

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.
AT FALCON CREST LODGE, CANMORE, ALBERTA

- Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Richard Davidson, Myles Bourke, Susan Lea, Doug McArthur, Linda Anderson, Gordon Jong, Karen Bartsch, Nafisa Jadavji, Claudia Malacrida, Sharon Holtman, Aaron Engen, Kelly Kennedy, John Gill, Guy McNab, Rita Law (Secretary)
- Regrets: Grant Pisko, Doug Stokes, Tom Robinson, Dean Setoguchi, Charlotte Kingston
- Others: Kim Kultgen, Senate Nominee
Seamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Andrew Hakin, Associate Vice-President (Academic)
Jim Horsman, Government Relations Advisor
Richard Westlund, Director, Government Relations

Kim Kultgen, Susan Lea and Doug McArthur were welcomed to the Board by the Chair and presented with a Board of Governors pin and briefcase.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Approval of the June 21, 2007 Open Session Agenda**
1.2 Approval of the May17, 2007 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2007.06.01

Jong/McNab

That the Consent Agenda for the June 21, 2007
Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

2.1 Convocation

Bob Turner reported he had the pleasure of attending spring Convocation. Richard Davidson was sworn in as Chancellor at the first session. The Chair commended the people who do such an outstanding job in organizing this celebration of student achievement. This is a joyous occasion, not only for those earning degrees but also for those who have contributed to their success.

At Convocation, Sharon Holtman gave an excellent presentation of the citation for former Board Chair, Terry Royer, as he received an honorary doctorate. Bill Cade added that Seamus O'Shea gave the address to Convocation at the last ceremony and was given a standing ovation from the crowd for his sincere message.

2.2 Markin Building Planning Money and Service Building Funding

Bob Turner was pleased to report that confirmation has been received of \$1.5 million in government funding for planning for the Markin Building. Confirmation was also received that government has allocated \$1.5 million for the service building construction and \$10 million for the water building. This money is appreciated, recognizing there are enormous demands placed on the province for funding.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 New Buildings

Bill Cade reported that earlier in the week he toured the new service building, Turcotte Hall addition, and the water building site. He remarked that the service building is coming along nicely and will be great space for parts of the Physical Plant unit to move into. Turcotte Hall will be academic space with Physical Plant administration occupying the lower floor. The water building is moving forward nicely in the preliminary construction phase. The funding news from the Ministry is most welcome.

3.2 Meeting with Minister Horner

Bill Cade reported that he, Jim Horsman and Richard Westlund recently had an hour with Minister Horner in Calgary. The Minister was thanked for the recent government support.

3.3 Medicine Hat College

Bill Cade attended Medicine Hat College graduation and brought greetings from the University of Lethbridge. Jim Horsman was honored with an honorary degree from Medicine Hat College.

3.4 New Steinway Piano

The Music department recently put on a concert featuring the new Steinway piano. The President was privileged to hear a selection of pieces played by Professor Oye on the new piano.

3.5 Senate Tree Planting Ceremony

The Board was invited and encouraged to attend a tree planting ceremony and barbecue which is a 40th anniversary event by the Senate.

3.6 July 1 Event

The University will have a Canada Day celebration at Henderson Lake Park on Canada Day from 4:00 p.m. until the fireworks.

3.7 Norlein Foundation

The Norlein Foundation recently hosted a gathering in Red Deer focussing on family health initiatives. The University of Lethbridge had a significant profile at the event with Bryan Kolb and Fraser Mustard having speaking roles.

3.8 Water Public Service Announcement

Dennis Fitzpatrick was able to arrange, through Global Television, for a public service announcement about water. The announcement played about 100 times during the Montreal Grande Prix television coverage. This advertising had a value of about \$60,000, but cost only \$10,000.

3.9 Athletics Recruiting

The President reported that the Athletic program is having recruitment success. The Lethbridge Herald recently reported on a recruit to the Women's Horns Hockey program.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Nancy Walker gave a presentation on the financial statements, the text of which was distributed with the agenda. She added that the Institution is in a good financial position. Salaries and general expenditure increases are a concern. The hot Alberta economy has contributed to significant salary expectations. Bob Turner thanked Nancy Walker for the helpful presentation. Seamus O'Shea agreed that Nancy Walker and her staff do a wonderful job on the financial side of the Institution. He added that although it appears the University has a large amount of money, the margins are less than what a commercial venture would normally operate on. He explained that the University is not permitted, by law, to operate with a deficit. It is important to note that there is continuing and one-time funding and continuing commitments must not be made for one-time money. Robert Turner noted that the Attorney General told him that one of the things that distinguishes the U of L from other institutions is that there is not the large spike in expenditures at year end. This is due to the U of L budget model, which keeps money in the academic units that they have not spent at year end.

The general operating cost/student is somewhat lower at the U of L than at other universities. The operating grant per student is lower as well by about 14%.

9. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Richard Davidson reminded the Board of the Tree Grove opening and barbecue on June 28 at 11:30 am and invited the Board to support the event. The 100-Tree Grove is a joint project of Ian Wells (Grounds Department) and Carl Granzow (Art Department). Drawing some inspiration from Stonehenge and the spiraling galaxy, this work in progress is creating a spiral grove of trees and rocks on a plateau near the pond on the south side of campus. At the summer solstice all the tree shadows align. The stones spiral to the centre of the grove drawing the visitor towards the large Burr Oak at the centre. The Burr Oak is typical of trees that grow in England near Stonehenge and is one of the few oaks that grow in southern Alberta.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Personal Security Policy Annual Report

The President explained that this report is provided in compliance with terms of the Personal Security Policy.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

There were no reports from Board members.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2007.06.06

Holtman/Gill

That the Open Session of the June 21, 2007 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried