

3.2 Strategic Priorities Report Card

The University of Lethbridge Strategic Priorities Report Card was distributed to the Board for review. Bill Cade added that this document has already been reviewed by General Faculties Council and Deans' Council.

3.3 Research Performance Indicators

A Research Performance Indicators report card was distributed. The University of Lethbridge had a 100% success rate on the NSERC renewal operating grants, which compares to an 85% national average. Of new NSERC operating grants, the University of Lethbridge had an 80% success rate, where the national average is 65%. The Tools and Instrumentation grant compared well at 72%. These results demonstrates the University of Lethbridge is first rate in the research area. Dr. Cade added that his four year NSERC grant was renewed to a five-year grant. This is his twenty-ninth year of continued research funding from NSERC.

3.4 Water Day

The program for the May 17 Water Day in Medicine Hat, which was included with the agenda, was reviewed. Bill Cade thanked Grant Pisko for his work in organizing the event.

3.5 Rotary

Bill Cade mentioned that Harvery Weingarten, President of the University of Calgary will be speaking to the Rotary Club on Monday.

3.6 Donna Allan

The celebration of Donna Allan's retirement as President of Lethbridge Community College will be held May 13. The new president is Dr. Tracy Edwards.

3.7 Satellite Receiving Station

Bill explained that the large "golf ball" structure that has been built beside Exploration Place on campus is a shield for protection of the antenna which collects images from space. So far they have not had concerns from neighbours. Bill attributed this largely to Nancy Walker's work in having an Open House.

3.8 New University Sign

An LED sign will be installed along University Drive to announce events at the University of Lethbridge. Bill Cade assured the Board that the neighbours will be informed of the new structure going up.

3.9 Visit of Queen Elizabeth

Bill Cade, Terry Royer and Shirley DeBow, along with other members of the Board have been invited to various events associated with the visit of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II.

3.10 High Level Bridge Train Ride

Bill Cade reported that he had the wonderful experience of riding a train across the high level bridge along with Gerda Vanderfluit and Nancy Walker. Craig Lenchuka, Road Manager for Canadian Pacific Railway, arranged the ride and accompanied them.

3.11 Jason Blades

Bill Cade introduced Jason Blades and thanked him for his comments at the Regional Health and Wellness Centre Kick-off event that morning. Jason Blades was representing Students' Union President Tyler Tanner, who was away at a conference.

3.12 Lethbridge Herald

Former Students' Union President Melanee Thomas was featured on the front page of the Lethbridge Herald, announcing her candidacy for political office. Jennifer Copeland, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology, was also spotlighted, showing her testing children to examine ways to battle childhood obesity.

4. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

Seamus O'Shea commented that he recently returned from Europe where he visited post-secondary institutions in England and Italy. He noted that the facilities were nice, but found that the working climate was not good.

Seamus O'Shea announced that he is very pleased with the number of grad fellowships that were received by University of Lethbridge students this year through NSERC and SSHRC.

Hiring is on track and most positions are expected to be filled. Seamus O'Shea commented that the competition is still quite fierce.

The first day of summer school has begun and students have arrived back on campus.

Seamus O'Shea informed the Board that he was at City Hall signing two agreements with a trade delegation visiting the community from Anyang, China. An exchange program is being set up between the University of Lethbridge and the Anyang Institute of Technology. Seamus O'Shea noted that the City of Lethbridge did not have any formal agreements with the Peoples Republic of China. The deal was facilitated by the twinning of their city and the City of Lethbridge. He suggested that they are likely interested in the two plus two programs.

Convocation is coming up in June with an expected all time record of graduates.

Terry Royer interjected to introduce Dean Setoguchi, a new Board member, as he arrived at the meeting. He was welcomed to the Board and presented with a U of L pin, as is the tradition.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

A written report was included with the Agenda.

6. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chancellor was included with the Agenda. Shirley DeBow added that Nick Nolte plays the role of General Dallaire in a new movie, *Hotel Rwanda*. Romeo Dallaire wrote the book, *Shake Hands With The Devil*, about his experiences in Rwanda. General Dellaire will be receiving an Honorary Degree at this springs Convocation ceremony.

Convocation statistics were distributed to the Board members for information.

7. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

Jason Blades commented that he was pleased to be sitting in on a Board meeting and is looking forward to working with the administration on issues this year as part of the Students' Union.

David Green reported that a Students' Union retreat was held in the Crowsnest Pass and he was Chair of the General Assembly meetings. He noted that this years Students' Union is a great group, and he expects exciting things to come from them.

8. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Preston Williams noted that the new Graduate Students Association members were included in his written report. Many of the students are NSERC and Alberta Ingenuity award winners. He commented that they are a very keen group, and the largest constituency ever. The summer kickoff barbeque was to take place that evening at the Paterson Centre, and all Board members were encouraged to attend.

Terry Royer congratulated Preston for his re-election as President of the Grad Students Association, and thanked him for his willingness to continue.

David green mentioned that the three Alberta Universities have formed an Alberta Graduate Council. The group meets monthly to discuss issues, such as finance. The University of Lethbridge has two members on the Council.

9. ALUMNI REPORT

Aaron Engen informed the Board that the Calgary chapter continues to be very active, and the Annual Golf Tournament will be held again in August.

Aaron Engen thanked the Board for financial support to the Calgary chapter. Bill Cade met with Katherine Furgala, President of the Calgary Chapter when in Calgary and learned that they needed more funds and he felt it was important to address that need. Jaime Morasch and Maureen Schwartz of the Advancement office have been to Calgary to ensure that the Calgary chapter continues to be strong. Doug McArthur, President of the Lethbridge group has also been in touch with the Calgary group. Aaron Engen added that he was involved in the very successful Faculty of Management mentoring program and encouraged other Board members to take

advantage of the opportunity to be a part of this program. Aaron Engen was matched with a student from Belarus who is working toward a degree at the University of Lethbridge Calgary Campus.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2005.05.02

McNab/Engen

That the Open Session of the May 12, 2005 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried