



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Saturday, October 3, 2015  
9:00 AM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), D. Adams, J. Baranec, F. Bradley, S. Brodrick, K. Brown, M. Clewes, S. Davis, M. Dececco-Kolebaba, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, K. Johnson, G. Knitel, R. Kobbert, B. Lanz, C. Loewen, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, R. McKay, C. Northcott, W. Osborn, T. Page, V. Papworth, T. Perlich, M. Persinger, K. Petersen, R. Pogorzelski, T. Schmitdt, B. Scott, J. Seaman, L. Sherwood, A. Siaroff, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. Tailfeathers, B. Tait, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, G. Vardazaryan, N. Walker, K. Wasiak, M. Whipple
- Regrets:** G. Abela, V. Brickley, S. Chadsey, C. Cooper, H. Doeve, B. Galts, S. Hlady, S. Malec, M. Mazerolle, S. Pinder, T. Rollingson
- Others:** L. Brown, V. Christou, E. Okine, S. Olson
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A moment of silence was held in honour of the recent passing of Ginny Goulet, member of Senate and Chair of the Outreach Committee, and Russell Leskiw, first acting President of the University of Lethbridge.

Following the moment of silence, introductions were made of the new members of Senate, Erasmus Okine, Vice-President (Research), Lesley Brown, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic), and Van Christou, Chancellor Emeritus and Honorary Degree Recipient.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2015.10.01

Persinger/Lyons

*That the agenda for the meeting of October 3, 2015 be approved as amended.*

Motion: Carried

Item 9.5 will be added under Other Business and the presentation will occur directly following the break, with Items for Information to follow.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: sen.2015.10.02

Brodrick/Hood

*That the minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2015 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Chancellor

J. Varzari reported that the Chancellor's Dinner in the spring was very-well attended, with many members of Senate present. This year, the goal of the dinner was to highlight the role of Senate, and the goal for 2016 will be to have 80% of our Senate members attend. J. Varzari also attended:

- Meetings of the Vice-Provost and Vice-President (Academic) selection committee
- Board meetings and retreat held on campus in June
- Was able to talk about the University at various community events including Chamber of Commerce President's Dinner, SAAG Art Auction, and Mayor's Luncheon
- Served burgers at the Welcome back BBQ and made ice cream cones for students at an event coordinated through the university chaplain Erin Phillips
- Toured the science labs with Minister Lori Sigurdson last Saturday
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast with featured speaker John Herdman, Canadian Senior Women's National Soccer Team head coach. Recognition and thanks was given to Mike and Maureen Mahon, who announced at the breakfast their personal family donation of \$60,000 to help establish 11 new scholarships for UofL Pronghorn athletes.
- Gave welcoming remarks at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Career Fair
- Opening of the first phase of new trades and technology building at Lethbridge College.

J. Varzari highlighted the Convocation ceremony on Saturday, October 17, and the Alumni Association event the evening before. Members of Senate were encouraged to attend both events.

#### 3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

It has been busy since the last Senate meeting in April. M. Mahon reported:

- We received word from the province last week that the reappointment for our board chair would be an open process. G. Jong concludes his first term this month, and has chosen not to reapply. The government has ask him to serve the allowable three-month extension. G. Jong will be recognized at Convocation later this month. What is exactly involved with the search/appointment process at this point is unclear, but we have been told that we will be involved in the process.
- Information on the UofL Refugee Action Committee (including who is on this volunteer Committee) is located at [www.uleth.ca/president/Syria](http://www.uleth.ca/president/Syria). This group is working with a group of churches in Lethbridge that are working together as a collective to sponsor Syrian refugees.
- Participated in welcome back activities, including New Student Orientation and Commencement Ceremony.
- As of September 22, there were 8,453 students, which is an increase of 229 registrants or 2.8% over Fall 2014. Undergraduate enrolment increased by 2.9% and graduate enrolment increased by 1.3%. Enrolment on the Calgary campus increased by 2.6% and enrolment on the Lethbridge campus increased by 4.1%, while enrolment on the Edmonton campus decreased by 47.4%. International enrolment increased by 0.2% and FNMI enrolment increased by 8.1%. New high school student enrolment increased by 18.2%, while new transfer student enrolment and returning student enrolment decreased by 5.5% and 16.5% respectively. Continuing student enrolment increased by 0.5% and Open Studies student enrolment increased by 29.9%.
- A Committee has formed to consult with our community about the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Report expected this Fall.
- Following their recent fire, Red Crow College has temporarily relocated. The University of Lethbridge has committed to helping Red Crow College in advocating to the Government for new space.
- Congrats to Senator Jason VandenHoek who has been recognized as Lethbridge Chamber Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and BDO Top 40 Under Forty.

- Met with Minister Sigurdson and other Innovation and Advanced Education representatives on July 6 and September 26.
- Had a few meetings with MLA Shannon Phillips over the past couple of months, including a meet and greet a few weeks ago with both Lethbridge MLA's and Finance Minister and President of the Treasury Board Joe Ceci. Key messaging with the Government is the Destination Project and funding and sustained operating funding.
- Attended Deputy Minister meetings last week in Ottawa.
- Funding announcement: \$1.1 Million in funding through the Western Diversification Program, in support of the establishment of the first synthetic biology maker space (Synbridge) in Alberta. This funding will help bring AGILITY to life.
- Trip at the end of June to Germany, which provided an opportunity to tour examples of regional innovation in that country to lend to our expertise around the Destination Project. Visited Universitat Bielefeld, Otto-von-Guericke University, and Schmalkaiden University of Applied Sciences.
- Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast raised \$30,000, and, in an effort to continue to grow funding, the University will match the donations made at the breakfast.
- Global Night event was held last night in the foyer at City Hall. The event celebrated and welcomed over 180 international students to our city and our institutions (Lethbridge College and University of Lethbridge).
- Fiat Lux Address will be given on Wednesday, October 7 (3pm in SU Ballrooms). The annual address is open to all members of the University community will be streaming live.
- Will be conducting *Oh Canada* on opening night of the Lethbridge Symphony's concert on Monday, October 5 at Southminster United Church.
- Meeting with the Chinese Consul General Wang Jinping and Mrs. Wang, Consul Bai on October 16, and will include a campus tour and meeting with students.
- Following the success of the UofL's Faculty of Management team at the University Trading Challenge in New York City last November, the UofL has been chosen as the location for the event this November. This will mark the first time that the University Trading Challenge has been hosted at a Canadian location.

### 3.3 Board of Governors

B. Tait had nothing to add to the submitted report.

### 3.4 General Faculties Council

W. Osborn has nothing to add to the submitted report.

### 3.5 Alumni Association

R. Kobbert highlighted the Alumnus of the Year will be honoured at an event on Friday, October 16. The concert will include performances of Andrew Staniland's compositions, and will be followed by a reception. There is no charge for tickets and are available at the Box Office.

### 3.6 Students' Union

B. Scott highlighted a few items within her submitted report, including the search for a board chair of the Student Union General Assembly.

### 3.7 Graduate Students' Association

G. Vardazaryan had nothing to add to the submitted report.

### 3.8 Executive Committee

R. Hood item for action later in the agenda. Highlighted on a trial basis we are doing two Saturday and two Friday meetings

### 3.9 Engagement Committee

S. Hlady submitted a report that is included within the agenda package. On behalf of the Engagement Committee, Vice-Chair K. Gunn thanked M. Whipple who has arranged for Senators to have an All-Sports Pass to pronghorn games.

### 3.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

Honorary degree selection is one of the most important duties Senate, and is an honour to the recipient and also to the University. Nomination form is within the agenda package and the process should remain confidential. Nomination deadline is November 1.

### 3.11 Outreach Committee

In addition to the submitted report, K. Johnson noted that the next Outreach Committee meetings is November 18.

### 3.12 Other

M. Whipple echoed the appreciation to Mike and Maureen Mahon for their donation to Pronghorn Athletics. \$120,000 was raised for scholarships at the Pronghorn breakfast. An update was given on the recovery of a Pronghorn basketball player who was involved in an accident earlier this year. Senate night at a Pronghorn game will be on Friday, January 22. More details to come.

On behalf of the department of Fine Arts, K. Wasiak circulated Season Highlights postcards and encouraged Senators to visit the website for a full listing of upcoming performances. It was also noted that the annual fundraiser Abbondanza will be held on Saturday, January 23 at the Galt Museum Viewing Gallery.

The University is a Partner for Life with Canadian Blood Services. October is blood drive month and R. Hood encouraged members of Senate to participate. More details will be emailed out.

## 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Student/Senate Dinners

M. Persinger explained the background on the student/senate dinner initiative. He is working with a number of departments on campus to ensure that the targeted groups of students are invited. A detailed sign-up sheet was circulated. K. Johnson and R. Pogorzelski will be hosting a group of students for dinner on Monday night.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1 Senate Appointment

MOTION: sen.2015.10.03

Hood/Kobbert

*That Senate approve the appointment of Carole Goodreau as a Representative member for an initial three-year term, effective October 3, 2015.*

Motion: Carried

## 5.2 Outreach Committee Chair Appointment

MOTION: sen.2015.10.04

Peterson/Davis

*That Senate approve the appointment of Karen Johnson as Chair of the Outreach Committee for a two-year term, effective October 3, 2015.*

Motion: Carried

## 6. REFRESHMENT BREAK

Annual Senate photograph was taken by Chris Yauck Photography.

## 7. PRESENTATION

A Buffalo Treaty presentation was given by Senior Advisor to the President – Aboriginal, L. Little Bear.

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 8.1 Senate Fund Update

This annual update was provided for information.

### 8.2 University Messaging

Following discussions at past Senate meetings, some key speaking points have been pulled together about the importance of the University of Lethbridge in our community and our province. C. Horbachewski circulated a two-page leaflet which outlines messages for Senators to share in their communities.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 9.1 Operation Red Nose

K. Petersen spoke to the history of Operation Red Nose and the significance of this initiative within the community. More information, including a volunteer form will be emailed out.

### 9.2 Convocation Volunteer Form

As another opportunity for Senators to volunteer and connect with the community, J. Varzari encouraged members to fill out the form and return it to the Senate Office.

### 9.3 Honorary Degree Nomination Form

For any questions on the nomination process, please contact S. Olson.

### 9.4 Senate Application

This was included for information and J. Varzari noted that there is currently one vacancy on Senate.

### 9.5 Open House

Open House is being held on campus today. This event is a great way to present to potential students what the University of Lethbridge has to offer and how we can make them shine.

A. Hakin invited members of Senate to look around campus after the meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

J. Varzari noted that orientation will begin directly following the meeting, and all senators are invited to attend.

MOTION: sen.2015.10.05

Persinger/Northcott

*That the Senate meeting of October 3, 2015 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried