

outstanding contribution to the wider community. The CAFA Distinguished Academic Early Career Award recognizes academic staff members, at an early stage of their careers, who have made an outstanding contribution to the wider community. This is the first year that these awards are being presented.

Professor Lisa Doolittle was awarded the CAFA Distinguished Academic Award for her innovative contributions with dance and theatre. As a scholar/performer, Professor Doolittle has, throughout her career, examined the experience of dance in the contexts of social relations, identity, politics and history. She is currently working on a collaborative theatrical show with students and clients of Lethbridge's Family and Immigrant Services, entitled, "Something to Declare", which is based on a script developed from the real life stories of the participants. The performances will be held on campus between November 20 to 24.

Professor Emily Luce received the 2007 CAFA Distinguished Academic Early Career Award for her remarkable contributions to a community outside the University through her work as a member of the Hupacasath First Nation language preservation team. With the goal of documenting and revitalizing the Nuu Chah Nulth Barclay dialect, the Hupacasath Language Project, with the assistance of Professor Luce, has been involved in transferring what was a wholly oral language to a computer-based written form, while maintaining the strong visual tradition from which it comes.

Steve Ferzacca mentioned that he was very excited about the fact that the University of Lethbridge swept the CAFA Awards by taking two of the three awards presented in this the inaugural year. He proudly introduced Professor Lisa Doolittle and Professor Emily Luce to the Board.

Professor Lisa Doolittle spoke of her research and the belief that dance has a lot to offer in the bigger arena of the world at large. Professor Emily Luce gave a presentation on the Nuu Chah Nulth Language Project.

Bob Turner thanked Steve Ferzacca for bringing Professors Doolittle and Luce to present to the Board and thanked Emily and Lisa for their wonderful presentations. Bob Turner mentioned how much he enjoyed hearing from Professor Luce that the translation of "chief negotiator" in the Hupacasath language is, "the person who is in charge of taking back what we own".

3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

3.1 40th Anniversary Homecoming

Bob Turner reported that there were many interesting events organized for last weekend's 40th Anniversary Homecoming celebrations. He participated in the Faculty of Education luncheon on Friday, where many of the original faculty members were in attendance at the luncheon. Unfortunately, the tours of Turcotte

Hall had to be deferred due to construction delays. The Faculty of Management reception at the Lethbridge Lodge featured a display of 28 paintings by faculty member Hiroshi Shimazaki.

3.2 Convocation

The October 13 Convocation went off with its usual military precision. Bob Turner remarked that it was a rewarding experience to sit on the platform and see the happy faces of those receiving their degrees.

3.3 National Association of University Board Chairs and Secretaries (NAUBCS)

Bob Turner is on the NAUBCS Board and will be attending the November planning meeting, for the next conference, which is April 24 to 27, 2008 in Fredericton.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

4.1 New Board Members

President Cade added his welcome to the four new Board members as well as welcoming all Board members to the beginning of a new Board year.

4.2 40th Anniversary Homecoming

Bill Cade remarked that Homecoming was a lot of fun. Events included concerts, hockey games, soccer games, receptions, a dinner and dance, and a breakfast and fashion show. Bill Cade took the opportunity to drop the puck at the Pronghorn Hockey game. Heather and Connie Prentice participated in several events during Homecoming, including the fashion show. President Cade thanked Chris Horbachewski and his staff, Sheila McHugh and the Alumni Association, and Rita Law and her staff for all the work in organizing and putting on a fabulous Homecoming weekend. One of the highlights of the weekend was the attendance by Beverly Holmes, widow of the first Board Chair, and hearing all the wonderful stories from that time in the University's history.

4.3 Karen Bartsch

President Cade extended congratulations to Karen Bartsch on her election as a trustee of the Grasslands Regional Division #6 Board of Education.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1 Board Committees

MOTION: opn.2007.10.02

McNab/Pisko

That the Board of Governors approve the appointments to Board committees as indicated in the agenda materials.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Students' Union Financial Statements

Nancy Walker explained that the Board of Governors is required by the *Post-secondary Learning Act* to review the Students' Union Financial Statements. Nancy Walker expressed the view the Students' Union is viable and solvent even though there was a qualified audit report. The Auditor felt that an \$81,000 note receivable should be recorded as an allowance for doubtful accounts. The Students' Union is reluctant to do so at this time since a referendum will be held shortly that, if successful, will provide a revenue stream for the radio station that could potentially see the debt recovered.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

The report was distributed and is filed with these minutes. Dr. Hakin drew attention to the growth in new high school student enrolment and a decline in new transfers.

New faculty hiring went extremely well this past year and the University was able to hire the preferred applicants.

Andrew Hakin explained that Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) approves all new programs and that the establishment of this council is a good step in reviewing the post-secondary offerings in the province. The council consists of appointed members, several past academics and some business people but is directed by Advanced Education and the Minister has final approval. The process can take up to seven months. The University currently has two programs in front of the Council: a Bachelor of Arts with a new major in Rural and Urban Planning and Design, and a Bachelor of Health Sciences with a Public Health major. The System Coordination Review in Advanced Education reviews potential programs prior to consideration by CAQC.

Searches have begun for a Dean of Fine Arts and a University Librarian. The incumbents in these positions have indicated they will not be seeking reappointment.

The Strategic Planning process is underway. The results from the Globe and Mail Report Card will be considered in developing the strategic plan.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

The documents included in the agenda package were received for information.

9. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

Chris Horbachewski thanked those who attended the Homecoming. It was a very big undertaking, larger than anything Advancement has done in the past. There were more than 2,000 people in total that participated and it was an unqualified success.

10. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Richard Davidson remarked on a very successful Convocation with the new Chief Marshall, Leah Fowler. Chancellor Davidson expressed his commendation to all those responsible for Convocation. He commented on how much fun Homecoming weekend was.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Kelly Kennedy thanked the U of L Administration for their support of Frosh Week and for all the events that took place and administration's continued support of quality initiatives funding.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2007.10.03

Nugent/McHugh

That the Open Session of the October 18, 2007 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried