



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019
9:00 a.m., SA8003

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), Y. Belanger, J. Forrest, M. Gabriel, A. Gammack, K. Gunn, A. Hlady, G. Knitel, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, R. Masson, J. Merkl, T. Pace-Crosschild, K. Philipp, K. Reid, J. Sheriff, S. Stocker, T. Whitehead, L. Zink
- Regrets:** J. Miles, C. Weaselhead
- Other:** J. Elliott, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, S. Harling, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, C. Takeyasu, N. Walker, R. Westlund, M. Whipple

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

Thanks was given to M. Gabriel and T. Pace-Crosschild for their contributions and the student members were formally introduced and welcomed.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the June 13, 2019 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the April 17, and May 28, 2019 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2019.06.01

Forrest/Whitehead

That the Board of Governors approve the June 13, 2019 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported on a busy couple of months, attending committee meetings and Convocation. Congratulations was extended to C. Weaselhead on a job well done with his first Convocation and Chancellor's Dinner last month. Activities over the summer will be focused on working with government, including a scheduled meeting with other post-secondary board chairs and the Minister of Advanced Education in Calgary.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- Received recommendations from the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and are beginning to look at next steps;
- Attended the April 27 Calgary Campus Shining on Innovation (former Calgary Instructor Appreciation);

- On May 1, 147 employees were honoured at the Long Service and Retiree Recognition Event;
- Attended the May 8 Order of Canada investiture ceremony for our Distinguished Niitsitapi Scholar Dr. Leroy Little Bear;
- Convocation and Chancellor Installation was a tremendous success. Events included Pipe ceremony in honour of C. Weaselhead, one of our largest Chancellor’s Dinners, great honorary degree recipients, passing of the Mace to the new Chief Marshal Noella Piquette, and graduation of almost 1,400 students;
- Will be attending the installation of the new president of Royal Roads University next week. While in BC, we look forward to hosting a number of Alumni Association events;
- Plans are being worked on to move the indigenous gathering space from its current location in Iikaisskini/Patterson Centre into the study centre space in University Hall. The study centre would then be moved into the Library; and
- We look forward to welcoming a member from the Mastercard Foundation to speak with the Board later today. There is much energy around this initiative, with the hope that the proposal will be presented to their Board in September.

4. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

C. Weaselhead sent his regrets.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Endowment Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.06.02

Philipp/Labuhn

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

Motion: Carried

It was clarified that this administration fee would apply to all endowments, and that all endowment holders will be notified of the fee, as we want to be as transparent as we can. It is common at most other institutions to have a fee associated with endowments.

5.2. Restricted Funds (non-endowments) Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.06.03

Philipp/Labuhn

That the Board of Governors approve the Restricted Funds (Non-Endowments) Management Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Similar to the before mentioned policy, N. Walker clarified that this is not an ‘up to 1%’ fee but indeed is a 1% fee. There were no questions or comments.

5.3. Research Funds Administration Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.06.04

Philipp/Hlady

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Research Funds Administration Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.4. 2019/20 – 2021/22 Budget

MOTION: opn.2019.06.05

Philipp/Labuhn

That the Board of Governors approve the 2019/20 budget and approve in principle the 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets.

Motion: Carried

This budget is based on a zero percent change to our base operating grant received by the Government. A zero percent change is very optimistic, but we will not know more until the Provincial Budget is released later this year. We are doing everything we can to minimize impact, but it will be pretty challenging to honour all of our values as an institution should drastic budget cuts become a reality. Thanks was given to N. Walker, C. Takeyasu and their team for all their work on the budget.

5.5. Progress and Achievement Report 2018-2019, UofL Strategic Plan

MOTION: opn.2019.06.06

Forrest/Hlady

That the Board of Governors endorse the Progress and Achievement Report 2018-2019, UofL Strategic Plan.

Motion: Carried

This report was implemented the last time we revised our Strategic Plan as a way to give the Board a sense of our progress. Prior to coming to the Board, this document goes through the GFC Strategic Planning Committee, Statutory Deans’ Council, and GFC. There were no questions or comments.

5.6.Territorial Statements

MOTION: opn.2019.06.07

Masson/Gunn

That the Board of Governors approve the University of Lethbridge Territorial Statements.

Motion: Carried

It was highlighted that we went through an extensive process of consultation on campus and within the community, moving from having a general territorial statement to a more specific one, including one for the Calgary campus. There were no questions or comments.

5.7.Sexual Violence Policy & Harassment & Discrimination Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2019.06.08

Masson/Forrest

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Sexual Violence Policy and Harassment and Discrimination Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Throughout the lengthy consultation process of these policies, quite a lot of input was received. It was noted that there was not 100% consensus on wording amongst the working group, which would be hard to do given the nature and scope of the policies. J. Gallais added that GFC has approved policies on non-academic discipline, with the provision of Board approval on these policies.

There was a question regarding consultation with other institutions, which is common practice during policy development, starting at our counterparts in Alberta.

5.8.Board Advancement Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2019.06.09

Forrest/Whitehead

That the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Board of Governors Advancement Committee Terms of Reference and the reinstatement of the Committee, effective September 1, 2109.

Motion: Carried

C. Horbachewski noted that the Committee had been suspended as we moved into the comprehensive capital campaign. Now we need to start looking beyond the campaign and reflect the needs of the institution into the future. There were no questions.

5.9. Board of Governors Vice-Chair

MOTION: opn.2019.06.10

Masson/Gabriel

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Jennifer Forrest as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors, effective September 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

There were no questions or comments.

5.10. Board Committee Membership

MOTION: opn.2019.06.11

Masson/Gunn

That the Board of Governors approve undesignated committee membership as follows for the 2019-2020 year commencing September 1, 2019, unless indicated otherwise, and ending on August 31, 2019:

Advancement Committee: Terry Whitehead (Chair), Andrea Hlady, Richard Masson, John Sheriff, Shilpa Stocker

Audit Committee: Kelly Philipp (Chair), Karen Gunn, Richard Masson, Karen Reid, Darren Boras (external)

Executive Committee: Andrea Hlady, Richard Masson

Finance Committee: Harvey Labuhn (Chair), Georgina Knitel, Jenn Marsh (external)

Governance Committee: Shilpa Stocker (Chair), Yale Belanger, Andrew Gammack, Jeremiah Merkl

Human Resources and Compensation: Terry Whitehead, Karen Reid, Georgina Knitel.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.11. Board Nominee to GFC Strategic Planning Committee

MOTION: opn.2019.06.12

Masson/Reid

That the Board of Governors approve the nomination of Karen Gunn to the GFC Strategic Planning Committee, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

There were no questions or comments.

5.12. Board Nominees to Senate

MOTION: opn.2019.06.13

Masson/Zink

That the Board of Governors approve the nomination of Yale Belanger (effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021) and Jordan Miles (effective July 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020) to the Senate.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

Thanks was given to all those who previously served as chair and members of Board standing committees, Senate, and the GFC Strategic Planning Committee. There were no questions.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Approved 2018-2019 Financial Statements

R. Masson reported that the Financial Statements were approved by the Board last month and are being brought for information in the approved format. There were no questions.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin gave thanks to those in the Registrar's Office and Student Affairs for a successful Spring Convocation.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski highlighted the grand opening of the Science and Academic Building on September 13 and 14. Board members should have received a save-the-date, which includes a comprehensive list of activities during the weekend.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker noted that preparing the financial statements and the budget have taken a significant amount of time for Financial Services staff, and our Facilities staff are busy with the move into the Science and Academic Building, to ensure it is ready to go for September 1.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine highlighted the opportunities that undergrad students have to be involved in research and work with principle investigators, which we hope will spark interest in remaining at the UofL to continue graduate studies.

7.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association, M. Gabriel reported that the annual general meeting of the association took place earlier this week. Items of business included election of new President Jason Elliott, as well as new council members, ratification of a chapter in Ottawa, approval of Senate representatives and selection of Alumni Honour Society Inductees and Alumnus of the Year, which will be announced in the fall. The Association will begin the process of replacing their rep on the Board later this fall.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2019.06.14

Forrest/Merkl

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of June 13, 2019
be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried