Batty. As a way of increasing the profile of the University of Lethbridge in Edmonton, Jane Batty has agreed to work with the U of L on a presentation to the City of Edmonton Councillors.

3.6 Enterprise Square

Robert Turner, Bill Cade and Richard Westlund attended the opening of Enterprise Square in downtown Edmonton on January 15, 2008. Enterprise Square is the University of Alberta's downtown campus, in the former Hudson's Bay Store. The University of Alberta purchased the building with funding from all three levels of government and university funding. They have done a tremendous job of creating wonderful new space downtown. The building has been transformed with a centre skylight renovation. It is significant that the University of Alberta has a downtown campus after 100 years. The U of L will share a similar experience when space across the Oldman River in downtown Lethbridge is occupied by the U of L.

3.7 Donor Recognition Gala

Robert Turner commented on how several people had mentioned the success of the capital campaign and how wonderful the gala event was. It was a tremendous news story for the University to surpass the ambitious goal of \$20 million, and raise \$34.5 million as announced by Campaign Chair Dan LaPlante. Many people around the Board table contributed to that success. Bill Cade mentioned that a few years ago Tanya Jacobson-Gundlock had wanted to make the Donor Recognition Evening the premiere event of the year, and her goal was achieved with a simply splendid evening. The debut of the students playing in Adam Mason's Japanese drum ensemble was a high point of the evening. Bill Cade extended congratulations to Chris Horbachewski and his team for this success.

3.8 Location of Next Board Meeting

Chair Turner mentioned that there has been discussion in the past of the importance of the Board becoming familiar with the campus and University activities. The next Board meeting will be held in the Canadian Centre for Behavioral Neuroscience (CCBN) and a short tour will be conducted of that facility.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

4.1 Indira Samarasekera

Indira Samarasekera, President of the University of Alberta, will speak on the U of L campus February 27, as part of the Women Scholars Speaker Series. Dr. Cade remarked that Dr. Samarasekera is a very powerful speaker and her lecture would be worth attending. Her topic is "Global Universities in 2020".

4.2 Students' Union Elections

President Cade reported that the nominations for the Students' Union election closes today, February 14 and voting will take place March 5, 6 and 7. The winners will be announced on March 7 at 4:00 pm in the Zoo.

4.3 Nancy Walker's BBQ

Bill Cade commented that Nancy Walker's annual student barbeque, held February 13, was a fun time aimed at lifting students' spirits as they head into reading week. It was enjoyed by the students and the 7th floor staff who served them.

4.4 Rotaract Club

President Cade reported on the very successful University of Lethbridge Rotaract Club fundraiser that was held Saturday, February 9. The funds raised will go to micro-loan projects in Central America.

4.5 AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca Canada Inc. has invested \$230,000 in the School of Health Sciences, mostly in endowed format. Senior Vice-President of AstraZeneca, Bill Charnetski commented during his visit to campus on how well AstraZeneca is treated at the University of Lethbridge.

4.6 Vascular Health Project

Bill Cade reported that he is a subject in the Vascular Health Pilot Project. The team of Beverly Joseph from Chinook Health Region, Rosi Gregory, University of Lethbridge Employee Health and Wellness Coordinator, along with the School of Health Sciences are working on a pilot program in vascular health. There will be forty participants. The computer program is provided by Pfizer. The blood samples will be analysed and compared to the Framingham Study. Nancy Walker is also participating. Nancy Walker explained that it took about ½ hour to complete the test and she received practical advice on what a person can do to improve their health. The data collected will also be used for scholarly analysis. The innovative collaboration comes with an ultimate goal of improving the health of employees.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1 John Gill Memorial Endowment

MOTION: opn.2008.02.02

Cade/McArthur	That the Board of Governors, establish, to a minimum of \$30,000, an endowed award at the University of Lethbridge in memory of Mr. John Gill, with the terms to be determined at a later date.
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Motion: Carried

Bill Cade commented that this is a way to honour John Gill and his contributions to our community, the Board and the U of L. The intent would be to endow a scholarship from operating funds. Tanya Gill will be invited to meet with the President and the Advancement office to discuss the terms of the scholarship. It is a fund that others can contribute to, but funds are not being solicited since the intent is to not interfere with a fund set up to support John Gill's sons.

Chris Horbachewski added that a \$30,000 endowment will generate approximately \$1500/year for student awards that meet criteria established. It will also be an opportunity for others who want to remember John to contribute to the fund.

their own students. There have been some difficulties with decentralizing but those are being worked through. Most of the funding is base funding, but 40% is Access funding so continual monitoring for demand is necessary.

6.4 International Recruitment

The U of L will be out of country recruiting international students this spring. It is a constant effort to bring in international students in a very competitive market. The U of L will be participating in education fairs in Singapore, Turkey, Argentina, Chile and Mexico. Chile, Argentina and Turkey initiatives are sponsored by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology. The collaborative approach in Turkey is with the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta. Initiatives to Argentina and Chile are with Lethbridge College and Bow Valley College. Grants were received from Advanced Education to participate. A recent trip to Malaysia and Singapore garnered 75 applications largely due to the enthusiasm of the University representatives in this very intense work. Receiving the applications do not always convert to admissions.

6.5 Strategic Planning

The strategic planning project continues. All the external information has been gathered and is ready to be analysed. The next stage is to identify key roles and targets for the University and the committee is on target for end of May completion.

6.6 Faculty Searches

The Dean of Fine Arts and University Librarian Search Committee's have been very busy. Committees have each met twice and short listed to three candidates for each search. Interviews will begin in late February and early March.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

7.1 Quality Initiative Program (QIP)

Nancy Walker explained that the QIP program was designed to improve the quality of life for students.. It was negotiated with the Students' Union and the U of L that centrally held funds from tuition increases would go to benefit students. It is allocated to scholarships, research money, rookie camp and frosh week events. Kelly Kennedy felt that the program has been incredibly successful. The University of Calgary has a similar program.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

Chris Horbachewski thanked those who attended the Donor Recognition Gala and to those who have contributed to the Legacy of Leadership Campaign. More than 350 people attended the Gala that was opened up to all donors this year, regardless of the level of the donation. The donor recognition publication was released the day after the gala.

9. CHANCELLORS REPORT

Richard Davidson reported that the Senate has been busy with the election of honorary degree recipients. The Senate Volunteer Award committee has selected Dan Laplante to receive this year's Senate Volunteer Award. It will be presented at the May Chancellor's dinner.

Chancellor Davidson reported on three new senators, Mr. Bill Malcolm, Mr. Frank Spanbauer and Dr. Cal Stewart. Three more vacancies are coming up at the end of June and Chancellor Davidson encouraged Board members to contact the Senate office for a nomination form if they think of an individual who may be interested in being a U of L Senator.

Robert Turner extended congratulations to the senate on an outstanding choice for the volunteer award .

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board Member reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2008.02.04

Davidson/McArthur

That the Open Session of the February 14, 2008 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried