

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003
AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Terry Royer (Chair), Linda Anderson, Bill Cade, Grant Pisko, Gord Dixon, Kevin Keith, Dawna Coslovi, Jill Kotkas, Guy McNab, Lawrence Barany, Aaron Engen (by phone), Doug Stokes (by phone), Robert Turner, Dan Laplante, Jason Rumer, Paul Daniels, Dustin Hines, Rita Zaugg (Secretary)

Regrets: Shirley DeBow, Gordon Dixon, Gordon Rosko

Others: Séamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning)
Derek Peddle, Board Member elect

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the November 20, 2003 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the October 16, 2003 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2003.11.01

Barany/Rumer

That the Consent Agenda for the November 20, 2003 Open Session be approved with the addition of items 4.4 Board appointment to Senate, and 4.5 Students' Union Building Management Liaison Committee appointment.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

2.1 Derek Peddle

Terry Royer introduced and welcomed Derek Peddle to the Board of Governors and presented him with a U of L pin. He is a General Faculties Council (GFC) nominee to the Board. Derek Peddle will officially be a Board member effective the date of the Ministerial Order appointing him, which has yet to be received.

2.2 Doug McArthur, President of Alumni Association

Terry Royer introduced Doug McArthur, President of the Alumni Association, and then gave Doug the opportunity to share his thoughts and visions with the Board on the Alumni Association and its goals. Doug explained that the constitution of the Association says that the Alumni Association exists to further the cause of the University. The problem is that the Association needs to be a

separate entity from University Advancement seeing as they are not directly engaged in Campaigns. To further their plans to become a separate entity, they need a stronger membership base. In order to accomplish this, they need to determine what prompts people to become active members of the Association, and what are tangible benefits for members. Problems that have been encountered in the search for Alumni members are student irritation with tuition rates, and student loan debts. Doug McArthur commented that these concerns are taken seriously, but with some skepticism, and he is aware that students need time to gain positive feelings toward the institution once their education begins to pay off before becoming active Alumni members. Another hindrance in the growth of the Alumni Association is the size of the city. A smaller city means graduates leave town for jobs. Doug McArthur explained that the Alumni Association is working on these issues, and is looking for ways of attracting Alumni to local events that will strengthen the U of L's Alumni membership. He assured the Board that he would come back at a later date to update them on the progress and expand on this issue.

Terry Royer expressed hope that the Alumni Association would continue to grow and develop and become a more active and integrated part of the University.

2.3 Paterson Centre Opening

The opening of the Paterson Centre, named in honour of the late Board Chair Gordon Paterson, took place earlier in the day. Terry Royer commented that there was very good attendance and it was a heartwarming tribute to Gordon Paterson.

2.4 Gerlinde Metz

Bill Cade introduced Gerlinde Metz, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Gerlinde recently won a New Opportunities Fund award from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). Bill Cade presented her with a plaque and extended his congratulations. Terry Royer also added his congratulations, and thanked her for attending the meeting.

2.5 James Kusie, National Director of CASA

Paul Daniels introduced James Kusie, National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), a federal lobby group that works on behalf of the students. Documents were distributed to the Board members, including the pre-budget submission to the House of Commons which identified CASA's lobby positions. James explained that this generation's student debt is the highest ever at an average of \$30,000 per student for a four-year university program. Due to this, the participation gap is widening. James Kusie stressed that the time is now for student groups and administrations to push a common agenda. He assured the Board that CASA has a good name in terms of access and has met with Paul

Martin. CASA also has a good relationship with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). CASA lobbying was a key factor in getting federal money for indirect cost of research.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 CKUL Radio Station

Bill Cade reported that the University of Lethbridge radio station CKUL received their FM license and will be on air shortly.

3.2 Nancy Walker & Shirley DeBow

Greetings were brought to the Board from Nancy Walker and Shirley DeBow. Bill Cade explained that Chancellor DeBow was unable to attend the meeting as Jim Horsman and herself were attending the University of Alberta convocation where Marmie Hess would receive an honorary degree. Bill Cade informed the Board that Nancy Walker is currently taking part in an Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) exchange program in China. Nancy previously hosted a Chinese Vice-President of Administration at the U of L.

3.3 Maclean's Rankings

The Maclean's universities rankings issue has been published. Bill Cade noted that The University of Lethbridge did well, but he is not fully satisfied with the results. The U of L placed twelfth out of twenty-one primarily undergraduate universities. This number brings the U of L up one from the past rankings. The U of L received fourth in faculty awards, which Bill noted was particularly satisfying to him as he believes that the quality of the faculty speaks to the quality of the institution. The U of L also placed second in science and medical research funding, and had a positive standing in library acquisitions which was a tie with Brock University.

The three Alberta universities brought to Maclean's attention the issue of grade inflation for entering students in other provinces. The Alberta universities first submitted transformed data, and later resubmitted the real data. Maclean's has added an explanatory note indicated that "no conversion formula is applied to incoming grade averages to adjust for provincial differences or varying admission policies". The three Alberta universities co-sponsored an ad in Maclean's with Alberta Learning. The ad points out the strong performance of Alberta students on international standardized tests. Alberta is #1 in reading (Ontario was 6th), #3 in mathematics (Ontario was 14th), and #3 in science (Ontario tied for 12th).

3.4 Bill Warren, U of C Chancellor

Bill Warren, Chancellor of the University of Calgary was recently on campus. He commented that he felt the U of L had a good relationship with the community.

Coincidentally, shortly after his visit an editorial appeared in the Lethbridge Herald stating that Lethbridge was fortunate to have the U of L. A copy has been sent to Bill Warren to show how well received the U of L is.

3.5 Senate Hospitality Function

The annual Senate Hospitality function, for new faculty and staff, was held last week. The function was well attended and the evening was enjoyed by all.

3.6 ASTtech Awards

The ASTech awards were held in Calgary several weeks ago. For the first time in history the University of Lethbridge had two finalists, Bryan Kolb and David Naylor. Bill Cade commented that the U of L will continue to submit names as appropriate. Having finalists is a significant achievement.

3.7 Naim Ahmed, U.S. Consul General

The Consul General of the United States, Naim Ahmed recently visited our campus. Bill Cade thanked all those who attended the tour and lunch provided for Mr. Ahmed. A future visit is to be arranged for Terry Royer and Bill Cade to meet with him and discuss the role of the consulate for the University of Lethbridge.

3.8 Strategic Plan

A Strategic Planning committee is currently in the process of being put together to oversee the implementation of the new Strategic Plan. A meeting was held with Deans and Directors to talk about their progress towards implementation. The goal is to report to the Board in the Spring.

3.9 Aubrey Earl

Aubrey Earl visited the University last week. He was a founding faculty member in Education.

3.10 Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program

The University of Lethbridge signed an agreement with Red Crow College for the Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program.

3.11 Roterac Club

A Roterac club has been formed by the University of Lethbridge students. This Rotary entity is a way of involving students early on. Bill Cade added that Judy Head deserves a great deal of the credit for putting this club together.

3.12 Millenium Scholarships

Millennium Scholarship awards were presented to five outstanding students yesterday in the President's office.

3.13 Building Bridges

A Building Bridges event is scheduled for December 2 in Calgary. The guest list is primarily employers in the Faculty of Management co-op program. Bill Cade welcomed all Board members to attend.

3.14 Board Christmas Party

The Board of Governors Christmas Party will take place on December 18 at the President's home, following the Board meeting.

3.15 Canada Research Chair

Dr. Dan Johnson, currently a senior scientist at the Lethbridge Research Station working for Agriculture Canada and Agri-Food Canada has been appointed as a Canada Research Chair. His research area is grasslands ecosystems.

3.16 North Carolina State University

Bill Cade reported on his visit to the North Carolina State University. During his time there he had the opportunity to give a lecture on animal behaviour.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Presidential Appointment Committee

The President excused himself during this item. It was explained that during the President's fourth year of his five-year term, he is required to declare whether or not he will seek an additional term. The President has indicated he will seek an additional term.

MOTION: opn.2003.11.02

McNab/Anderson

That the Board of Governors appoint the following persons to the Presidential Appointment Committee currently being struck in accordance with General Faculties Council Bylaws:

Geoff Cox, Lawrence Barany,
Dawna Coslovi, Jim Horsman,
Kevin Keith, and Jill Kotkas

Motion: Carried

Dan Laplante commented that the committee has grown significantly but Board representation as a percentage has shrunk to 20%. Séamus O'Shea noted that the GFC bylaw was approved by the Board. The procedure is for a quorum of the committee to attend the Board meeting when the recommendation is made but the

Board has the final decision. This gives the Board the opportunity to question the members of the committee.

4.2 Computer Use Policy

MOTION: 2003.11.03

Cade/Laplante That the Board of Governors approve the Computer Use Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Séamus O'Shea explained that the policy was framed by the Information Technology department. It then went to GFC for discussion and revision. He clarified that employees have an orientation process which includes this policy, and students and employees have to sign they will abide by the policy before they get a computer account. This ensures awareness of the Computer Use Policy.

4.3 Students' Contribution to LINC

MOTION: 2003.11.04

Cade/Laplante That a letter be sent to the Students' Union from the Board of Governors recognizing and congratulating the students on completing their pledge of \$1.5 million for the LINC building and further that a plaque recognizing this significant contribution be installed in the building.

Motion: Carried

Terry Royer indicated that he was thrilled with this action by the Board as it recognizes the contribution of the students.

Dan Laplante noted that this is the second major contribution to capital projects made by the students. Aaron Engen's council initiated a referendum for the Students' Union building years ago. It was suggested that the Students' Union Executive from 1994 be notified of this achievement that began with their efforts.

4.4 Board Appointment to the Senate

MOTION: 2003.11.05

Kotkas/Keith

That Derek Peddle be named as a Board appointment to The University of Lethbridge Senate, subject to receipt of a Ministerial Order appointing him to the Board of Governors.

Motion: Carried

4.5 Board Appointment to SUB Management Liaison Committee

MOTION: 2003.11.06

Coslovi/Turner

That Guy McNab be named the Board appointment to the Students' Union Building Management Liaison Committee for a one-year term.

Motion: Carried

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

5.1 U of L Sports Teams

The University of Lethbridge Rugby team placed second in Canada, and the Soccer team received a bronze in the Canada West Championships. Basketball and Hockey are underway for the year.

5.2 SSHRC & NSERC

Faculty have submitted their Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) applications.

5.3 Globalization Studies Class

Séamus O'Shea participated yesterday afternoon in a globalization studies class taught by Tony Hall. Three professors from the Australia National University taught the class via video conferencing.

5.4 "Year of Education"

Séamus O'Shea indicated that there has been word from the province that next year will be declared the "Year of Education".

5.5 Curriculum Coordinating Committee

The Curriculum Coordinating Committee (CCC) has reviewed and approved 400 pages of changes to the curriculum, which will now go to GFC in December for approval.

5.6 Online Registration

The test of online registration is going well. There has been about 1,000 students using the web to register. They are currently looking into why not all students are participating in this registration process. Some problems with viruses have been found, and due to the vulnerable networking system they are working on ways to get around this. It is planned that the telephone and on-line registrations will run parallel in the Spring.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

The report was received for information.

7. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chancellor's report was received for information. Bill Cade added that there have been some very good names submitted for consideration for an honorary degree. He informed the Board that there is still time to make nominations.

8. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

The Students' Union report was received as information. Paul Daniels added that at the June Board retreat he was challenged by Bill Cade to find a name for the LINC building. He informed the Board that a committee has been put together and are working on this project.

9. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Dustin Hines pointed out that the outline included with the Agenda is the current mandate for the Graduate Students Association. He noted that it has been somewhat difficult to get good participation in the social events.

10. ALUMNI REPORT

Jill Kotkas reported that the Alumni Association met the previous night. The new council has been coming up with some good ideas, one being the possibility of giving each graduating student at Convocation a personal card with the Alumni and U of L logo, as well as a pin.

The Alumni Association Christmas Party was scheduled following the Board meeting.

The Helen Manyfingers scholarship has been supported by council. Jill Kotkas noted that this is a ten-year commitment with the details to be worked out after Christmas. Consideration is being given to offering the scholarship for a third or fourth year Native Education student. The Alumni Association is currently reviewing the existing Alumni scholarships. They have been working with the Scholarships office to ensure the Alumni Association is informed of who receives the Alumni Association scholarships.

Aaron Engen added that the Calgary group is planning a function in December. They are also selling tickets for "A Christmas Carol", in conjunction with Theatre Calgary.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 2003.11.07

Barany/Coslovi

That the Open session of the November 20, 2003 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried