

The three Alberta universities have partnered to form the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research, funded by Alberta Ingenuity. The U of L is the administrative node for the Centre. The intent is to elevate Alberta to the level of a national centre for research. Alberta Ingenuity provided \$1.5 million in 2004 and subsequently increased the funding to \$2.23 million per year. It is hoped that there will be increased funding in the future. There are approximately 20 people at the U of L funded by the water centre, both in the natural and social sciences. There are also a significant number of graduate students involved. The Alberta Water and Environmental Science building is extremely important to this research. The Centre attracts funding, faculty and good quality students and a building will further elevate the status towards being recognized as a national centre. Dr. Rood credited Bill Cade, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Terry Royer, and Kurt Klein for their efforts related to the water building. He also thanked the Board for establishing the Board of Governors Research Chair program and for renewing him as a Chair. Dr. Rood gave a brief overview of the work of the four Canada Research Chairs that are part of the water research program; namely, Joe Rasmussen, Alice Hontela, Dan Johnson, and Henning Bjornlund. He also spoke about the achievements of Kurt Klein and Larry Flanagan, related to water issues.

Dr. Rood noted that the joint ventures with the other research universities are going well. The U of L and U of C are both active in the area of water ecology.

4. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

The Board Chair deferred his remarks.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President explained he will be unable to attend the full meeting due to Dr.'s orders. During his recent hospital stay due to a ruptured appendix and subsequent appendectomy, he was cared for by excellent hospital staff, many of whom were U of L graduates. He mentioned, in particular, Christy Martens, who was the gold medal winner for the School of Nursing at the recent Convocation. He noted that the Return to Work policy is being monitored and strictly applied by Rosi Gregory.

5.1 Vice-President (Academic) Search Committee

The search committee has been struck for the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost position. Colleen Keenan of Janet Wright and Associates guided the committee through the initial meeting. The intent is to have a successor selected for appointment at the December Board meeting. The anticipated start date would be July 1, 2007.

5.2 Succession

The second term of the current Board Chair expires February 2007. Board Chair succession will be discussed during the Board retreat. The search committee for

the Dean of Health Sciences position is interviewing two good candidates. A recommendation for an appointment will come to the Board. Ken Nicol is chairing the Chancellor Search Committee and nominations will be sought in due course. The term of the current Chancellor ends mid March of 2007. Bill Cade explained that, in accordance with the *Post-secondary Learning Act*, the Chancellor is elected by Senate.

5.3 Canada Foundation for Innovation

It has been confirmed that three University of Lethbridge Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) applications were successful. In the Leaders Opportunity Fund, Oliver Lung was awarded \$144,352 to establish the University's first tissue culture and molecular virology laboratory. Deborah Saucier and Stacey Wetmore were awarded \$235,000 and \$184,000 respectively. Deborah Saucier and Stacey Wetmore were approved as NSERC Tier 2 Canada Research Chairs and will join the University in due course.

5.4 Jim Dinning

Jim Dinning, a hopeful for the leadership of the Provincial Progressive Conservatives, held a well-attended breakfast meeting in Lethbridge, June 15. Mr. Dinning spoke to the Board at the retreat three years ago on how to influence political decision makers from a remote location.

5.5 Pat Elemans

Former U of L employee in the Faculty of Management, Pat Elemans sent an article out of the BC Business magazine. The article mentions Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoss Indian Band and leading the band in "taking its destiny into its own hands". Clarence Louie is a U of L graduate.

5.6 Regional Health and Wellness Centre

The President reported that he recently toured the Regional Health and Wellness Centre. The official opening is being planned for October. There was a fire in the existing Physical Education building. The fire department attended and staff worked hard to get the building operational, with minimal disruption. The President indicated that a tour of the new facility can be arranged for Board members. Steel-toed boots and hard hats are required at this stage.

5.7 Convocation

Bill Cade reported that the recent convocation ceremonies were super. He explained that he had to eat a little crow since at the previous convocation he had announced that it was the last convocation in the existing PE building and future convocations would be in the new building. There was, however, some serendipity in not being in the new building since it gave the opportunity to have the 100th convocation in the existing building as well as the convocation of the first Niitsitapi cohort.

5.8 Administrative Sciences Association of Canada

The University of Lethbridge recently hosted the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada meetings in Banff. This is the largest meeting in Canada for university business faculties. About 700 delegates attended.

5.9 Jim Horsman, Alberta Order of Excellence

Congratulations were extended to Jim Horsman, who has been named to receive the Alberta Order of Excellence at an October 19 ceremony.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1 Draft Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2006

MOTION: opn.2006.06.02

Keith/DeBow

That the Board of Governors approve the draft financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2006.

Motion: Carried

Linda Anderson declared conflict of interest and did not vote.

6.1.1 Financial Statement Presentation

Nancy Walker gave a presentation of the financial statements for the 2005-06 fiscal year. She reported that the Auditor General have given an unqualified audit opinion.

There was some discussion on class size. The university has tried to keep class sizes small, particularly for 1st and 2nd year students. It was a deliberate choice to build medium and small classrooms and implement measures to keep class sizes reasonable. There are, however, short-term construction difficulties that have impacted class size.

Faculty vacation accrual was an issue raised by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). Nancy reported that time sheets are not required for faculty and unused vacation is not paid out, therefore, there is no financial liability. The OAG is looking for a defensible rationale to show why the estimate of vacation accrual is accurate.

6.1.2 Understanding Financial Statements

Nancy Walker explained that this document will be used during Board orientation.

6.1.3 Financial Statement Audit Certification

This document, showing that senior executives of the Institution sign off that the statements are valid, was received for information.

6.1.4 Management Representation Letter

Cindy Armstrong-Esther and Nancy Walker sign the Management representation letter, which was received for information.

6.1.5 Financial Highlights 2005-06

Nancy Walker reported that this is published with the financial statements on the U of L web site.

6.2 Finance, Audit and Executive Committee Structure

MOTION: opn.2006.06.03

McNab/DeBow

That the terms of reference for the Finance, Audit and Executive Committees be adjusted as follows:

Finance:

The following shall be the voting members of the Finance Committee
Finance Committee Chair (Member appointed by the Chair)
Chair
President
Vice-Chair
At least two other Members

Motion: Carried

Audit:

The following shall be the voting members of the Audit Committee:
Audit Committee Chair (Member appointed by the Chair)
Chair
Vice-Chair
At least two other Members with sufficient knowledge and experience in the business and financial fields.

Motion: Carried

Executive Committee:

The following shall be voting members of the Executive Committee:
Chair, who shall be designated Executive Committee Chair
Vice-Chair, who shall be designated Executive Committee Vice-Chair
President
Chancellor

Finance Chair
Advancement Chair
Governance Chair
At least one other Member

Motion: Carried

6.3 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: opn.2006.06.04

McNab/Keith

That the Board of Governors approve the 2006-07 meeting schedule as included in the agenda material.

Motion: Carried

6.4 Personal Security Policy

MOTION: opn.2006.06.05

Cade/McNab

That the Board of Governors approve the recommendation from the Personal Security Committee for the following changes to the policy:

Section 4.8 d Consultation Committee

Consultant records, except statistical records as provided in 6.2 of this policy shall be destroyed after nine (9) months of the initial approach under 3.4 if no written complaint is made. Destruction shall be witnessed by the Associate Vice-President (Human Resources & Administration).

Section 7.1 Advisory Committee

There shall be a President's Advisory Committee on Personal Security, consisting of one member recommended by each of the following bodies:

The APO group, GFC, the Students' Union, ULFA, AUPE and the Board of Governors. The Superintendent of Security, the Associate Vice-President (Human Resources and Administration), consultant representative and the Vice-President or their delegates shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

Title changes throughout the Personal Security Policy will reflect these two changes: 1) Directors to Executive Directors; and 2) Director of Human Resources to Associate Vice-President (Human Resources and Administration).

Motion: Carried

6.4.1 Report of the President's Advisory Committee

Received for information.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

The Vice-President (Academic) deferred his report to the Board retreat.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

Terry Royer expressed appreciation to Nancy Walker and the Financial Services department for their good work related to the audit and year end. He added that it became clear in discussions with the OAG and other institutions that the U of L is held as the high water mark for leadership in this area.

9. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

There was no report from the Vice-President (Advancement).

10. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

11. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

The Students' Union President provided the following report:

Students' Union Elections

In 2004 approximately 10% of students voted in SU general elections. The SU began to use on-line voting which increased student participation to 21% in 2005-06. This past election 32% of students voted. This is truly unprecedented and unique.

ULSU Strategic Plan

This year's council is committed to further developing a ULSU strategic plan, as well as, revising SU bylaws and policies.

Quality Initiatives Report (QIP)

As a result of tuition fees increasing, the SU and U of L pursued an agreement, QIP, which allows the SU to give direction to centrally held funds aimed at improving not only academic quality and accessibility, but a students overall educational experience. Currently, the first two items that QIP monies will pay for are CKXU Renovations and Student Psychological Support and Counseling.

Students' Union Building Renovations (SUB)

This year the Students' Union will explore adding more intimate social spaces throughout the SUB. In providing this space for students to study, read, converse, the Students' Union believes that this will not only attract students to stay on campus, but will begin to foster a sense of community among students.

Other Initiatives

The Students Union is also looking at environmental issues including water free urinals and wind power.

12. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Jon Lane reported that the Graduate Student Association will be holding a conference on campus for graduate students. Over 80 proposals were received. The Board was invited to attend to hear presentations and view posters on July 12.

13. ALUMNI REPORT

John Gill stressed the importance of the University maintaining small class sizes. He noted it has been a great year for the Alumni Association and June was a great month. John Gill reported on the following highlights as he reaches the halfway mark of his term as President. He felt the wine and cheese reception to welcome the new Alumni Honor Society inductees went well. The Members appreciated the attendance of the Board Chair, Chancellor and President. Shaun Ward had made the point that the positive relationship the Alumni Association has with the senior administration is outstanding. Bill Cade added that he thought the atmosphere at the reception was electric.

The June 9 golf tournament established a new bursary for current U of L students in need. Forty-eight golfers, including two Board members, participated and many others supported the tournament in other ways. It is estimated that between \$3,000-\$4,0000 was raised towards the bursary. There was great community support. The estimate of revenue does not include the donation of a Calgary Flames signed jersey, donated by Allan Markin. The jersey will be framed and displayed at various events and form the basis of a silent auction at the conclusion of the homecoming event. Proceeds from the auction will go to the bursary.

Terry Royer congratulated the Alumni Association for their activity, noting that the Association is getting better and better.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2006.06.06

McNab /Pisko

That the June 22, 2006 open session of the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried