

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005 AT 1:30 P.M.**  
**MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE, COURTYARD ROOM**

Present: Terry Royer (Chair), Bill Cade, Shirley DeBow, Kevin Keith, John Gill, Tom Robinson, Dan Laplante, Karen Bartsch, Sharon Holtman, Guy McNab, Myles Bourke, Derek Peddle, Grant Pisko, Preston Williams, Tyler Tanner, Rita Zaugg (Secretary)

Regrets: Linda Anderson, Doug Stokes, Aaron Engen, Dean Setoguchi, Robert Turner

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)  
Seamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost  
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)  
James Horsman, Government Relations Officer

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1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1.1 **Approval of the October 13, 2005 Open Session Agenda**

1.2 **Approval of the June 23, 2005 Open Session Minutes**

MOTION: opn.2005.10.01

Keith/DeBow

That the consent agenda for the October 13, 2005 meeting of the Board of Governors Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

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2. **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

2.1 **English Research: The Transmission of Modernism Autobiographies, Magazines, and the Migration of American Culture.**

Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, Dr. Séamus O'Shea introduced Dr. Craig Monk, a faculty member in the Department of English and an Assistant Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Dr. Monk teaches English 1900, which is partly taught by video conferencing and includes students in Pincher Creek participating through Alberta SuperNet. His current area of research is in interdisciplinary modernism. Dr. Monk presented a brief overview of his research.

2.2 **Campus Planning**

Nancy Walker referred to the campus master plan and reported on current and proposed construction projects. In 2000, when the campus master plan was approved, there was considerable debate about "sacred sites", the current tennis

court site in particular. A Faculty Club was discussed for the tennis court site at one time but no decision was finalized. The questions was asked if University Hall will still be serviceable in another 40 years. Nancy Walker indicated that she thought the shell would still be very serviceable during the time frame of the 40-year master plan. Deferred maintenance amounts to approximately \$82 million and University Hall accounts for approximately ½ of that. The Alberta Government recently provided \$5 million to address some of the upgrading issues in University Hall. Deferred maintenance issues are addressed on a prioritized basis with health and safety concerns taking precedence.

Access to campus is an issue and work is being done with the city to take steps to move traffic onto campus more easily.

It was hoped that the announcement of \$12 million by the Alberta Government for the Water and Environment Science building would trigger additional funding. Phase 1 can accommodate the U of L researchers and phase 2 will be shelled since that is less costly than stopping after phase 1 and building phase 2 as a separate project. Western Economic Diversification (WED) has indicated a strong interest in providing upgrading & equipment but not bricks and mortar for the building itself. Jim Horsman indicated he is trying to arrange a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Anne McClellan who has expressed a strong interest in this area of water research. Bill Cade reported that the researchers have indicated what they would like to see in the space and the project is now in the schematic design stage and expectations are being moderated in order to meet the budget. It is hoped that this will be completed in the next couple of months and a recommendation brought to the Board for approval to go to tender early in the new year.

Parking issues were raised and it was explained that a multilevel parking facility costs \$28,000 per stall as compared to \$2,500 per stall for level parking.

The current enrolment of about 8,000 is fairly stable, with the possibility of a slight rise in the next two to three years. Alberta has the lowest university participation rate but this may be impacted by an economic correction. Space to accommodate research intensification will continue to be an issue.

### **3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

Terry Royer explained that the Board was meeting at Medicine Hat College to demonstrate that the U of L is part of the Medicine Hat Community as well.

Terry Royer remarked that it has been a very good summer for the University of Lethbridge. He extended compliments to the Honourable Clint Dunford, Lethbridge West MLA for getting the U of L before various cabinet ministers and for securing funding for various projects in the city of Lethbridge. Approximately \$51 million was

announced by the Government for the city, which is a significant amount of the total disbursed. A letter has gone to the southern Alberta MLAs thanking them for their efforts with Government on behalf of the U of L. Shirley McClellan, Dave Coutts, Barry McFarland, Lyle Oberg and Clint Dunford were particularly supportive.

Terry Royer introduced Tyler Tanner who is the Students' Union President. Bill Cade added that the Students' Union referendum on the Health and Wellness Centre is going on at this time. The Students' Union took a neutral position but Tyler Tanner was firm in his support during town hall meetings. The vote will close at midnight October 13. Terry Royer congratulated Tyler Tanner for supporting this project which will be of great benefit to the students. If the referendum passes, the contribution from the students will be \$2.5 million over 10 years.

A dinner is being planned for after the November 17 Board meeting, for all current and former Board members. The annual Christmas social for Board members and guests will follow the December 20 Board meeting. A dinner with ULFA will follow the February 16 Board meeting.

#### **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

##### **4.1 Presentations to the Board**

Bill Cade remarked that he felt that the presentation by Craig Monk was interesting and invited Board members to suggest particular topics they would like to have presentations on.

##### **4.2 Nancy Walker CAUBO Recognition**

Nancy Walker was congratulated on being named President of the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO).

##### **4.3 Canada A.M.**

The University of Lethbridge was very well represented at an early morning broadcast of Canada A.M. including the junior choir, the steel band, the community band which Nancy Walker participates in, the Coulee Fiddlers which has U of L connections, and several Bachelor of Management students.

##### **4.4 Festival of Art and Song**

A special dinner by Chef Charles Parker, head of LCC food services, will be auctioned at the U of L Festival of Art and Song. George Evelyn will sing "The Eyes of Texas" at the event to satisfy an ongoing bet with Bill Cade on the outcome of the Texas vs. Oklahoma football game. Last year, Bill Cade had to sing "Boomer Sooners" when Texas lost.

**4.5 Board Participation**

Bill Cade thanked Board members for coming to the University for the Government funding announcement for the Water and Environmental Science building and for renovations to University Hall. Jim Horsman and Karen Bartsch were thanked for their work on getting this money to the University.

**4.6 Public Broadcasting Station**

Bill Cade reported that Bob Turner has been named President of the Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) out of Spokane, Washington. He is the only Canadian President of an American public broadcasting station. The Spokane PBS has more Canadian members than American. Bill Cade recently did an interview in support of public broadcasting.

Bob Turner recently hosted a reception at the Petroleum Club in Calgary for Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier.

**4.7 Canada Conference**

The Canada Conference will be at the University of Alberta starting Sunday, October 16. This involves the Alberta universities as well as the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. Jim Edwards, Chair of the U of A Board invited the U of L to participate. Chris Hosgood, Associate Dean of Arts & Science has done a great deal of work on this.

**4.8 New U of A President**

Nancy Walker and Shirley DeBow attended the installation of Dr. Indira Samarasekera as the new president of the U of A.

**4.9 Gerlinda Metz**

Gerlinda Metz was recently awarded \$415,000 from the Canadian Institute of Health Researchers.

**4.10 President's trip to Mexico**

Bill Cade reported that he attended the official opening of the Alberta Education Centre in Guadalajara, Mexico. This centre is a vehicle for recruiting students and facilitating exchange agreements. While in Mexico the President also attended other meetings with their equivalent of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), met with U of L students now on exchange at Universidad Panamerica both in Guadalajara and Mexico City, and met some Mexican students who had studied at the U of L. He gave one of his speeches in Spanish.

**4.11 Annual Report**

The Annual Report was distributed. This will be included as an insert in the Lethbridge Herald, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Red Deer Advocate, Medicine Hat News, and southern Alberta weekly newspapers.

**4.12 Research trip to Africa**

The President reported that he was away from campus in July doing research in Africa.

**4.13 Association for Canadian Studies**

The Association for Canadian Studies, of which Jim Horsman is a founding member, will be meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in November. The U of L has an opportunity, along with other Alberta universities, to put on a reception for scholars specializing in Canadian studies. This group meets every two years. He noted that Canadian studies is the fastest growing discipline in the U.S. The reception will honour the centennials of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the Canadian ambassador to the U.S. will attend.

**4.14 Lethbridge Community College**

Bill Cade reported that he and Terry Royer hosted a dinner with the new LCC President, Tracy Edwards and newly appointed LCC Board Chair, Pat McMillan.

**5. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**5.1 M.F.A. in Art, Theatre & Dramatic Arts, and New Media**

MOTION: opn.2005.10.02

Cade/McNab

That the Board of Governors accept the recommendation of the General Faculties Council and approve the Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) Program in Art, Theatre & Dramatic Arts, and New Media for forwarding the proposal to the Campus Alberta Quality Council.

Motion: Carried

**5.2 M.Mus Program**

MOTION: opn.2005.10.03

Cade/McNab

That the Board of Governors accept the recommendation of General Faculties Council and approve the new Master of Music (M.Mus.) Program for forwarding to the Campus Alberta Quality Council.

Motion: Carried

### **5.3 Fundraising Coordination Policy**

MOTION: opn.2005.10.04

Cade/Laplante

That the Board of Governors approve the Fundraising Coordination Policy.

Motion: Carried

Chris Horbachewski explained that the intent is to coordinate all fundraising on campus, not to curtail fundraising.

## **6. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT**

Séamus O'Shea reported that enrolment is 8,020 as of add/drop. The number of applications is down but the quality of applicants is up.

Over the summer the province was asked to fund additional student spaces through the Access program. One part of the proposal requests support for unfunded Master of Arts, Master of Science and Ph.D. students. New graduate programs proposed are a Master of Professional Accounting (M.P.Ac.) And the Master of Financial Engineering (M.F.E.) This would amount to about \$4 million/year at maturity. Proposals for undergraduate program include general expansion, First Nations Transition, Public Health, Music Technology, and Rural and Urban Planning and Design. A draft of a Mathematical and Computer Modelling program, which may be implemented at some later date, was included in the 2006 Accessibility plan for information.

The new Dean of Management, Dr. Murray Lindsay, is on campus and seems to be settling in quickly. Dr. Andrew Hakin has been appointed by the Board to overlap with Dr. Shamsul Alam in his final year as Associate Vice-President (Academic).

Michael Hawes, the President of Fulbright Canada was recently on campus. Derek Peddle will be taking up a Fulbright award at University of California (Santa Barbara) and Geoffrey Hale is on his placement at Yale. A proposal will be made to the Budget Committee to establish a Fulbright Chair in the water research area. The commitment is \$25,000 per year from each of the University of Lethbridge and Fulbright. This would be one of 10 Fulbright Chairs in Canada.

A Government initiated post-secondary review was initiated over the summer. The Government issued 10 position papers at the beginning of July, which required response by mid August. Three more positions were subsequently jointly offered by the universities. The universities have responded. This was followed by consultation by the Department of Advanced Education. November 1 and 2 will be the dates of the final level of consultation, involving 250 people, including two representatives from each

public post-secondary institution. This has been a far-ranging inquiry. The committee overseeing the review is somewhat unusual in that there are relatively few with a direct connection with post-secondary education.

**7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT**

Nancy Walker reported that several town hall meetings were held on the referendum for student support of the Regional Health and Wellness Centre. Tyler Tanner was thanked for his work and Preston Williams was thanked for allowing the presentation to be made to the Graduate Students Association. She felt the meetings were a successful way to get the information to students.

**8. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Shirley DeBow drew the Board's attention to the postcards about the Genocide Conference that were distributed at the meeting. The event was promoted in the usual way throughout Alberta.

Shirley Debow expressed excitement about the Convocation ceremonies taking place October 15. Romeo Dallaire and Julie Payette will receive honorary degrees. The Alumni Association and the Senate have cooperated on a luncheon for the Honorary Degree recipients and the Distinguished Alumni recipient.

The Public Communications Committee has met to begin preparation for the selection of the 2006 Honorary Degree recipients. Nominations are due November 1. Application forms are available on line or through the Senate office.

**9. Students' Union Report**

Tyler Tanner indicated he would pass on to the General Assembly the Board's recognition of the Students' Union holding the referendum on the Health and Wellness Centre. He noted that the debates have been somewhat heated on occasion but it is good to see the students getting involved.

Renovations are underway on level 2 of the Students' Union building, which will result in the addition of a student art gallery and lounge/study centre. A bubble tea kiosk will soon open in the Students' Union building. The service centre expanded as a result of renovations and sales are up remarkably. Tyler Tanner was excited to report that the pub made money in September for the first time since April of last year and this was achieved without the problems of the past years. A full slate of General Assembly representatives is in place. There were six candidates in the by-election for the nominee to the Board of Governors and Kelly Kennedy was elected to fill that role. The Students' Union is looking at developing a strategic plan.

**10. ALUMNI REPORT**

John Gill reported that Brigadier General Raymond Romses will be honoured at Saturday's Convocation as the Distinguished Alumni for 2005. Convocation will be followed by a joint Senate/Alumni Association celebration in honour of Ray Romses, and honorary degree recipients Romeo Dallaire and Julie Payette. Mr. Romses has spoken highly of his experience at the U of L as having taught him critical thinking.

It was noted that the Genocide Colloquium, will have nine distinguished speakers, two of which are graduates of the U of L.

The Alumni Association annual Scotch Tasting event will be November 9 at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery. Max Baines from Andrew Hilton will give an explanation of various scotches.

John Gill noted that one of his goals during the remaining two years of his term is to have the Alumni Association matter to alumni. He characterized this as friend raising and creating good will among the alumni, recognizing that alumni are not homogeneous and varying needs. The Alumni Association executive will be having a brainstorming session to come up with ideas for the next two years. Some possibilities are affinity programs, homecomings, targeting Pronghorn Alumni, etc. John Gill remarked that the Alumni Association has an excellent relationship with the Board and the University Advancement department has been extremely supportive. There are great opportunities to do positive things with Alumni.

A "Power Within" presentation is scheduled for Calgary with seven speakers on issues of self improvement, leadership, negotiation skills, etc. A special rate was offered to U of L employees and, through the efforts of Jaime Morasch, the Alumni Relations Officer, this discount has been extended to U of L Alumni as well.

**11. Graduate Student Association (GSA) Report**

Preston Williams reported that Honorary Degree recipient Julie Payette will give a public lecture Friday at 4:00 pm on her experiences as an astronaut. Dr. Payette has a history of helping students as well as her contributions to the space program. This is a continuation of the GSA speaker series. The Senate and the Students' Union are also providing financial support to the lecture. Shirley DeBow added that an NSERC award been named after Julie Payette. In the last few years U of L students Robin Gibb and Evelyn Field have won the award. This is an extremely prestigious award.

The Graduate Student teacher workshops are continuing. The Faculty of Education provides sessions to graduate students on how to be an effective teacher. The workshop series has been extended to other areas including effective advanced library use. A speaker on academic writing, scientific writing and the humanities will also be offered.



**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board had a brief tour of the Medicine Hat College campus, provided by Jim Horsman.

Jim Horsman indicated that a function will be planned on the U of L campus for the Premier's visit to Lethbridge on October 27. He encouraged Board Members to thank elected representatives for their interest in the U of L at every opportunity.

A grid will be provided to the Board showing what degrees are offered at the U of L.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:    opn.2005.10.05

DeBow/McNab

That the Open Session of the October 13, 2005 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried