

2.3 Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research

Terry Royer thanked the Board members for attending the news conference that morning announcing the University of Lethbridge being named the administrative site for the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research. This achievement was the result of the hard work of many dedicated people. Terry Royer noted that it has been a challenge to be recognized as an equal in research with other universities in Alberta. Government publications have omitted the U of L as a research university. With this announcement the U of L has the opportunity to be recognized on the same level as other Alberta universities. Terry boasted that this is a tremendous accomplishment that truly marks the beginning of a new phase for the U of L. He extended congratulations to Dennis Fitzpatrick, Associate Vice-President (Research) on his exceptional hard work on this project.

2.4 Gord Dixon & Hadi Kharaghani

Terry Royer reported that this was Gord Dixon's last Board meeting since his term ends early November. It was also mentioned that Hadi Kharaghani has resigned from the Board as he is participating in a faculty exchange at Hokkai Gakuen University, which will be followed by a study leave. Two new faculty members will be nominated by the General Faculties Council in early November.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Announcements

The new school year has started with some sadness as there has been a number of deaths in the University community. Shannon Dyck, daughter of Linda Nicol in the Faculty of Fine Arts, and wife of Glen Prusky of the Psychology Department died in a motor vehicle accident off campus. Cleo Mowers, a former Honorary Degree recipient also passed away. Bill Cade added that he recently had the pleasure of attending a celebration with Shirley DeBow where Cleo Mowers was presented with a replacement certificate of his Honorary Degree. Paul Lewis, Professor Emeritus of Biology also passed away. Dr. Lewis was responsible for gathering retirees together on numerous occasions. Dr. Vondis Miller, former Dean of Fine Arts and Dr. Richard Husfloen, former President of Augustana University College also passed away recently.

3.2 Enrollment

Enrollment has increased in the new school year to approximately 7,400 students. 900 of these students are on the Calgary and Edmonton campuses.

3.3 New Residences

The new residences opened without incident. Karen Clearwater was thanked for shepherding the project to a successful conclusion.

3.4 Paterson Centre

The Paterson Centre, named in honor of Gordon Paterson is now complete. Bill Cade added that it is a stunning building and he encouraged everyone to attend the dedication which is to take place on November 20th, prior to the Board meeting.

3.5 Globe and Mail

A University report card was recently published in the Globe and Mail. The survey consists of student opinions rather than the raw data submitted to Macleans. Bill Cade listed a few of the areas in which the University of Lethbridge received good scoring, although he noted that the U of L did not do well in Student Services, Recreation Facilities, and Financial Assistance. These shortfalls will be looked into in order to make improvements for the future.

3.6 Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research

Bill Cade reiterated the significance of the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research announcement. He commented that a lot of people worked hard towards this goal, including Jim Horsman, who was very helpful with the political side of the decision. Also credited with impacting the positive outcome was Terry Royer, who is the U of L representative on the Alberta Ingenuity Fund Board. Bill Cade added that the next steps are critical in securing the U of L's role in this pan-Alberta initiative. This includes the hiring of an executive director. He felt the best approach would be to hire a search consultant and establish a search committee, including the three university presidents. Bill Cade thanked the Board for their support of water research by affirming it as a research priority and naming Board Research Chairs who are working in water-related research.

3.7 India Trip

Bill Cade recently returned from a recruiting trip to India with Bhagwan Dua, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science. They visited eight universities, and signed agreements with two. They also attended the Canadian Education Commission Fair. The purpose of these recruitment fairs is to facilitate the entry of foreign students into post-secondary institutions within Canada. The attendance reached up to 3000 people. The University of Lethbridge has most likely secured eleven foreign student admissions through the India trip, which will cover the expense of the trip. If these eleven come, the U of L will have 61 students from India on campus. This number reflects the heavy effort which has been put into student recruitment in India in the last few years. The total number of international students currently attending the University of Lethbridge is 486, which is nearly 7% of the entire population when ESL students are included.

3.8 Science Festival

The first ever science festival to be held in a bigger city will be having its kick off tomorrow at the University of Lethbridge and will continue for the next week. This event is put on by Science Alberta, a publicly and privately funded corporation whose main goal is to advance the understanding and teaching of science. The funding for the festival comes from the Alberta Science and Research Authority.

3.9 New Logo

The University of Lethbridge has established a new brand that will officially replace the old logo. Bill Cade commented that the new brand has been well received and minimal resistance was encountered through the decision process.

3.10 University of Lethbridge - Edmonton Campus Dinner

Bill Cade reported that he and Robert Turner attended a dinner at the University of Lethbridge Edmonton campus on the previous evening, arranged by Pat Elemans. He noted that this is a good method of providing information to the public that there is a University of Lethbridge campus in Edmonton. A number of speaking engagements were arranged as a result of this event.

3.11 New US Consul General, Mr. Ahmed

The new US Consul General, Mr. Ahmed has been invited to visit the University of Lethbridge campus. He is scheduled to arrive on Friday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m. The day will commence with a tour of the university, with a luncheon to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. Invitations and further information will be distributed.

3.12 4th Annual Blood Drive

The 4th Annual Blood drive has officially begun. There has been great participation by students and staff again this year.

3.13 Fall Convocation 2003

Fall Convocation will take place Saturday, October 18, with 224 graduates attending. Among the graduates will be former Students' Union President, Melanee Thomas, as well as Edith Hepburn, Coordinator of Occupational Health and Safety. There has been a slight change to this year's format. Political leaders have been asked to bring written, rather than spoken, greetings. The other adjustment is that for the conferral of degrees, the Chancellor, Board Chair, President, and Dean will all stand to shake the student's hand.

3.14 Community Report

The Community Report will run in the local newspaper this weekend. There are 305,000 copies in total that have been distributed throughout southern Alberta. There will also be a copy available in pdf format on the University web page.

3.15 United Way Campaign

Bill Cade encouraged the Board members to support the U of L United Way campaign. The Cash Calendar is a new initiative this year.

3.16 Task Force

A task force has been put together, led by Shirley DeBow, to work with the Bookstore to add new University of Lethbridge motif items.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Master of Education Program–Transition Fee

MOTION: opn.2003.10.02

Cade/DeBow

That the Board of Governors approve the Master of Education transition term fee of \$1,412.80 for the remaining five terms of the 2003 Master of Education full-time students, effective for the Fall 2003 term.

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker explained that the fee is the same amount as before, but has been divided over six terms rather than nine terms so students can maintain their eligibility for student loans. This issue will be addressed further in the December fee document.

Dustin Hines asked that the Graduate Students Association be informed prior to the Board meeting of draft motions on fees affecting graduate students. Séamus O'Shea noted that the adjustment to the Master of Education fee was initiated by students, and that students will again have the opportunity to review it in December as part of the fee consultation process.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

5.1 Applications, Registrations and Credit Hours

The Fall head count on students is up by 3%, with enrolment for the year up by 4%. There has been a significant increase in applications from both high school and transfer students, and in anticipation of this the University of Lethbridge did not register unclassified students for this year's Fall semester. The interest in attending university is increasing, with a higher proportion of students wanting to go into science related programs. The number of new high school students is up 21%, with the transfer student numbers are up as well. Transfer and post-diploma student enrollment numbers have historically been higher than new high school enrollments but this is not the case this year. Admission requirements for post-diploma entrance into the Management program have increased as an enrollment control measure. Séamus O'Shea noted that it has started out to be a very strong year, and the increase in new high school students, who will be on campus for the next four years, has laid down the tracks of what will happen at the University over the few years ahead.

5.2 New Residence

Seamus O'Shea commented that the new residences are a great addition to the University and make an important contribution to the level of competitiveness in recruiting to the U of L.

5.3 Increased Bandwidth

Seamus O'Shea reported that the increased bandwidth connection to Calgary is in place. He has been working on this since 1995 and was extremely pleased to see it finalized.

5.4 Access One-Time Funding

Access one-time funding has been approved for the Niitsitapi teacher education program with Red Crow College. This is basically a combined degree program for teacher education with an added cultural component.

5.5 Globe and Mail

Approximately 340 students responded to The Globe and Mail survey. The U of L did not score well in Student Services. Students viewed parking, food services and the bookstore as student services with which they were dissatisfied. Although these are important services, the administration is concerned with the scores on counselling and career advising. There have been some issues in counselling and these have recently been addressed. There are also changes being made to the way student advising is conducted. A new computer automated degree audit system is being developed. There has been an upgrade to the computer system and a pilot of web registration is being run with hopes to have it fully operational for March registration. This will allow more students to have access to the system at one time. Precautions are being taken to ensure it is viable before it is put into use.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

6.1 Financial Statements & Supplementary Schedules 2002/2003

The Financial Statements were distributed with the agenda. Nancy Walker noted that this information is also on the University of Lethbridge website.

6.2 Banner Upgrade

The Banner upgrade was successfully completed over the Thanksgiving long weekend for Finance, Human Resources, Development and Student systems.

6.3 Pension

The deficit in the academic pension plan is cause for considerable concern. The U of L portion will likely be an additional \$1.2 million. This will impact the University budget going forward.

Nancy Walker explained that an actuarial evaluation is done every three years. The latest one was completed December 2003 but one was also done in December 2002 since investment returns were of concern. Nancy Walker warned that there may be another increase in 2004, depending on investment returns.

6.4 Website Project (WIS)

The website project is moving forward and going well. Nancy Walker encouraged everyone to log in and look around the site and give feedback to her.

6.5 University Policies

The University Policies are being reviewed by the administrative units and a recommendation for rescinding a number of policies will be dealt with in the Closed session. Nancy Walker invited Board members to review the full text of policies.

6.6 Indirect Research Costs

The Federal Government announced that funding of indirect research costs will continue for three years. Last year the U of L received approximately \$800,000 and it is anticipated that the funding for the next three years will be similar. It is hoped this will ongoing beyond three years.

6.7 University Projects Concluded

Nancy Walker indicated that the new residences, parking lot, and campus signs have all been completed as well as other summer projects.

7. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Shirley DeBow added that last week she was invited to give remarks to the Women Scholars group. The purpose of this group is to promote and encourage women scholars and each week a talk is hosted that is open to everyone.

On behalf of the Chancellor and Senate, Shirley DeBow extended congratulations on the water initiative and recent Globe and Mail survey results.

8. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

Paul Daniels added that the Globe and Mail report was positive and noted that the University of Lethbridge is the only school outside of Ontario and Quebec that made it into the top ten.

A special resolution has been passed by the General Assembly opposing the mandatory food plan being extended to campus housing that contains adequate food preparation facilities. It was explained that there is no intention to extend the mandatory food plan in this way.

Paul Daniels commented that there have been concerns from students living in the new residence buildings. He advised the Board that further information regarding these concerns will be brought forward to administration at a later date. This issue is currently being dealt with through the Students' Union Internal Affairs. Nancy Walker reported she had received one brief email regarding residence pricing and construction concerns. She invited anyone having residence concerns to contact her directly.

9. ALUMNI REPORT

Jill Kotkas reported that the Alumni Association had their second meeting last night with the new Alumni President, Douglas McArthur. Guy Pomahac is the new Alumni Association representative to Senate.

Jill Kotkas commented that the Alumni Association feels encouraged by the results in the Globe and Mail, and congratulated Bill and Terry on their leadership of the University.

A reception will be held October 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the theatre foyer for Distinguished Alumnus, Leroy Little Bear. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Aaron Engen reported that the Calgary chapter held a golf tournament in August and has plans for another couple of projects involving Theatre Calgary again this year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2003.10.03

Keith/Hines

That the Open Session of the October 16, 2003 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried