



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, January 18, 2019
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

Present: J. Varzari (Chair), D. Best (phone), B. Black, D. Boras, L. Bryan, M. Clewes, K. Colwell, L. Cooper, S. Davis, M. Day, A. Hakin, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, C. Goodreau, L. Harasem, C. Horbachewski, C. Jaffray, K. Johnson, J. Jones, S. Kovach, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, M. McHugh, R. McKay, J. Merkl, T. Page, K. Petersen, L. Peterson, R. Pogorzelski, D. Randell, V. Schindler, A. Siaroff, D. Smit, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. VandenHoek, C. Vos, B. Wanjiru, M. Whipple, R. Wood

Regrets: L. Colburn-Swartz, C. Cooper, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, A. Hlady, S. Kennedy, J. Milner, C. Northcott, C. Roberts, I. Russell, S. Stocker T. Tallow, N. Walker

Others: S. Olson

M. Mahon chaired this portion of the meeting as it is common practice for the sitting chancellor to excuse themselves from discussion and vote on the next chancellor.

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

A moment of silence was held in honour of a member from the University of Lethbridge community – Robert Plaxton.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2019.01.01

Randell/McKay

That the agenda for the meeting of January 18, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2019.01.02

Gabriel/Colwell

That the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2018 be approved as amended.

Motion: Carried

A correction was made to the attendance at the meeting.

3. ITEM FOR ACTION (*in-camera*)

3.1 Appointment of Chancellor

The meeting moved *in-camera*.

Discussion that takes place *in-camera* is for voting members only and is not minuted for public distribution.

MOTION: sen.2019.01.03

VandenHoek/Goodreau

That Senate approve the appointment of Charlie Weaselhead as the 14th Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge, for a four-year term beginning on March 16, 2019.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the discussion and materials must remain confidential. M. Mahon will contact the Chancellor-elect immediately and relay the results of the vote. A formal announcement will be made by the University in the coming weeks. Thanks was given to the Chancellor Search Committee for their work.

4. BREAK

J. Varzari joined the meeting and took over as Chair. M. Mahon reported that he has contacted the Chancellor-elect, who was excited and asked that his thanks be passed along.

The meeting returned to regular session.

5. PRESENTATION

A presentation was given on Pronghorns Men's hockey and the national championship UCup on March 2019.

Thanks was given to those senators that came to the Pronghorn hockey game on January 10 at the Enmax Centre, and encouragement was given to members to attend UCup in March.

6. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on:

- Her excitement on the selection of the new chancellor. Congratulations to the selection committee and to Senate;
- Attended a tour of the Destination Project yesterday and on what a showpiece it will be for the University of Lethbridge. She noted that members of Senate will be offered tours in the near future; and
- The success in contacting the honorary degree recipients approved by Senate, having

spoken with 5 out of 6, and all have agreed to accept in either 2019 or 2020.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported

- L. Little Bear was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada;
- The Destination Project building was turned over to us last Friday, a few days later than expected, due to the certification of elevators. We had a small celebration with the construction team just hours after possession;
- Having lots of meetings with government as we are entering into various election seasons at the provincial and federal level;
- Upcoming events include Fine Arts Abbondanza on January 26, Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast with guest speaker Kelly Hruday on February 6, and the International Dinner on February 12; and
- Thanks to J. Varzari for the time she has given to the University of Lethbridge over the years, in her role on Senate, on the Board of Governors, and in her position as Chancellor.

8. **REPORTS**

8.1 Board of Governors

There were no questions or comments.

8.2 General Faculties Council

There were no questions or comments.

8.3 Alumni Association

On behalf of the Alumni Association, M. Gabriel introduced M. McHugh who took over as Vice-President as B. Scott transition into a new role leading the GOLD chapter.

8.4 Graduate Students' Association

B. Wanjiru reported that the annual Meeting of the Minds Conference will take place on March 23, with the 3-Minute Thesis competition occurring the day before on Friday, March 22. An open invitation was extended to Senate to attend the conference.

8.5 Students' Union

Further to her report, L. Bryan gave thanks to Senate for their contributions to the Pass the Hat initiative, which raised over \$2900 for the Students' Union Foodbank.

8.6 Executive Committee

There were no questions or comments.

8.7 Engagement/Outreach Committee

K. Johnson noted that the Committee is looking forward to getting into busy season, and more details on the upcoming events volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming.

M. Mahon spoke about the Common Book Project, an initiative to engage students from across disciplines, which originated in the School of Liberal Education. This committee spoke about the possibility of having Senators participate, which the Executive Committee fully supported. The book, *The Education of Augie Merasty*, was distributed to members, and encouragement was given to read the book prior to the presentation and

discussion led by Dean Shelly Wismath at the April 5 Senate meeting. It is hoped that members are able to use this platform to engage with others about the University in their communities and social circles.

8.8 Honorary Degree Committee

This committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

8.9 Volunteer Award Committee

The Volunteer Committee met earlier today to discuss the nominees and select a 2019 recipient. Since the meeting, J. Varzari was able to connect with the recipient, and is happy to report that Anne Dymond, who is being recognized for all her work related to Syrian refugees, is excited and graciously accepts the award. Unfortunately she will be participating in a faculty exchange in Japan later this year and is unable to attend the Chancellor's Dinner, so alternate plans for the presentation of her award will be made. The University will make an official announcement in the lead up to Convocation later this spring.

8.10 Other Member Reports/Inquiries

M. Day highlighted the UofL Kappa Sigma Fraternity annual Headshave for cancer on April 1.

C. Vos spoke about a project she is a part of which will benefit cancer awareness and research. More details on the event will be sent to Senate in the coming weeks.

T. Page explained a collaboration between the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association and the Recruitment Office, in an effort to make the UofL more accessible to the immigrant community. He also spoke about an arrangement he has made for the Lethbridge International Film Festival to have the UofL *Shine On* video shown before the film screening each night March 4-7.

L. Harasem encouraged members to attend UofL Faculty of Fine Arts events, which is a great way to show support of our students.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 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:

- K. Colwell – spoke to her experience attending the Pronghorn Hockey game at the Enmax Centre on January 10, which was a great opportunity to connect with fellow Senators and also members of the Board of Governors.

9.2 Senate Award Update

J. Varzari reported that the endowment balance of the Senate fund is almost \$365,000, which allowed eight students (highest ever) to receive \$1600 this academic year. 47 students have received scholarships from the fund, and thanks was given to members for their contributions.

9.3 Operation Red Nose Update

K. Petersen reported that Operation Red Nose has a very successful year, raising over \$26,000 in donations and \$19,000 in sponsorships. 1100 rides were given over the 10 nights of service. Thanks to those Senators who were able to volunteer.

- 9.4 Volunteer Opportunity: UCup – March 14-17, 2019
K. Petersen briefly spoke to the different volunteer opportunities for the University Cup in March. Applications were made available to members.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by A. Hakin and seconded by the entire Senate body in appreciation for the contributions of J. Vazari during her term as Chancellor.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, April 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Thanks was given to all members for their on-going contributions to Senate and the University of Lethbridge.

MOTION: sen.2019.01.04

Davis/Bryan

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried