

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006 AT 1:30 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Shirley DeBow, Guy McNab, Myles Bourke, Linda Anderson, Sharon Holtman, Gordon Jong, Dustin Fuller, Christopher Ng, Karen Bartsch, Tom Robinson, Dean Setoguchi, Aaron Engen, Kevin Keith, Jon Lane, Claudia Malacrida, Grant Pisko, Doug Stokes, Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: John Gill

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Seamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)
Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning)
Jim Horsman, Government Relations Advisor

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the October 18, 2006 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the June 22, 2006 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2006.10.01

DeBow/Fuller That the Consent Agenda for the October 18, 2006 Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

Robert Turner explained to the Board that the Executive committee changed the previous format of the agenda to include "Board Member Reports" rather than reports from individual constituent groups. It was felt that this would be more inclusive, allowing all members of the Board to speak if they have matters of importance to the Board.

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

2.1 Recognition of new Board Member

Bob Turner introduced Christopher Ng as the new Student nominee to the Board of Governors. Christopher was presented with a Board of Governors pin and briefcase as is the tradition.

2.2 Order of Canada Recipients

A reception was held on campus last Friday, honouring Reginald Bibby and Jim Horsman on receiving Order of Canada awards.

2.3 Convocation

Fall Convocation recently took place in the new Centre for Sport and Wellness. Honorary Degrees were awarded to Dr. Catherine Fraser and Dr. Blaine Thacker. Congratulations were extended to Chancellor Shirley DeBow for an outstanding Convocation. Bob Turner added that he had heard many comments about what a wonderful celebration it was.

2.4 Annual Community Report

The Annual Community Report was mailed to the members of the Board of Governors, and inserted in local newspapers. Bob Turner noted that he felt it was well done, and contributes to how the University distinguishes itself. Congratulations were given to Chris Horbachewski for a job well done.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Robert Turner, Chair

Bill Cade welcomed Bob Turner as Chair of the Board of Governors. The new Chair was congratulated and thanked for his willingness to serve.

3.2 Shirley DeBow

Bill Cade thanked Shirley DeBow for her service as Chancellor. The October Convocation was her last as Chancellor, since she will leave office March 2007.

3.3 Vice-President (Academic) Search Committee

The Vice-President (Academic) Search Committee has met twice with the Search Consultant, Colleen Keenan. Karen Bartsch, Linda Anderson, Kevin Keith and Guy McNab represent the Board of Governors on this committee. Bill Cade noted that they will be looking for opportunities to thank the incumbent Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, Seamus O'Shea, in his remaining months in office.

3.4 Personnel Matter

A University of Lethbridge short-term contract APO was arrested in London, England and pled guilty to two offences of taking indecent pictures and possessing indecent images of children. The University has acted decisively and suspended the employee. Bill Cade thanked those on campus who worked on the issue.

3.5 AUCC

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) is doing a review of Tyndale University, a faith-based institution which has applied for membership in AUCC. Bill Cade recently visited the institution, along with other members of AUCC.

3.6 Campus Security

As a result of the Dawson College tragedy, Randy Joseph, Superintendent of Security Services was asked to comment on the relationship between the

University of Lethbridge Security Services and the local Fire and Police departments. A Medical Crisis Plan was distributed and is filed with these minutes.

Randy explained the definition of an active shooter, and what would be done in this type of situation. The plan of action would be to locate, isolate, and eliminate. The On-Campus Security would support Police Services, as there are no armed security on campus.

Randy noted that problem individuals can be identified through Counselling Services to Security. As well, discussion has taken place on how to orient students and new employees to security issues.

It was suggested that sessions or workshops be held for faculty on what to do in situations that may require Security Services.

It was also noted that there is security cameras within the University, as well as cameras being placed in the parking lots.

Overall the University of Lethbridge has a reputation for good students and staff and a good atmosphere.

Jim Dinning

Jim Dinning, candidate for the Progressive Conservative (PC) Leadership joined the Board meeting at this point. He was introduced by Bob Turner. Jim Dinning began by introducing Derek Redman, Ralph Thrall, and Barry McFarland who were attending the meeting with him. He encouraged all to get involved and vote in the PC Leadership race on November 25. He also recommended that everyone go to his website to see his platform focussing on fiscal responsibility, education (1st ten years of life, primary, secondary and investing in new spaces in post-secondary), the need to fuel economy through the post-secondary system, and innovation and conservation.

Mr. Dinning expressed the view that funding for projects needs to keep pace with reality. He suggested that a strategy of developing a five to 10-year capital plan driven by growth, health and safety be developed to give some stability to planning.

The discussion turned to Mr. Dinning's view on whether colleges should have university degree granting status. Mr. Dinning expressed the view that there are not enough undergraduate spaces in the Province. He expressed support for Grant MacEwan and Mount Royal becoming degree granting, just as he wants to see main stream campuses grow.

Seamus O'Shea informed the Board that Alberta has the worst worst high school graduation rate in the country, and the worst post-secondary graduation rate, with the highest part of that being in the trades. The issue for the University of

Lethbridge is that we get 60% as much funding as in 1993 in constant dollars. We live on a shoestring with the lowest square metres of space of any institution in the province. He noted that there is concern with adding to the number of spaces when existing universities are underfunded.

Dinning proposed that he would convene a gathering of post-secondary leaders with the Premier and Minister of Advanced Education to discuss how to run a post-secondary learning system. He noted that he recognizes there is cooperation, but the “silos” need to be broken down and micro-management by Government needs to be reduced.

Dustin Fuller inquired if Jim Dinning felt that receiving a post-secondary education should be a right or a privilege. Dinning answered that everyone who is qualified should have a place to go.

Robert Turner inquired on the shortage of workers in the province. Mr. Dinning suggested that immigration is not the answer to the shortage of talent in the province, rather, keeping more students in high school and graduate trade workers, think about increasing participation in the workforce by the disabled and aboriginals and what extra assistance they need to get into the workplace. Work also needs to be done on retaining valuable employees. Lastly, Dinning suggested an immigration system with opportunities to fast track immigration. He commented that this needs to be thought of as a five, seven, or ten year plan.

Jim Horsman inquired on the shortage of health professionals, and what steps would need to be taken to enhance the qualifications of immigrants, as well as interprovincial qualifications. Jim Dinning explained there has been modest headway in this area. Medicine, nursing, engineering and architecture have self-governing status according to legislation and discussions can take place within those individual bodies on how to certify immigrant qualifications.

Mr. Dinning closed his remarks by saying that direction is the key and planning must be done, recognizing that it is an iterative process and must be

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Audit Committee Revised Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2006.10.02

Keith/McNab

That the Board of Governors approve the Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker is the Board of Governors representative on the UAPP Board of Trustees, and has finished her first term.

4.6 Chairman *Emeritus*

MOTION: opn.2006.10.07

Cade/Fuller

In recognition of outstanding service to the University of Lethbridge, as a Board member from February 1981 to January 1986 and from July 2000 to December 2000 and in recognition of the leadership he provided as Chair of the Board of Governors from 2001 to 2006, the Board designates Terrance E. Royer Chairman *Emeritus*.

Motion: Carried

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

A written report was distributed and filed with the minutes.

5.1 Enrolment

The University of Lethbridge achieved enrolment targets for the year. There were low numbers in males from the rural areas, and late returners categories. Follow up was done and we managed a one percent increase in enrolment, which was a pleasant surprise. As well, special funding was given for the Native Transitions Program and the target was met for new recruits.

5.2 Construction on Campus

There has been some construction problems and classroom disruptions. Seamus O'Shea assured the Board that administration is working hard to accommodate the needs of the students and professors, but it has been extremely difficult.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

6.1 Financial Services Report

The Financial Services report was received for information.

6.2 Facility Space Issues

Nancy Walker added that everyone on campus has pulled together to address the classroom issues caused by construction in the Physical Education building and this is appreciated. She asked for the Board of Governors' approval to send the space issues document to MLA's. The Board agreed that this document should be widely circulated.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

7.1 Annual Community Report

The Community Report was released this month with 325,000 copies distributed throughout Alberta. Some were sent by direct mail, and others were inserted in the Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Lethbridge Herald and major daily and weekly papers throughout the south. Many positive comments have been received.

7.2 Telus World of Science

On October 25 the University of Lethbridge will present Dr. Hester Jiskoot, who will speak about Glaciation at the Telus World of Science in Edmonton. There will be about three-hundred people in attendance, which is a sell out, and there is a waiting list. Robert Turner remarked that Telus World of Science is delighted about the success of the U of L speakers at their facility. Chris Horbachewski added that a similar program may be implemented in Calgary as well.

7.3 Alumni Reception

On November 8, Dr. Ed McNally will be hosting an Alumni reception in Calgary. Invitations will follow by mail. As of October Convocation, there are more than 25,000 Alumni.

7.4 Donor Recognition Gala

The third annual Donor Recognition Gala will be held on November 23.

7.5 40th Anniversary Celebration

The official opening of the Centre for Sport and Wellness, and official launch of the University of Lethbridge 40th Anniversary will take place on February 8, 2007.

8. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Shirley DeBow added a welcome to Bob Turner to the Board of Governors Chair. She also extended congratulations to Bill Cade, who was inducted into the chieftainship of the Kainai Nation and given the name Chief Calf Shirt.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

9.1 Students' Union Report

Dustin Fuller explained that a student referendum is being held to vote on Upass, which would allow students unlimited transit use. This would be a fee per semester, equivalent to a one-month transit pass, which would be included in the Students' Union fee. Twenty other institutions in Canada have this.

9.2 Graduate Students' Report

The Graduate Students' report was distributed and filed with these minutes.

The Grad students are also holding a referendum to see if there is support for Upass. If the motion is passed, implementation will be contingent on the undergraduate referendum passing.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2006.10.08

McNab/Stokes

That the Open Session of the October 18, 2006 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried