

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008
IN THE BOARDROOM (W646)

Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Sheila McHugh, Kevin Nugent (by phone), Kim Kultgen, Leah Fowler, Claudia Malacrida, Jeremy Girard, Adam Vossepoel, Shannon Digweed, Jeremiah Merkl, Guy McNab, Grant Pisko (by phone), Myles Bourke, Karen Bartsch, Dean Setoguchi, Gordon Jong, Doug McArthur, Susan Lea, Art Bonertz and Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Richard Davidson

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Andrew Hakin, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)
Karen Clearwater, Assoc. Vice-President (Financial Planning)
Gloria Roth, recording secretary

PRESENTATION

1. Malawi Trip

Bill Cade introduced Jean Harrowing, from the Faculty of Health Sciences and Lisa Doolittle from the Faculty of Fine Arts, who took a trip to Malawi, Africa with twelve students to learn about global culture, health and communication issues and to teach malaria prevention. A DVD was played showing highlights of the trip. Three of the students, Shannon Steckley, Tiffany Tanabe and Whitney Turcato shared their experiences. The students remarked that the hosts went out of their way to make them feel welcome and what an unforgettable and moving trip it was and that made them aware of your place in the global community. The students added that the two week course prior to the trip was very helpful. Bob Turner, on behalf of the Board, thanked the group for their presentation and said he could tell that it was a moving experience and was delighted that they took time to share the experience with the Board.

2. Millennium Scholarship Winners

Robert Turner called on each Millennium Scholarship Award Winner to be acknowledged and presented with his/her certificate. The Millennium Excellence Award program recognizes, supports and encourages talented Canadians who make positive and significant contributions to the betterment of their communities, demonstrate a capacity for leadership and commit themselves to the pursuit of academic excellence and innovation.

Millennium Awards were presented to Teena Cormack, Hannah Erb, Courtney Cann and Jesse Johnstone. Alix Blackshaw and Keila Janzen also received scholarships, but were unable to attend today's presentation. Bob Turner acknowledged Rebecca Lore, from Scholarships and Student Finance for her work with the Millennium Scholarships.

scholarships. Robert Turner commented on the remarkable generosity of Dr. Ben Heppner and the world class quality of the performance.

2.6 Meeting with Minister Doug Horner

Robert Turner, along with Bill Cade and Dennis Fitzpatrick met with the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Doug Horner in Edmonton on October 20, 2008. The meeting was to discuss Research and Innovation Organizations and the work the Minister is doing to bring these agencies into consolidation.

2.7 Telus World of Science

Robert Turner attended the Telus World of Science in Edmonton on October 20, 2008. The U of L purchased a table for the presentation by Jean Michelle Cousteau. He showed a video and then spoke for close to an hour and a half on the Oceans of the World. President Cade recognized Robert Turner for raising the U of L profile with the Telus World of Science.

2.8 Polaris Award

Dr. Bruce McNaughton is the first Polaris Award Winner and it was wonderful to have the Premier, Ed Stelmach, and Minister Doug Horner here to make the announcement on October 23, 2008. Robert Turner congratulated Dennis Fitzpatrick on his work to bring this award to the University of Lethbridge. This wonderful U of L story made the news across the country. Bill Cade remarked on a very touching moment when Dr. McNaughton brought Rob Sutherland and Bryan Kolb to the podium to accept the award with him.

2.9 Premier's Dinner

Chair Turner attended the Premier's Dinner on October 23, the evening of the Polaris Award. Bruce McNaughton and his wife, Katarzyna also attended. Chair Turner was pleased to say that the University had three tables at the Dinner. Bill Cade added that it was nice to hear the Premier speak so highly of the University. Bob Turner added that one reason the Premier's Dinner was a success was that Doug McArthur was MC and did a very able job.

2.10 Grand Opening of AWESB

Robert Turner remarked that the opening of the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building (AWESB) this morning had good attendance. Tours were provided. Congratulations were given to Dennis for having the vision to pursue support for water research. Seamus O'Shea wanted the Board to know how appreciative he is of the work of the Board in going ahead with this building. Ten years ago Howard Tennant made a pitch to the board on the importance of focussing on water research at the University and the Board took hold of the idea and approved the concept. When Terry Royer was Board Chair, he took every opportunity to make sure the water building concept was in front of the Board and

today it is a reality. Bill Cade added that the water building is a milestone because it brings together a number of disciplines with interest in water and holds the promise of more things to come.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Team Lethbridge

President Cade remarked on the Team Lethbridge trip to Edmonton to speak with government. The Economic Development Office here in Lethbridge, headed up by Cheryl Dick, brought together the major employers in Lethbridge for a team approach to the provincial government. The University of Lethbridge sponsored a reception that was well attended by more than 20 MLA's.

3.2 U of L Women's Rugby

The U of L Women's Rugby Team are national champions for second year in a row. The Board is looking forward to having them come to a Board meeting in the New Year to be recognized. Nancy Walker and Andrew Hakin mentioned how exciting it was to be at the winning game.

3.3 Sewage Evacuation Day

Some construction material blocked a main sewer line which caused sewage backup in the basement of the Students' Union building. The water had to be shut off to the entire campus which necessitated the campus closure. The entire campus was evacuated in approximately one hour. This was a good practice event for an Emergency Response Plan.

3.4 Hong Kong

Bill Cade reported on the trip to Hong Kong that was organized by Chris Horbachewski and staff. All three residential research universities were represented along with the Minister of Advanced Education & Technology, Doug Horner. Each University held an Alumni Event. Minister Horner was a special guest at the U of L event along with 60 alumni. President Cade noted that we have over 400 alumni in China. Minister Horner opened the Alberta International Business Partnering Program Office in the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park. The U of L signed three agreements: one with the International School of Macau. It teaches the K-12 Alberta curriculum and the Vice-Principal and a number of teachers are alumni. The essence of the agreement is to place PSIII students in the International School of Macau.

3.5 Ed McNally Event

At an Ed McNally event February 4, 2009 Bill Cade will give a lecture entitled

“Sex on Six Legs”.

3.6 Alex Johnston Lecture

The Alex Johnston Lecture is tonight. Dr. James Opp, from Carleton University, will deliver his lecture, “Picturing West: Landscape Photographs, Memory and a sense of Place”, at the Galt Museum.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Conflict of Interest and/or Commitment Policy

MOTION: opn.2008.11.02

Cade/Bourke

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Conflict of Interest and/or Commitment Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

President Cade said this is a companion piece to the Faculty Handbook. It speaks to how conflicts are declared and handled. Nancy Walker said that currently we have conflict of interest policy but now only Senior Administration and APO’s complete an annual declaration form. Now all employees will complete a declaration. This came about since it’s a tri-council granting agency. It has been widely circulated to employee groups. Human Resources will monitor and follow up until all declarations are received.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

Andrew Hakin referred to his written report. There have been several U of L Information Evenings held by Student Recruitment. The most common comment heard at these events is that parents expressed nervousness for financial reasons and are considering delaying post secondary education for their children. The Recruitment Office will have more events as the December application deadline approaches.

Preliminary reports are in from the *Maclean’s* University Report and the U of L did well.

Vice-President Hakin commented that the Polaris Award news spread across the province and at the ASTech awards the U of L was the talk of the town. Howard Tenant received an award for Outstanding Contribution to the Alberta Science and Technology Community at the ASTech Awards.

The Dean of Education Search Committee will meet November 20.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)

The U of L hosted the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) National Championship Women’s Rugby Tournament this year and the weather cooperated. Nancy noted that

some of the comments heard were that it was the best run CIS tournament the competitors have been to. U of L staff did a fantastic job of organizing the six team tournament.

Nancy Walker thanked the staff for their work on the sewage day, November 4th. Staff pitched in and did what they could do right away and prevented more serious damage. Students in residence were quickly provided with portable toilets and water.

Bob Turner noted that there have been two major facility issues causing significant damage, July 1 and November 4, and that Nancy Walker handled both issues well and made significant decisions.

Nancy Walker added that an engineering study is being undertaken to ensure no future damage from flood waters.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

Dennis Fitzpatrick said that the Polaris Award was mentioned at the ASTech Awards. Brian Kolb, an ASTech winner in science and technology, CCBN and the AWESB have changed the way the University of Lethbridge is viewed from outside the institution.

Dennis Fitzpatrick referred to the written report. October is the busiest time of year for Research grants. A current Canada Foundation for Innovation \$8.2 million grant application is the largest and most sophisticated grant the U of L has ever put together. This type of project takes a team to put it together.

There are currently four projects that will be coming to fruition over the next five years. The Alberta Institute for Epigenetics will create much excitement. The U of L is in a unique position, because of hiring such great people, to create an internationally excellent research centre in epigenetics. Epigenetics is a platform technology for molecular biology in neuroscience and biochemistry.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)

Chris Horbachewski reported that on October 26 the University distributed the annual Community Report to about 335,000 households. Chris mentioned that the University has received some positive feedback about the report from a number of different areas.

On November 14 the *Alberta Oil* magazine will contain a four page supplement called, "Focused on Water", that highlights the University's water research. This was specifically planned to coincide with the opening of the AWESB.

On November 19 the Trudeau Foundation will be presenting a lecture by Dr. Eric Helleiner, entitled, "The Politics of Global Finance: Does Money Make the World Go 'Round?" Chris Horbachewski added that Dr. Helleiner is considered the leading Canadian expert on the global financial crisis. This is the first time that the Trudeau Foundation is offering their lectures at a smaller university. Dr. Ray Speaker sits on the Trudeau Foundation Board.

9. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Report received as information.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

10.1 Adam Vossepoel

Adam Vossepoel referred to his written report. Adam noted that there was a good turnout for the referendum and the Students' Union is happy with the results.

10.2 Sheila McHugh

Sheila McHugh added to her report by saying that she had attended the Women's Rugby game and found it very exciting.

Sheila McHugh drew attention to four scholarships and awards offered by the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association now has people on a waiting list who want to be on Alumni Council. There is an opportunity to take a bus to Calgary for the Pronghorn hockey game and tailgate party on Friday, November 14. The bus will leave at 2:15 pm from the West Lot.

The Alumni Journal was distributed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2008.11.03

McNab/McArthur

That the Open Session of the November 13, 2008 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried