



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Friday, December 7, 2018  
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), B. Black, L. Bryan, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, K. Colwell, C. Cooper, S. Davis, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, C. Goodreau, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, C. Jaffray, K. Johnson, R. McKay, J. Milner, T. Page, K. Petersen, L. Peterson, R. Pogorzelski, D. Randell, C. Roberts, I. Russell, V. Schindler, D. Smit, C. Starzyk-Frey, T. Tallow, J. VandenHoek, C. Vos, N. Walker, M. Whipple, R. Wood
- Regrets:** D. Best, D. Boras, L. Cooper, M. Day, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, J. Jones, S. Kennedy, S. Kovach, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, M. McHugh, J. Merkl, C. Northcott, A. Siaroff, S. Stocker
- Others:** S. Olson
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**1. WELCOME**

*Oki, ni kso koo wa wa:* Welcome to all our relatives and friends. Introductions were made of new members.

A moment of silence was held in honour of a few members from the University of Lethbridge community – Pete Standing Alone, Walter Mitson, and William Beckel.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2018.12.01

McKay/Black

*That the agenda for the meeting of December 7, 2018 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: sen.2018.12.02

Clewes/Follinglo

*That the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2018 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

**4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

J. Varzari reported:

- Congratulations to M. Gabriel and the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association on a very successful Let There Be Light Night event in October;
- October 13 marked the last Convocation ceremony that she presided over as

Chancellor. Personally congratulating over 5000 grads was a highlight. Unfortunately our Honorary Degree Recipient was unable to travel to Lethbridge due to a sudden illness, but M. Mahon gave a message to students during his Address to Convocation;

- Hosted annual Convocation Thank-You Lunch for those who volunteered for Spring and Fall Convocation;
- Attended the inaugural Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner;
- Attended a reception for the new president of Hokkai-Gakuen University. The UofL has a long-standing relationship with the University that has spanned 37 years. She was fortunate to travel to Japan and Hokkai-Gakuen University a couple of years ago;
- Was interviewed by a student who works with the Meliorist newspaper. She highlighted the role of Chancellor as many do not understand what the Chancellor's role on campus is;
- Attended Community Christmas Open House last night; and
- Will be attending Pete standing alones funeral tomorrow to represent the UofL

## 5. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

A written report was sent post-agenda and is attached to these minutes. On behalf of M. Mahon, N. Walker highlighted:

- Construction on the Destination Project is going extremely well and PCL has already started to vacate the building. We have not received lights-on funding yet, and we anticipate that being \$3.5 million. We have applied for a portion of the \$2 million that the Government has allocated for projects across the province. Any funds received would be on a one-time basis;
- We have dropped in the annual Mclean's University Ranking. There was a question on what we as an institution can do to address this and N. Walker noted that we have begun to break down some of the data, but it can be a bit challenging as we do not receive all the details and comments that the ranking is based from;
- Further to the gift received from Cor Van Raay, we just received approval from the Government for the Agricultural Enterprise Management specialization within the Bachelor of Management degree program; and
- In response to some incorrect information in the media, N. Walker clarified that the net assets of the University of Lethbridge are consistently being misunderstood as a \$206 million surplus. Anyone with questions were encouraged to direct them to N. Walker as we want to ensure that accurate information is out there.

## 6. **REPORTS**

### 6.1 Board of Governors

Further to the report, A. Hlady noted that the Blackfoot confederacy is a permanent flag on campus, and is located in the Bus Loop by the Students' Union Building. There were no questions.

### 6.2 General Faculties Council

There were no questions regarding the report.

### 6.3 Alumni Association

On behalf of the Alumni Association, M. Gabriel highlighted the establishment of new ULAA chapters, and noted that they all hosted events within the last month. There is lots of enthusiasm for the new structure.

B. Black gave thanks to the ULAA for including student musicians at the Let There Be Light Night Event. An event like that take much time to prepare for, and he added that any encouragement the students receive goes a long way and is appreciated.

6.4 Graduate Students' Association

B. Wanjiru had nothing further to report.

6.5 Students' Union

Further to her report, L. Bryan added that passed the hat. We bring to board, senate and general faculties council. We have a foodbank that the students' union runs. Means a lot to students.

6.6 Executive Committee

J. Varzari noted that because we have not received word on our nine members to be appointed by government, we continue to postpone our orientation (which typically occurs just once each year). Thanks was given to those who participate in the mentoring program, and encouragement was given to stay connected.

6.7 Engagement/Outreach Committee

K. Johnson noted that the Committee is looking forward to their first meeting in January, when planning for the busy spring begins. If any Senator has a lead on a grade six class who would like to have a Convocation Mace presentation, they can contact K. Johnson for more details.

6.8 Honorary Degree Committee

J. VandenHoek noted that the business of the Committee will take place later on in the agenda, and thanks was given to all members for their work.

6.9 Volunteer Award Committee

The Volunteer Committee met last week and has initiated the call for nominations. The pool of carry-over nominations is quite small, and J. Varzari encouraged members to consider making a nomination. The recipient will be recognized at the Chancellor's Dinner on May 30, 2019.

6.10 Other Member Reports/Inquiries

R. Pogorzelski reported that he recently attended a Golden Key Honour Society event, in which the inducted two life-long members: Francis First Charger and Diana Sim.

B. Black thanked the Senators who attended the refugee resettlement concert in October and reported that the event raised \$6000. The resettlement committee is looking to sponsor and bring another refugee family to Canada and is looking to raised \$40,000.

**7. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

6.1 Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: sen.2018.12.03

VandenHoek/DeCecco-Kolebaba

*That Senate approve the appointment of S. Olson and S. Davis to the position of scrutineer.*

Motion: Carried

It was noted that as indicated within the motion rationale, if a ballot is required, two returning officers shall be appointed, one who shall normally be the secretary.

J. Varzari reported the meeting moved *in camera*. In-camera sessions are for voting members only and are not minuted for public distribution.

8. ***IN CAMERA***

9. **ITEMS FOR ACTION (con't)**

6.1 Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

MOTION: sen.2018.12.04

VandenHoek/Cooper

*That Senate authorizes the awarding of Honorary Degrees as per the results of the December 7, 2018 confidential vote.*

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the names of the recipients must remain confidential until an announcement is made by the University. J. Varzari will immediately begin to contact the individuals.

6.11 Destruction of Election Ballots

MOTION: sen.2018.12.05

VandenHoek/Starzyk-Frey

*That Senate authorizes the destruction of the election ballots.*

Motion: Carried

It was noted that any materials regarding the honorary degree recipients, including personal notes, should also be left in the room for shredding.

10. **PRESENTATION & CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

On behalf of the Chancellor Search Committee, J. VandenHoek gave an update on the committee and their process, noting that it is hoped that a recommendation will be brought forward to Senate for consideration at the January 18, 2019 meeting. The Committee requested that the Strategic Plan be presented to Senate in preparation of a vote on the next Chancellor.

Included in the agenda package was the Progress & Achievement Report, the metrics to the University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan: Destination 2022. C. Horbachewski reported that the plan was developed in 2014, and was intended to run for five years. Last year a

recommendation came to the Board extending the Plan until 2022. The mission statement and five strategic directions were reviewed and discussed.

There was a question about the nomination/recruitment process and J. VandenHoek noted that there was a broad call for nominations, which included advertising internally, as well as within the broader Southern Alberta community.

## **11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1 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:

- C. Vos commented on the United Way Chillin' for Charity event that took place on October 26. Her initial goal was \$500, and ended up raising \$2415. Thanks to Senate members who supported this initiative. Overall, \$7200 was raised for United Way;
- K. Johnson represented Senate at the opening night of the Winter Lights Festival at Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden

### **6.2 Operation Red Nose**

K. Petersen gave encouragement for Senators to support this initiative and volunteer on December 20-22, or one of the other weekends in December. Although this is a free service for clients, it is also a major fundraiser for Pronghorn Athletics.

We are looking to have a Pronghorn Night at the Men's hockey game on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Enmax centre. More details to come on that, as well as information on volunteer opportunities during UCup March 14-17, 2019.

### **6.3 Distinguished Teaching Award**

The University of Lethbridge has been blessed with many excellent teachers over the last 50 years, and the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee is looking for nominations for 2019 consideration. B. McKay explained the criteria and nomination process and added that A. Hakin was also a recipient of this award.

J. Varzari noted that the recipient of this award is invited to and recognized at the Chancellor's Dinner each year. Thanks was given to B. McKay for his service on this committee on behalf of Senate the past six years.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, January 18, 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.2018.12.06

Horbachewski/Smit

*That the Senate meeting be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried