



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, December 6, 2019
1:30 p.m., AH100

- Present:** C. Weaselhead (Chair), D. Best, M. Clewes, K. Colwell, L. Ehler (phone), L. Elias, J. Elliott, A. Follinglo, A. Gammack, C. Gillespie, C. Goodreau, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, B. Harray, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, T. Ivie, K. Johnson, H. Kletke, T. Legge, C. Loewen, H. MacBeath (phone), M. Mahon, A. Mardon, J. Miles, J. Miller, T. North, T. Page, L. Peterson, T. Petriw, I. Russell, J. Shriner, C. Starzyk-Frey, M. Warkentin
- Regrets:** A. Ansah, Y. Belanger, D. Boras, S. Davis, M. Day, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, S. Johnsrude, S. Kovach, J. Milner, R. Munn, M. Qazi, B. Spenceley, T. Tallow, J. VandenHoek, C. Vos, N. Walker, M. Watson M. Whipple, R. Wood
- Others:** R. Lee-Thai, S. Olson, C. Takeyasu
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Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by campus Chaplin E. Phillips on the Kerber Friendship Program, and along with A. Gammack, a presentation on the Nourish initiative.

1. WELCOME

Oki, and welcome to the University of Lethbridge. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Aboriginal peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.

New members were introduced and thanks was given to C. Horbachewski for his service to the University of Lethbridge during his time at Vice-President (Advancement).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2019.12.01

Colwell/Elias

That the agenda for the meeting of December 6, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2019.12.02

Loewen/Gammack

That the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

C. Weaselhead reported on a busy Fall semester:

- Conferred 272 degrees during Fall Convocation on October 17, 2019. The Honourable Paul Martin received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, and a luncheon was held following the ceremony in his honour;
- Hosted Chancellor of the University of Alberta Doug Stollery for lunch and a tour of Science Commons on October 23;
- Continued to attend meetings related to the Mastercard Foundation. A funding announcement will take place on December 18, 2019 in Brocket, with more details to come; and
- Continue to receive speaking engagement requests, both related to the University and in the broader community. Upcoming, will be giving a keynote address at the Brooks Rural Mental Health Conference on April 30.

5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- Attended Team Lethbridge mission to Edmonton last month;
- Hosted a dinner recognizing the accomplishments of 74 Academic All-Canadian Students (those who maintain an 80% average or better). Of those students who represented one-third of our total student athletes), 15 had a 4.0 or better average;
- There are different ways to contribute to Operation Red Nose -- either by using the service or volunteering;
- The Statement on Free Expression will go before the Board for approval on December 12, 2019; and
- There are two searches currently underway – Dean, Arts & Science and Associate Vice-President (Research)/Dean, School of Graduate Studies. An announcement for both positions will be made in the coming months.

C. Takeyasu, Associate Vice-President (Finance) gave a presentation on Budget 2019-20, which was given during a University Town Hall meeting on November 28.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1 Senate Appointments

MOTION: sen.2019.12.03

Johnson/Colwell

That Senate approve the appointments of Judi Dormaar, Eric Foster, Kim Gallucci, and Carey Rowntree for an initial three-year term effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

K. Johnson gave short bios on each of the individuals and noted that each was unanimously approved by Senate Executive Committee. There were no questions.

6.2 Appointment of Scrutineers

M. Mahon reviewed the process for Honorary Degree selection, including the procedures for voting today.

MOTION: sen.2019.12.03

Mahon/Mardon

That Senate approve the appointment of S. Olson and L. Elias to the position of scrutineer.

Motion: Carried

C. Weaselhead moved the meeting *in camera*.

7. **IN CAMERA**

In-camera sessions are for voting members only and are not minuted for public distribution.

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

8.1 Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

MOTION: sen.2019.12.04

Mahon/Hlady

That Senate authorizes the awarding of Honorary Degrees as per the results of the December 6, 2019 confidential vote.

Motion: Carried

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

8.1 Destruction of Election Ballots

MOTION: sen.2019.12.05

Mahon/Shriner

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.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Board of Governors

There were no questions or comments.

9.2 General Faculties Council

There were no questions or comments.

9.3 Alumni Association

There were no questions or comments.

9.4 Graduate Students' Association

There were no questions or comments.

9.5 Students' Union

On behalf of the Students' Union, A. Gammack gave thanks to those members who donated to the Students' Union Foodbank/Nourish Program through the Pass the Hat initiative.

9.6 Executive Committee

There were no questions or comments.

9.7 Engagement/Outreach Committee

K. Johnson reported that we are planning to have an orientation prior to the February 7, 2020 Senate meeting. More details to come.

9.8 Honorary Degree Committee

There were no questions or comments.

9.9 Volunteer Award Committee

C. Weaselhead gave encouragement to members to start thinking about deserving volunteers to nominate for this award. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2020.

9.10 Other Member Reports/Inquiries

There were no additional reports.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 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 shared on her experience volunteering for Operation Red Nose, which is a fundraiser for Pronghorn Athletics;
- L. Harasem reported that retired Senator K. Petersen was recently named as one of six recipients of the 2019 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award. L. Harasem helped pull the nomination package together on behalf of the Mayor and City of Lethbridge, which was simple given the numerous organizations K. Petersen volunteers for, including the University of Lethbridge.
- J. Elliott/L. Peterson spoke about their experience hosting a Dinner for 6, an initiative through the Alumni Association.

10.2 Distinguished Teaching Award

A. Hakin gave a reminder about the upcoming nomination deadline for the Distinguished Teaching Award.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, February 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: sen.2019.12.06

Page/Goodreau

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried