



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

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m., W646**

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), Y. Belanger, L. Bryan, J. Forrest, M. Gabriel, K. Gunn, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, R. Masson, J. Merkl, I. Ogumbor, K. Philipp, K. Reid, D. Smit, S. Stocker, T. Whitehead
- Regrets:** A. Hlady, G. Knitel, T. Pace-Crosschild, J. Varzari
- Other:** J. Doan, 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.*

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL**

- 1.1. Approval of the February 14, 2019 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the December 13, 2018 Open Minutes

**MOTION:** opn.2019.02.01

Forrest/Reid

*That the Board of Governors approve the February 14, 2019 Consent Agenda.*

**Motion:** Carried

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**2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

K. Schlachter reported:

- Our GFC representative on the Board, M. Hanrahan has stepped down from her position and General Faculties Council will work through their process to find a replacement. Thanks was given to her for her service to the Board;
- Attended a tour of the new science and academic building last month, and we look forward to its official opening later this year;
- Attended a farewell to Chancellor J. Varzari after the January Senate meeting. Thanks to her for her service, not only to the Board, but the entire University in her role as Chancellor;
- Attended the Donor Gala and the Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast, which were both great events; and
- Attended the public announcement of our next Chancellor. We look forward to working with C. Weaselhead in his new role.

### 3. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- At their January 18 meeting, Senate chose the 14<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge. This is an exciting time, but also bittersweet as we have had a wonderful four years with our current Chancellor. Thanks was given to J. Varzari for her leadership with Senate;
- Hosted a reception on March 5 in honour of Leroy Little Bear and his induction into the Order of Canada. It is great to see his work being recognized across Canada;
- There has been some publicity surrounding the reduction in student mental health funding. We have a team working hard ensure services are not reduced for our students and that there is a smooth transition;
- The President’s Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion has released their report and are transitioning to an implementation plan;
- The Vice-President (Research) review is underway and we look forward to that process unfolding;
- Toured local MLAs through the Science and Academic building yesterday, which received some media attention. The project is not quite done as there are still 100 workers on site, but it was a great opportunity to begin to introduce the community to the building. Minister Phillips announced \$1 million in Lights-On Funding for the project for the current budget year, and no indication of what funding will be in 2019/20.
- Met with R. Pogorzelski, Director, Indigenous Student Affairs, yesterday as Indigenous Strategic Planning continues;
- Attended events including the Donor Gala, International Dinner, Abbondanza Fine Arts Fundraiser, and Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast; and
- Upcoming events include Play Day February 18, Take Two Speaker Series on March 14 featuring Y. Belanger, and UCup March 14-17.

### 4. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

J. Varzari sent her regrets.

### 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

#### 5.1. Investment Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.02.02

Labuhn/Philipp

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

Motion: Carried

H. Labuhn noted that as part of the yearly review by the Investment Managers, they look at the Investment Management Policy. A number of changes were made to the policy a year ago, and the changes today are just a clean up to the previous changes that were overlooked. There were no questions.

## 5.2. Presidential Appointment Guidelines

MOTION: opn.2019.02.03

Forrest/Ogumbor

*That the Board of Governors approve the Presidential Appointment Guidelines, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

There were no questions or comments.

## 5.3. Position Description: President & Vice-Chancellor

MOTION: opn.2019.02.04

Forrest/Gunn

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Position Description: President & Vice-Chancellor, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

It was highlighted that the list of duties is not exhaustive and are in no particular order.  
There were no questions.

## 5.4. Position Description: Chair of the Board

MOTION: opn.2019.02.05

Forrest/Merkl

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Position Description: Chair of the Board, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

## 5.5. Audit Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2019.02.06

Forrest/Gabriel

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Audit Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

## 6. REPORTS

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

#### A. Hakin reported:

- An international recruiter was hired earlier this month and we hope to see an increase in international applications;
- Open House on February 2 was a successful event and thanks was given to all those involved; and
- Three-Minute Thesis competition will take place on March 22 and Board members are encouraged to attend.

### 6.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski gave thanks to those that attended the Donor Gala, which was held in the downtown Penny Building, noted that we are still in need of volunteers for Play Day February 18, and we look forward to the grand opening of the Science and Academic Building September 13-14, 2019. Thanks was given to the Communications/Public Relations team in University Advancement for their work related to the Chancellor announcement earlier this month, as they have adopted a new practice of pitching the stories ahead of time, which allows us to get a broader range of media coverage.

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

N. Walker gave thanks to J. Merkl and the Global Drums for playing at the International Diner this year. It was noted that three of our Pronghorn teams are in playoffs, men's and women's basketball, as well as men's hockey and encouragement was given to members to come cheer on the teams.

### 6.4. Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine highlighted the increase in research funding over the 2015/2016/2017 years, as noted in Table 3 of his report.

### 6.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association, I. Ogumbor reported that the GSA is pleased to highlight graduate student research during the Meeting of the Minds Conference and 3-Minute Thesis Competition March 21-22. Also the GSA election season has begun and the incoming council should be known by the next Board meeting.

On behalf of the Students' Union, L. Bryan reported on the success of the Pass the Hat fundraiser and gave thanks to the Board for their donations of \$1100 of the nearly \$2800 donated by Board, Senate, and GFC. The Student's Union is also in election season and the nomination period closes later today. The new Executive Council, and incoming Board representatives, will be known by the next Board meeting. Other current initiatives with the SU include a Get Out the Vote campaign in anticipation of the provincial election, Pronghorn cheer challenge during the March 14 UCup game, and a referendum of the Students' Union Constitution.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2019.02.07

Ogumbor/Reid

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of February 14, 2019 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried