



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Friday, April 13, 2018  
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

**Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), M. Abubakari, H. Babb, D. Boras, F. Bradley, K. Brown, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, C. Cooper, L. Cooper, M. Day, S. Davis, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, C. Goodreau, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, S. Kovach, B. Lyons, R. McKay, J. Milner, C. Northcott, W. Osborn, T. Page, C. Peta, K. Petersen, L. Peterson, R. Pogorzelski, D. Randell, C. Roberts, A. Siaroff, C. Starzyk-Frey, S. Stocker, H. Tams,

**Regrets:** R. Adkin, D. Best, C. Bester, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, M. Gabriel, S. Kennedy, M. Mahon, B. Scott, D. Smit, J. Tailfeathers, B. Tait, T. Tallow, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker, M. Whipple

**Others:** L. Bryan, S. Olson

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*Oki, ni kso koo wa wa:* Welcome to all our relatives and friends. J. Varzari welcomed members to the Senate meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by Robert Boudreau, Dean, Dhillon School of Business.

A moment of silence was held in honour of a few members from the University of Lethbridge community - Brock Hirsche, Logan Boulet and Toni Nelson.

## 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2018.04.01

Jurkowski/Davis

*That the agenda for the meeting of April 13, 2018 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2018.04.02

Starzyk-Frey/Bradley

*That the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2018 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### **3. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

J. Varzari reported:

- Following the January Senate meeting, contact was made with all of the approved Honorary Degree Recipients, and 7 out of 9 accepted. Three recipients will receive their honorary degrees this spring, one this fall, and the remaining three have tentatively accepted for spring 2019;
- Contacted the University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award recipient, who will accept their award at the Chancellor's Dinner on May 31;
- Attended an Alberta Chancellors meeting on April 6, and we are hoping to host another meeting later this fall;
- Attended the announcement of the Dhillon School of Business naming in both Calgary and Lethbridge; and
- Attended the Meeting of the Minds Conference and 3-Minute Thesis presentations in March.

### **4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Vice-Provost A. Hakin gave a report on behalf of the President:

- M. Mahon and N. Walker sent their regrets as they are attending the celebration of life for former student and Pronghorn hockey player Brock Hirsche;
- The March announcement of the naming of the Faculty of Management to the Dhillon School of Business was a transformation gift and will benefit the UofL for years to come;
- Budget announcement – Campus Alberta grant was increased by 2%, tuition will remain frozen and 26 institutions will receive a portion of the \$17 million set aside for tuition backfill; for the fourth year in a row, we are grateful to have received funding for mental health supports on campus, but in two years we will have to find those funds within our budget (approximately \$1 million);
- An update was given on the Executive Compensation announcement regarding the request for compensation information for two levels down from the president;
- Newly formed President's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion;
- Two on campus researchers received a \$2 million grant for Alzheimer's research;
- The UofL was the only Alberta institution to receive a Canada 150 Chair;
- Work is currently being done to create a cannabis policy on campus, which will go before the Board for approval in June. Revisions are being done on the Sexual Violence policy; and
- Whirlwind of campus activities lately, including 17<sup>th</sup> Abbondanza, Family Play Day, Donor Gala, Blue and Gold Athletic Awards Banquet, student-led Earth Day Symposium. Upcoming we will celebrate the Long Service and Retirement Recognition ceremony on May 2.

### **5. REPORTS**

#### **5.1. Board of Governors**

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### **5.2. General Faculties Council**

There were no questions regarding the report.

5.3. Alumni Association

On behalf of the Alumni Association, D. Randell added that the Association is looking forward to hosting an evening event for new alumni that will be convocating next month.

5.4. Graduate Students' Association

M. Abubakari highlighted the recent GSA elections and noted the incoming council members.

5.5. Students' Union

H. Babb introduced Laura Bryan, incoming Students' Union President, who, along with the other council members, will take office May 1. Thanks was given to Senator C. Starzyk-Frey for serving as chair of the Students' Union Council this last semester.

H. Babb reported the approval of UPass (universal transit pass for students) that recently went forward in a referendum. All students will be automatically enrolled in UPass for \$77/semester (compared to \$290, the cost that students were charged for transit previously), and is hoped that the program will increase mobility around Lethbridge and relieve some of the parking pressures on campus. The program will begin Fall 2018.

H. Babb also noted that she, and the SU Vice-Presidents have been busy with their provincial lobby group, advocating government for stable tuition for students.

5.6. Executive Committee

J. Varzari reported that due to the resignation from Senate of the previous chair, she will step into that role in the interim. Further discussions regarding the position will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting.

In regards to membership, we will have all nine government appointed positions vacant. Government has indicated that these appointments could come later this fall.

5.7. Engagement/Outreach Committee

Further to her report, K. Johnson added that the Convocation mace visits have been confirmed for May 14 and 15, and S. Olson will distribute the press release that goes out regarding the visits.

5.8. Honorary Degree Committee

J. Varzari confirmed that the Honorary Degree recipients for Spring 2018 are Reginald Bibby, Rick Hansen and Maggie MacDonald and Arlene Dickinson has accepted for the Fall convocation ceremony.

The nomination form was included in the agenda package and the nomination deadline is November 1. J. Varzari noted that Senate will be voting on honorary degree recipients at the December Senate meeting, as we hope that the extra time will be beneficial in regards to scheduling the successful candidates.

5.9. Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that the recipient of the 2018 Volunteer Award is Jim Berezan. Jim sat on Senate and was a member of the Board of Governors for six years, chairing both the Audit and Finance Committees. The Committee was very pleased to highlight another different, but important volunteer role at the UofL. Encouragement was given to start thinking of nominees for 2019.

5.10. Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research

There were no questions regarding the report.

5.11. Distinguished Teaching Award

B. McKay spoke to the process the committee undertakes to select a recipient, highlighting the recently introduced scoring guidelines. He noted that the decision is never easy as there are many deserving teachers on campus.

5.12. Other

There were no other reports.

**6. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

6.1. Senate Appointments

MOTION: sen.2018.04.03

Bradley/Lyons

*That Senate approve the reappointment of Henry Doeve, Arnold Follinglo, Carole Goodreau, Lori Harasem, Cyndi Starzyk-Frey, and Jason VandenHoek as Representative members to serve a second three-year term effective July 1, 2018.*

Motion: Carried (4 abstained)

There was a question regarding outstanding applications to Senate. S. Olson will be in touch with them in the coming weeks and advise them of the revised application/appointment timeline.

6.2. Committee Membership 2018/19

MOTION: sen.2018.04.04

McKay/Boras

*That Senate approve the proposed Senate Standing Committee membership for 2018-2019.*

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari reviewed the membership of each committee, and noted the Chancellor Search Committee will begin its work as early as June, with application deadline later this fall; the positions of chair and vice-chair of the Executive Committee will be voted on by Senate later this fall; and A. Hlady's appointment to the Board is subject to ministerial approval.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1. Senate Moments**

K. Johnson opened the floor to Senators who would like to share their experiences in the various ways or activities they participate in at the UofL:

- S. Stocker spoke about her experience attending the Senate night at the Pronghorn women's hockey game in January. As a parent of pronghorn athlete, she noted that this engagement contributes to a positive student experience. Student athletes make an incredible contributions to the University and she added that Brock Hirsche was a role model to many athletes.
- T. Page highlighted the partnership the UofL has with World University Service of Canada and their sponsorship of refugees from Syria. At the Lethbridge International Film Festival recently, a film included a refugee student that attends the UofL and after the film a few other refugees were able to explain some of the challenges they've experienced since their arrival in Canada.

**7.2. Convocation Volunteers**

C. Northcott and B. Lyons encouraged Senators to volunteer for convocation, with positions and further details in the agenda package.

**7.3. Chancellor's Dinner**

J. Varzari gave thanks to our sponsors who are supporting our 2018 dinner: Kurt Schlachter and Jason VandenHoek, Bruce and Donna Tait, Galko Homes, Pink Tie Events, and LA Chefs. She noted that this will be her fourth and final chancellor's dinner and that it would be very meaningful to her if all Senators are able to attend and celebrate the successes of our student and award recipients.

**7.4. 2018-19 Meeting Schedule**

J. Varzari noted that the revised schedule was sent out a few days ago, noting the change of the vote on Honorary Degree Recipients to the December meeting instead of January.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business arose.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Thanks and appreciation was given to the outgoing student member, and the work they do on behalf of students.

MOTION: sen.2018.04.05

Randell/Lyons

*That the Senate meeting be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried