

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001 AT 1:00 P.M.**  
**IN ROOM D633**

Present: Terry Royer (Chair), Lawrence Barany, Bill Cade, Geoff Cox, Dawna Coslovi, Gordon Dixon, John Gray, Geri Hecker, Kevin Keith, Dan Laplante, Matthew McHugh, Robert Manson, Quintin Steynen, Don Young, Rita Zaugg (Secretary), Val Hill (Secretary)

Regrets: Garland Curtis, Jim Horsman, Ian Whishaw

Others: Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning)  
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)  
Seamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic)  
Shamsul Alam, Associate Vice-President (Academic)

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of the May 17, 2001 Agenda**

MOTION: opn.2001.05.01

Young/Manson That the agenda for the May 17, 2001 meeting of the Open Session of the Board of Governors be approved.

Motion: Carried

**2. Approval of the April 26, 2001 Open Session Minutes**

MOTION: opn.2001.05.02

Young/Manson That the minutes of the April 26, 2001 Open Session meeting of the Board of Governors be approved.

Motion: Carried

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**3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

**3.1 Compensation Committee**

The Executive Committee has formed a Compensation Committee consisting of Terry Royer (Chair), Don Young (Vice-Chair), John Gray and Geri Hecker. The committee will deal with compensation for senior administrators and directors. Terry Royer indicated that all Board committees will be reformulated at the Retreat in June. The objective is to rotate members yearly and have each member on at least

one committee. He reiterated that the intent is to have the full Board deal with governance and global strategy.

**3.2 Long Service Awards**

Terry Royer thanked Don Young for attending the Long Service awards held May 2.

**3.3 Alumni Meeting**

Terry Royer extended thanks to Dan Laplante, Patrick Machacek and Dianna Nephew for attending the Alumni Meeting at the Westin Hotel in Calgary on May 10. He stated there were about 200 alumni in attendance and Lorne Williams was the M.C. Terry Royer, Bill Cade and Jim Horsman spoke at the meeting along with two alumni: Wayne O'Connor (graduate of Management) and now Vice-President of TransCanada Pipelines and Aaron Engen (graduate of Arts & Science) and now Vice-President of Nesbitt Burns in Calgary. Dr. Cade noted that Wayne O'Connor showed his admiration for the University of Lethbridge by giving a very impressive speech. He indicated the benefits he got from his U of L education included technical skills, the love of liberal arts, ability to work in groups and a quest for knowledge. Terry Royer mentioned this is the type promotion for the University that could be captured on video. Dan Laplante added that it was the first time at an alumni gathering outside Lethbridge where there was support from the Board Chair, President, Chancellor, Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Finance and Administration). He noted that a Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate played at the ceremony. One of the results of this meeting was to form a Calgary Chapter of the Alumni.

**3.4 LCC and U of L Meeting**

Terry Royer and Bill Cade met with Derek Redman and Donna Allan from the Lethbridge Community College on the evening of May 16 to discuss the future and continued cooperation between the two institutions. He stated he was extremely impressed with the congeniality and sense of comfort which exists between Bill Cade and Donna Allan.

**3.5 Incoming U of C President**

Terry Royer and Bill Cade met with the incoming U of C President, Harvey Weingarten and their Chancellor, John Perraton, and discussed the future relationships between the two campuses.

**3.6 Matthew McHugh**

Terry Royer welcomed Matthew McHugh, President of the Students' Union to his first official Board meeting.

**3.7 National Association of University Board of Governors and Secretaries Conference**

Terry Royer and Rita Zaugg attended the above conference in Winnipeg on the weekend of May 4. Terry Royer stated that it was a good decision to join such a worthwhile program, although he mentioned they need to have a higher profile through media, etc.

**3.8 Meeting with Government**

Terry Royer met with David Coutts, Shirley McClellan, Lyle Oberg and Clint Dunford recently.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**4.1 LINC Opening**

Bill Cade stated that the LINC Opening Committee continues to plan the LINC opening although there is no firm date as of yet. It is dependent on the Premier's schedule.

**4.2 Long Service Awards**

Bill Cade thanked Don Young for attending the Long Service Awards. Dr. Cade stated it was his first time at this gathering and commented on how many 30-year award recipients there were.

**4.3 Raul Chavera**

Bill Cade stated that there was a good Board turnout at the Raul Chavera, US Consul General for Western Canada, visit which included a tour of Dick Haney's farm to provide an introduction to Southern Alberta's agriculture. He was also given a tour of the University of Lethbridge. Dr. Cade stated that Mr. Chavera is interested in the University of Lethbridge hosting a NAFTA conference which includes Mexico, United States and Canada.

**4.4 Cade Reception**

The reception to honour outgoing Board Members, award winning faculty and students is tonight at the Cade residence.

**4.5 Asia Nelson**

Asia Nelson, recent English-degree graduate of the U of L, who is from Rocky Mountain House, will be the host of Life's Network new show called *My Global Adventures*. The show will focus on the Czech Republic, Italy, Egypt, Greece and Alaska as a travel log. Terry Royer added that Asia Nelson was recently on the Rutherford show and is taking suggestions on the type of experiences people would like to see.

**4.6    Janice Gliege**

The Institutional Advancement office has hired Janice Gliege, a U of L Management, who will handle alumni affairs and major gift development. Bill Cade thanked Dan Laplantae for his work on the recent outstanding alumni event in Calgary.

**4.7    Rod McLeod Meeting**

Terry Royer, Bill Cade, Seamus O'Shea and major auto dealers met with Rod McLeod in Calgary recently. Mr. McLeod is the father of Hilary McLeod who is a University of Lethbridge student. Mr. McLeod would like to help with the programming of the management degree at the University of Lethbridge.

**4.8    Map Mosaic**

The Map Mosaic idea for the vestibule of LINC has been rejected.

**4.9    Jim Horsman**

Jim Horsman is not in attendance at today's meeting because of a new granddaughter in the family. Bill Cade mentioned that the Chancellor sponsored a lunch with community leaders in Taber last week. The purpose of the lunch was to answer questions on how the U of L could serve their communities.

**4.10    Town Hall Meeting**

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on May 29, hosted by Bill Cade, Seamus O'Shea and Nancy Walker. Everyone within the University and Board Members are invited. The purpose is to talk about the future and review the current year and to answer any questions people may have. Seamus O'Shea will sponsor a barbecue after the meeting.

**4.11    Dean Dua Reception**

The Arts & Science Department held a reception for Dean Dua a few weeks ago and Bill Cade mentioned how heart warming it was to hear about each department's experience with Dean Dua over the years. Jim Horsman was also in attendance.

**4.12    Tentative Planning Person**

Bill Cade commented that Ken Ballard, Ph.D. has been tentatively commissioned in the fall to help the University with its mission and vision exercise.

**5.    CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Horsman was absent from the meeting. Terry Royer explained that Jim's daughter Susan had a baby girl at 8:27 a.m. this morning in Calgary. Her name is Whitney Brooke and she weighs 7 lbs, 6 oz.

## **6. STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT REPORT**

Matthew McHugh opened by stating how excited he is to be sitting on the Board of Governors. He explained that his experience as a member of the Students' Union executive the previous year will help in the transition to the presidency.

### **6.1 Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)**

Matthew McHugh thanked Seamus O'Shea for speaking at the CAUS transition.

### **6.2 Canadian Alliance of Students Association (CASA)**

Matthew McHugh mentioned that he may miss some of the Board Retreat in June due to his duties as Regional Director of CASA whose meetings are at the same time. He feels honoured that the University of Lethbridge has been asked to host such an event which encompasses the U of L, U of C, U of A and Grant MacEwan.

### **6.3 Japan Exchange**

Matthew McHugh spoke to the 14 students who are going to Katami and Sapporo campuses in Japan next week. He stated this year the Students' Union selected Pronghorn jerseys as a gift. He also mentioned that he has a good connection in Japan as his father, Ray, teaches English as a Second Language at Katami and his mother recently got a job at the University of Tokyo. He hopes that by next year, this time, he will be in Japan with his family.

## **7. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

MOTION: 2001.05.03

Cade/Cox

That the Board of Governors approve naming the Life Sciences building "The Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience" (CCBN).

Motion: Carried

Bill Cade explained that the process for selecting the name was to ask for suggestions from the users. Many options were considered and rejected. Buildings are not named after current employees and usually only a deceased person's name is attached to a building. The name chosen reflects that this is the only centre in Canada of this type and the names give appropriate distinction to behavioural neuroscience as a specific area of neuroscience. In July, there will be a gathering of students and preeminent neuroscientists. The official opening will be in September.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1 Finance Committee**

John Gray reported that the Finance Committee met with Andy Dawson from COMSTAT Capital Sciences on May 9. COMSTAT monitors the performance of the investment team and ensures that they are in compliance with the University's investment policy. Under terms of the investment policy, no more than 10% of an asset class can be held in any one corporation. At March 31, GE capital bonds were at 13% and Jarislowsky Fraser (JF) was informed. Performance is tracked against benchmarks and COMSTAT's own universe of 125 funds. The policy benchmark is performance over four years but JF has been managing the portfolio for only three years. After three years the return was 6.9% but the benchmark was 7.4%. The one-year performance in bonds was outstanding but not as good over three years. In summary, the investments are doing well and rank in the first quartile of the COMSTAT universe.

### **8.2 Retreat Committee**

Lawrence Barany stated the Retreat Committee met Wednesday, May 9 and agenda binders are prepared for the members. The June Board Meeting will be held in Anderson Hall Room AH175 at 1:00 p.m. The agenda will focus on governance issues, strategic alliances with other institutions, meeting student and space needs as well as distance learning. Terry Royer thanked Lawrence Barany and the Retreat Committee.

## **9. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)**

### **9.1 Calgary Meeting**

Seamus O'Shea stated the meeting in Calgary, he and Bill Cade attended, with SAIT and representatives of Calgary car companies was a chance to meet key people in that business sector and may provide an opportunity with the U of L's Faculty of Management post-diploma program.

### **9.2 Fall Enrolments**

Fall enrolments are on target with the exception of Computer Science which seems to have been affected by the high tech industry downturn, especially with layoffs in companies such as Nortel. This summer there are more co-op students in Neuroscience than in Computer Science. He mentioned that companies are holding back on hiring Computer Science co-op students for summer employment because of the downside risk to their discretionary revenue so this could impact the U of L's fall enrolment. Dr. O'Shea stated the University has the largest co-op program in the province and that all available networking channels will be utilized to help this area.

Seamus O’Shea stated that September enrolments are running at 4850, 300 more students than last year, and the University should top-out two years from now at 7200.

**9.3 Meeting with Minister Oberg**

Seamus O’Shea stated he met with Minister Oberg earlier in the week. Minister Oberg expressed concern with teacher preparation programs in the province’s universities. He is specifically interested in teacher education in the areas of native education, special education and technology. The Minister seemed to imply that he would look favourable on a multi-institutional approach similar to that arranged among the faculties of Management. The positive side is that this would make it easier to negotiate a comprehensive agreement with the province. However, the negative side is that the Faculty of Education is the one area the U of L would not like to be linked with the other institutions. The U of L is substantially better and much smaller so Seamus O’Shea will be proceeding very carefully. Classroom placements is a big issue in the Faculty of Education. Seamus O’Shea explained that a large number of experienced teachers will be retiring shortly and these are the people who normally do the supervision. As they are leaving, they may not be willing to assume supervision and those remaining will have been in the field a relatively short time and may not be ready for a supervisory role. The Minister also raised the concern about the burn-out rate among new teachers and is looking for a way to mentor teachers after they are in the school system. Seamus O’Shea noted that the fifth year of the U of L teacher education program goes a long way to prepare teachers and get them well launched in the profession.

**9.4 Vice-Presidents’ Meeting**

A Vice-Presidents’ meeting, ahead of the Minister’s meeting, dealt with space at all institutions. The Provincial Government may like to see a multi-year plan which is mutually agreed on by all institutions.

**9.5 Convocation**

Seamus O’Shea stated the May Convocation numbers are down due to last February’s Convocation. It is important for Board Members to attend. Bill Cade added that the GFC unanimously agreed to twice per year convocations which means no February convocation this coming year.

**10. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)**

**10.1 May 2001 Administrative Update**

Nancy Walker reported that the Business Plan is being prepared and will be brought to the June Board meeting for approval prior to being submitted to the Department.

**10.2 Physical Plant Activity Report**

This item was received as information.

**10.3 Campus Housing Report**

Nancy Walker mentioned that due to the higher percentage of out-of-town students, housing is an issue. She stated that students who live on campus do better academically than those living off-campus. Bill Cade added that Campus Housing prepared the attached overview showing that capacity is low considering the current student body size and the number of students from out of the city.

**10.4 Audit**

The audit exit meeting is scheduled for June 5. The audit is moving along well.

**11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**11.1 Golf Tournament**

Geoff Cox mentioned that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of Pronghorn Golf Tournament will be held June 9. He stated last year there were 120 players with 30 corporate sponsors and they raised \$15,000. He also said that 30-40 members of the Pronghorn Alumni will be returning this year to participate.

**11.2 Paul Martin Speech**

Geoff Cox said that Paul Martin's speech included more funding for research and advanced education which is a positive gesture from the Federal Finance Minister.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2001.05.04

Coslovi/Manson

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of May 17, 2001 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried