



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Thursday, October 11, 2018**  
**Noon, W646**

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), L. Bryan, J. Forrest, M. Gabriel, K. Gunn, M. Hanrahan, A. Hlady, G. Knitel, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, R. Masson, J. Merkl, I. Ogumbor, T. Pace-Crosschild, K. Philipp, K. Reid, D. Smit, S. Stocker, J. Varzari, T. Whitehead
- Regrets:** Y. Belanger
- Other:** J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, N. Walker, R. Westlund, M. Whipple

*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 Gordon Harris, UniversCity, Simon Fraser University.

Welcome and introductions were made of new members K. Philipp and K. Reid.

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL**

- 1.1. Approval of the October 11, 2018 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the June 15, and September 25, 2018 Open Minutes

**MOTION:** opn.2018.10.01

Forrest/Gabriel

*That the Board of Governors approve the October 11, 2018 Consent Agenda.*

**Motion:** Carried

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**2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

K. Schlachter noted that it was a relatively quiet summer after a very busy year. He reported:

- On attending the welcome back BBQ and campaign launch on September 20;
- Doing some advocacy work with the government to secure our public board appointments, which came in in time for the members to attend orientation last week, as well as working to see if we can get appointments to Senate made.
- Attended a meeting of the Minister and all post-secondary Board Chairs on September 21 in Edmonton; and
- Looking forward to Fall Convocation this weekend.

### 3. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported:

- Welcome to M. Whipple who began his position as Director, Office of the President in September;
- In addition to Welcome Back BBQ and the campaign launch, we also raised the Blackfoot Confederacy Flag on September 20. A week later was the dedication of the Blackfoot turtle symbol to School of Liberal Education;
- As we are trying to provide our Calgary campus students the same experience that our Lethbridge students have, we hosted a Welcome Back BBQ in Calgary as well.
- Record enrolment of 8,767 students, which is up 0.5%, and keeping with our goal of managed growth. It was noted that drastic growth is not beneficial as funding from the government is not directly related to the number of students you have;
- It was noted that we have a request regarding lights on funding for the Destination Project. When the government announced the project, they also promised lights on funding, but now is not looking that way. Finding the over \$3 million to operate the building among the funds we already have is going to be challenging.
- Senior Leaders' Retreat at Exhibition Park earlier this month focused on budget realities and how this team can enable the University to move forward effectively;
- Retiree Luncheon October 4 at CASA; and
- Chancellor Search Committee has been struck and the process is underway. The deadline for nominations is October 31 and it is hoped that a recommendation will be brought to Senate in January. J. Varzari completes her term as Chancellor in March 2019, and will be officially thanked by the Board at her last meeting.

### 4. **CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

Further to the report, J. Varzari noted Senate’s interest in the need for lights-on funding for the Destination Project and funding for the energy centre and C. Horbachewski provided speaking points on how Senators can advocate with Government on these issues. Encouragement was given for honorary degree nominations, and S. Olson can provide assistance if needed.

### 5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### 5.1. Flag Policy

MOTION: opn.2018.10.02

Masson/Bryan

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Flag Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

It was noted that when we were exploring the opportunity to have a flag representing the indigenous community on campus, we received feedback suggesting that it would be more appropriate to have a Blackfoot Confederacy flag. There was a question about when it would be culturally appropriate to lower the Blackfoot flag, and this will be upon direction

of the President, under the guidance of our Distinguished Niitsitapi Scholar/Advisor to the President.

## 5.2. Postdoctoral Fellows Policy

MOTION: opn.2018.10.03

Masson/Gunn

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Postdoctoral Fellows Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

## 5.3. Senior Appointments Related Policies

MOTION: opn.2018.10.04

Masson/Gunn

*That the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the previous delegations of the senior administration appointment procedures and the subsequent approval, effective immediately of:*

- *The Designation and Appointment of Senior Administrators Policy (formerly Designation of Senior Administration Policy) as amended;*
- *The new Appointment of Associate Deans and Associate University Librarians Policy; and*
- *The Delegation of Authority, Senior Executives Policy (revised).*

Motion: Carried

The changes being presented were reviewed. M. Mahon noted that this is a process where we are moving the authority of these appointment under the Board, which is in line with the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, and moving it out of the GFC Bylaws, where it was previously held. With the transition, the related elements within the GFC Bylaws will be removed. There were no questions.

#### 5.4. Board Bylaws - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2018.10.05

Forrest/Ogumbor

*That the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Board Bylaws, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried (2/3 approval)

There were no questions or comments.

#### 5.5. Major Capital Projects Consultation Protocol

MOTION: opn.2018.10.06

Labuhn/Gabriel

*That the Board of Governors approve the Major Capital Projects Consultation Protocol.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions.

### 6. REPORTS

#### 6.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin highlighted our record enrolment, the Niitsitapi Teach Education Program, the appointment of former board member and Graduate Students' Association President B. Cummins as faculty in the School of Liberal Education, and the progress on the UofL's Academic Plan, as noted in the 2017-18 Academic Plan Progress Report.

#### 6.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski added that there will be an official naming ceremony tomorrow afternoon for Wilma Winter Hall, which the Board approved last year.

#### 6.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker highlighted the success to-date of UPass and thanks was given to the Students' Union and all participating departments for all their work. She added that Campus Mobility recently released the sale of some additional parking permits, which had previously been returned by users who were taking advantage of their UPass.

#### 6.4. Vice-President (Research)

In light of the upcoming cannabis legalization, E. Okine highlighted the research collaboration that Drs. Igor and Olga Kovalchuk have established with an Alberta-based company involved in creating medicinal marijuana. Members were also reminded of the upcoming PUBLIC Professor series lecture by Board member Maura Hanrahan on October 25.

### 6.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA), M. Gabriel reported on:

- The launch of uLethbridge Connect, a mentoring and networking platform powered by Ten Thousand Coffees;
- The Shine Campaign – ULAA is thrilled to be involved and have set a goal of having 20,000 engaged alumni;
- The ULAA ratified the creation of three new chapters – Vancouver Chapter, Gold Chapter, and Lethbridge Chapter. B. Scott has stepped down in her role as Vice-President of ULAA to lead the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) chapter, and M. McHugh will be the new Vice-President; and
- We look forward to the Let There Be Light Night tomorrow and celebrating with our newest alumni at Convocation on Saturday.

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association, I. Ogumbor reported that the GSA council was able to have a retreat in the summer at the Coutts Centre, and she was also able to attend a student leader orientation with Advanced Education in Edmonton.

On behalf of the Students' Union, L. Bryan reported:

- that the rollout of UPass is going great;
- Working with health centre to identifying spots on campus that cannabis can be consumed in preparation for its legalization next week;
- The Zoo (located in the Students' Union Building) is under new management and will be going through a renovation over reading week next month;
- The Students' Union executive were able to tour the Destination Project recently and are pleased to see the attention paid to accessibility of the building

### 7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2018.10.07

Ogumbor/Hanrahan

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of October 11, 2018 be adjourned.*