



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2017

1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), R. Adkin, H. Babb, B. Cummins, M. Gabriel, M. Gray, K. Gunn, J. Harker, G. Knitel, H. Labuhn, H. MacDonald, M. Mahon, R. Masson (phone), J. Merkl, J. Nugent, R. Scrimshaw, B. Tait, J. Varzari, T. Whitehead
- Regrets:** T. Pace-Crosschild, S. Stocker
- Other:** L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by T. Pace-Crosschild, K. Alexander, and J. Newberry titled ‘Raising Spirit’.

K. Gunn, G. Knitel, and T. Whitehead were introduced as the newest members of the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the December 18, 2017 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the October 12, 2017 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2017.12.01

Varzari/Gabriel

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 18, 2017
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported on attending various activities this fall, including Convocation, meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education and other post-secondary board chairs, Field Law seminar for post-secondary institutions, and many community events.

3. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Attended Universities Canada President’s Mission to Israel December 9-15. Along with 10 other university presidents, he met with a few local universities, exploring the innovation network in Israel. Israel is far ahead of Canada in terms of innovation, especially cyber security;

- Team Lethbridge mission to Edmonton in November was successful. We also lobbied with other CARI institutions during the trip;
- 38 senior leaders participated in a retreat on November 22, which included discussions on where we go as an institution for the next 50 years. Those conversations will inform the Fiat Lux Address, which will be given on January 18;
- We hosted women’s rugby nationals November 2-5, and only one game was postponed during the cold, snowy weekend;
- Unveiling of the Pronghorn Hall of Fame took place during rugby nationals weekend and the 3-time national championship UofL women’s rugby teams were inducted into the Hall of Fame;
- Brawn Family Foundation gift announcement took place on November 6 in which the \$700,000 endowed gift will allow for one student each year to receive a scholarship to spend a semester at sea traveling. The amount of the scholarship totals \$30,000 and a recipient will be chosen through a competition each year;
- Library gift announcement honoring Dr. Dorothy Lampard;
- Upcoming – the annual University Christmas reception is on December 20 and Board members are welcome to attend.

4. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

J. Varzari highlighted the success of the year-long fundraising effort for the Senate Scholarship Fund. Thanks was given to C. Horbachewski and the Advancement-Development Office team.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Investment Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2017.12.02

Labuhn/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Investment Management Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

H. Labuhn commented that the recommendation came from Morneau Shepell, our investment managers, who suggested we revise the policy to make it more relevant with current practice. There were no questions.

5.2. Travel and Business Expense Policy

MOTION: opn.2017.12.03

Labuhn/Tait

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Travel and Business Expense Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

H. Labuhn reported that the most notable change to the policy is the move from detailed meal receipts to per diem only for expense claims. There were no questions.

5.3.Board of Governors Teaching Chair Guidelines

MOTION: opn.2017.12.04

Masson/Nugent

That the Board of Governors approve the Board of Governors Teaching Chair Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

R. Masson noted that the primarily editorial changes are being made to give a bit more guidance to the Teaching Chair for their role within the Teaching Centre.

5.4.2018-19 Fees and Rates

MOTION: opn.2017.12.05

Labuhn/Cummins

That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for 2018-19, with the fees and rates for 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 approved in principle.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.5.Departmental Name Change

MOTION: opn.2017.12.06

Masson/MacDonald

That the Board of Governors approve the name change of the Department of Native American Studies to the Department of Indigenous Studies.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.6.Appointment to Senate

MOTION: opn.2017.12.07

Masson/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Jeremiah Merkl to the University of Lethbridge Senate, effective immediately until August 31, 2019.

Motion: Carried (1 Abstention)

There were no questions or comments.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Tuition Update

N. Walker reported that the government has announced that tuition will remain frozen for the 2018/19 year, which will be the fourth year in a row. There is \$17.1 million available for tuition backfill, but we do not know how much of that the UofL will receive until the provincial budget is announced. There was some discussion on the government's decision not to release the tuition review report.

6.2. Parking Services Update

In addition to the Parking Services update included within the agenda package, H. Labuhn noted that the external consultant's report was also provided to the Finance Committee. Many of the recommendations have already been implemented, include the change of name to Campus Mobility.

H. Babb added that a universal bus pass for undergraduate students will come forward in a student referendum spring 2018, and they are hopeful that this time it will be successful (it was not approved during two prior referendums). Final discussions with Lethbridge Transit regarding opt-out clauses are on-going. B. Cummins noted that graduate students have had a universal bus pass for approximately 10 years already.

There was a question on frequency of updates and N. Walker noted that an update will be given when the Campus Mobility Business Plan comes to the Board in February.

6.3. Audited Student Financial Statements

The audited student financial statements are brought to the Board for information each year. There were no questions or comments.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin highlighted the on-going work being done with the dual admission program, as we continue to look at alternative ways to bring students to the UofL. We have been asked to expand our dual credit program, which is currently the only program of its kind at the university level within the province. Other things to note are the Registrar's Office and Enrolment Services have been renamed Student Affairs and we have hired our first ever Chinese-speaking recruiter for the international market.

7.2 Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski highlighted the picture on the front page of the report, which is in recognition of the Dorothy Lampard gift announcement made earlier this month. The Let There Be Light Night in October was a successful event and a great way to conclude a year of changes and reorganization of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association.

7.3 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

In recognition of all of George and Carole Gemer's contributions to the University of Lethbridge, a commemorative statue has been installed near the Physical Education Building. N. Walker highlighted the on-going success of Operation Red Nose, which is one of the few remaining programs of its kind in the country.

7.4 Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine highlighted the increasing interest in the Board of Governors research chairs. He noted that his office is working with C. Horbachewski's office as well as L. Corbiere to develop a database or way to track the faculty being nominated for awards.

7.5 Board Member Reports

M. Gabriel reported that the last year and a half has been a transition period for the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association. In addition to undergoing a strategic planning process, they have reorganized their committee and council structure and have moved from three recognition events each year to one.

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association, B. Cummins reported that the GSA is withdrawing from their provincial advocacy group as they feel that their energy will be better be served advocating on our own. Also of note is increasing graduate student engagement in social activities, terms of reference for three new graduate awards are being developed, and the process for collective bargaining with the GSA will begin in January 2018.

On behalf of the Students' Union, H. Babb reported on a recent trip to Ottawa with the federal advocacy group, successful mental health week on campus and on-going consultation for student mental health and cannabis legislation. The hat was passed for the annual Students' Union Foodbank Fundraiser and H. Babb spoke to the increase in usage of the foodbank year-over-year.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2017.12.08

Cummins/Merkl

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of December 18, 2017 be adjourned.