



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019
1:00 p.m., W646

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

Oki, and welcome to the University of Lethbridge. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University of Lethbridge acknowledges and deeply appreciates the Siksikaitapitii peoples' connection to their traditional territory. We, as people living and benefiting from Blackfoot Confederacy traditional territory, honour the traditions of people who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We recognize the diverse population of Aboriginal peoples who attend the University of Lethbridge and the contributions these Aboriginal peoples have made in shaping and strengthening the University community in the past, present, and in the future.

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by the Deans of Education, Fine Arts, Health Sciences and Liberal Education on their Faculty/School. Thanks was given to R. Masson for his contributions and J. Elliott and J. Miles were formally introduced and welcomed.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the October 17, 2019 Open Agenda
1.2. Approval of the June 13, and September 24, 2019 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2019.10.01

Forrest/Gunn

That the Board of Governors approve the October 17, 2019 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported:

- Had a busy summer and fall with meeting various government officials;
- Thanks to the organizers and all Board members for participating in the grand opening of Science Commons September 13/14;

- Participated in new Board member orientation last week prior to Board Committee meetings; and
- Looking forward to Fall Convocation this weekend.

3. **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported:

- Fall 219 enrolment was record number, which is very positive within such a competitive market;
- Science Commons grand opening was a successful weekend and we were most pleased to welcome so many from the community onto campus;
- Held a senior leaders retreat on October 1. Half of the day was spent looking into the future with recognition that we’ll likely face some really challenging fiscal times with the other half day spent participating in a blanket exercise. We will look at having the Board participate in this powerful exercise in the near future;
- Maclean’s annual University Rankings have been released and the UofL moved from 6th to 5th in the primarily undergraduate school category. There are some positive pieces within the ranking and areas of strength;
- On-going government relations meetings;
- The search process has just begun for the dean, Faculty of Arts & Science and Dean, School of Graduate Studies/Associate Vice-President (Research) positions;
- Held our largest new student orientation ever this year. We also had a new student orientation and welcome back BBQ on our Calgary campus;
- Attended the opening of Cavendish processing plant and look forward to continuing to build linkages to the agriculture community; and
- Looking forward to the Faculty of Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner honouring Dennis Connolly tonight and the Alumni Association Let There Be Light Night and Convocation this weekend.

4. **CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

C. Weaselhead gave encouragement to Board members to participate in Fall Convocation this Saturday, October 19 as well as the Honorary Degree nomination process, which has a deadline of November 1.

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

5.1. Department of Geography Name Change

MOTION: opn.2019.10.02

Forrest/Miles

That the Board of Governors approve the name change of the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography and Environment.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.2. Centres & Institutes Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.10.03

Forrest/Whitehead

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Centres & Institutes Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

E. Okine noted that this moves the Centres & Institutes to be University-wide, not just faculty-based. There were no questions or concerns.

5.3. Integrity in Research Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.10.04

Forrest/Gammack

That the Board of Governors approve the Integrity in Research Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.4. Investment Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.10.05

Labuhn/Philipp

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

Motion: Carried

H. Labuhn noted that when the Finance Committee met with the investment advisors, an update was given on our investment portfolio, in addition recommendations being given for the Investment Management Policy. There were no questions or concerns.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin highlighted:

- The Calgary Campus welcomed Azra Ladha as Manager, Program & Policy on October 15. This is a new term position for the Calgary Campus that will focus on the proposal development for new programs, both credit and non-credit on the Calgary Campus;
- Met our 2020 Academic Quality Assurance Committee goal a year early, which is a significant achievement; and

- Dr. Alexander Darku has been appointed Interim Director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy.

6.2.Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski highlighted the success of Science Commons grand opening weekend, in which we welcomed approximately 3,000 visitors to the facility. Thanks to all the faculty, staff, and students for all their help, and to members of Senate for leading tours. It was noted that the annual Donor Gala will take place following the February 13, 2020 Board meeting. Official invitations to be sent in the coming months.

6.3.Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

On September 30 campus had to be shut down due to a significant snow storm. N. Walker gave special thanks to those who came to campus that day despite the weather to help clear snow. She added that the VPN network was overloaded that day with the number of employees trying to work from home.

6.4.Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine highlight the number of Canada Research Chair appointments as well as the three Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship applications that the UofL has submitted.

6.5.Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA), J. Elliott gave encouragement to members to attend the Let There Be Light Night event tomorrow, which recognized the contributions of the Honour Society inductees, Alum and Young Alum of the Year recipients.

L. Zink reported that the Graduate Students' Association is hoping to amalgamate their UPass system with the one used by the ULSU, is working through the transition to SharePoint within their office, and is collaborating with the ULAA and ULSU for the PACT student club (Philanthropy, Advancement, Community, and Traditions).

A. Gammack noted that the University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU) is in the process of rebranding the on-campus foodbank, ensuring those in need can access the services available.

T. Whitehead reported that the Advancement Committee currently has two vacancies that we are working on filling.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2019.10.06

Forrest/Gammack

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of October 17, 2019 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried