

MINUTES OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

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Present: Bill Cade (Chair), Clarence Arnoldussen, Ingrid Berg, John Bolton, Barrie Broughton, Susan Burrows-Johnson, Lorelee Burton, David Cassidy, Margaret Cook, Ron Corbiere, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Mari Daunt, Holly Debnam, Cheryl Dick, Jo-Anne Fiske, Jeremy Girard, Alex Hann, Chris Hosgood, Wayne Johnson, Lynn Kennedy, Kristy Kutanzi, Danny Le Roy, Kathy Lewis, Terry Longair, Dale Merchant, John Moldon, Gavin Parker, Paul Pharo, Diane Randell, Bernie Scott, John Seaman, Kathy Stauffer, Calvin Stewart, Lea Switzer, Janice Varzari, Nancy Walker, Gerard Westwood, Sheena Olson (Secretary)

Regrets: Don Chandler, Debi Charlesworth, Susan Chomistek, Robert Christiansen, Richard Davidson, Wendy Fox, Andy Hakin, Allan Hall, Roland Ikuta, John Kincaid, Cole Lehto, William Malcolm, Alex Massé, Sharon McNiven, Elisha Rasmussen, Derek Redman, Dory Rossiter, Frank Spanbauer, Claire Torscher, Rob Wood

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to the absence of the Chancellor, in his role as Vice-Chancellor, Bill Cade chaired the meeting. He extended greetings on behalf of Richard Davidson. Following the conclusion of the meeting, Senators are invited and encouraged to participate in a tour of the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience research facility.

MOTION:

Le Roy/Broughton

That the agenda for the meeting of April 17, 2010 be approved as circulated with the addition of item:

11.1 Senate Fund Update

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Switzer/Hann

That the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bill Cade informed Senators that although at the February meeting, Senate voted to honour six individuals with honorary degrees at one of the 2010 convocation ceremonies, only five accepted. Those individuals are Vincent Di Lollo, Tom Melling, Shirley McClellan, Ike Lanier, and Hank Margolis (Fall recipient).

4. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Bill Cade introduced and welcomed John Seaman, a new government appointed member on Senate. John Seaman was a teacher, primarily in physical education, for 34 years in various communities around Southern Alberta. He is currently a Councillor for the Town of Vulcan.

5. *IN-CAMERA (Closed Session)*

MOTION:

Lewis/Cyr

That the Senate move *in camera* for the report of the Volunteer Award Committee.

Motion: Carried

6. REPORT OF VOLUNTEER AWARD COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Volunteer Award Committee report are included in the Confidential Addendum to the Senate Minutes of April 17, 2010.

7. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION

8.1 2010 – 2012 Schedule of Senate and Senate Executive Meetings

MOTION:

Varzari/Stauffer

That Senate approves the Senate and Senate Executive Schedule of Meetings for 2010 – 2012 as outlined in Enclosure #2 of the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

## 8.2 Nominations & Appointments for 2010 – 2013

### 8.2.1 Reappointment to Senate as Non-Academic Staff Representative for 2<sup>nd</sup> Three-year Term

MOTION:

Switzer/Fiske

That Senate approve the reappointment of Margaret Cook to Senate as a non-academic staff representative for a second three-year term, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

Motion: Carried

Bill Cade pointed out that the term 'non-academic staff' is inaccurate, as everything done on campus is academic-related.

### 8.2.2 Reappointment to Senate as Non-Academic Staff Representative for Initial Three-year Term

MOTION:

Hosgood/Girard

That Senate approve the appointment of Stephen Brodrick to Senate as a non-academic staff representative for an initial term of three years, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

Motion: Carried

### 8.2.3 Reappointment to Senate as Representative Member for 2<sup>nd</sup> Three-year Term

MOTION:

Broughton/Randell

That Senate approve the reappointment to Senate as Representative members the following individuals for a second three-year term, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013:

- John Bolton
- Louella Cronkhite
- Dale Merchant
- Gavin Parker
- Claire Torscher

Motion: Carried

### 8.2.3 Appointment to Senate as Representative Member for Initial Three-year Term

The Executive Committee looks at skill sets, geographic location, and connections with the University when appointing someone to Senate.

MOTION:

Stewart/Merchant

That Senate approve the appointment to Senate as Representative members the following individuals for an initial term of three years, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013:

- Paul Kenwood
- Margaret Mazerolle
- Susan Milne
- Lynne Sherwood
- Keith Spackman

Motion: Carried

### 8.3 Appointment to Distinguished Teaching Award Committee

MOTION:

Varzari/Corbiere

That Senate approve the appointment of Mari Daunt to the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, to replace Susan Chomistek, for a term of two years, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012.

Motion: Carried

### 8.4 Appointment to Chancellor Search Committee

MOTION:

Dick/Switzer

That Senate approve the appointment of John Bolton, Louella Cronkhite, and Paul Pharo to the 2010/2011 Chancellor Search Committee.

Motion: Carried

Kathy Lewis pointed out that the previous Chancellor Search Committee made a recommendation to Senate (which Senate later approved) that the Chair of the Search Committee should be a member of Senate, since it is a Senate responsibility. Previously it had been cumbersome for a non-Senate member to give a report on behalf of the Committee at a Senate meeting, especially if it was during an in-camera session.

Later in the year, the Search Committee will be issuing a call for nominations and President Cade strongly encouraged all Senators to participate in the process.

## 8.5 Appointment to Standing Committees of Senate

### 8.5.1 Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Burton/Arnoldussen

That Senate approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Honorary Degrees Committee:

- Cheryl Dick (Chair), for two-year term
- Elisha Rasmussen, for one-year term

Motion: Carried

### 8.5.2 Honorary Degree Search Committee

MOTION:

Westwood/Cyr

That Senate approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Honorary Degree Search Committee:

- Elisha Rasmussen (Chair), for one-year term
- Calvin Stewart, for two-year term
- Diane Randell, for two-year term
- Alex Hann, for two-year term

Motion: Carried

### 8.5.3 Hospitality Committee

MOTION:

Merchant/Stauffer

That Senate approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Hospitality Committee:

- Margaret Cook, for two-year term
- Frank Spanbauer, for two-year term
- Holly Debnam, for one-year term
- Ingrid Berg, for two-year term
- Ron Corbiere, for two-year term

Motion: Carried

#### 8.5.4 Outreach Committee

MOTION:

Cronkhite/Cook

That Senate approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Outreach Committee:

- Dory Rossiter (Chair), for two-year term
- Gavin Parker, for two-year term
- Gerard Westwood, for one-year term
- Lorelee Burton, for two-year term

Motion: Carried

#### 8.5.5 Volunteer Award Committee

MOTION:

Switzer/Corbiere

That Senate approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Volunteer Award Committee:

- William Malcolm, for two-year term
- Bernie Scott, for two-year term

Motion: Carried

## 9. REPORTS

### 9.1 President & Vice-Chancellor

Bill Cade invited Nancy Walker forward and announced that she will be receiving an FCA (Fellow Chartered Accountant) designation in the near future. The Senate congratulated Nancy Walker on the huge accomplishment.

Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) reported that the University Budget Committee has a balanced budget which they will be presenting to the Board of Governors in May. The budget process was delayed this year because the Government was late in announcing what the University's funding would be. In order to balance the budget, the University had to layoff approximately 20 individuals. In addition to layoffs, 50 positions were left vacant over the past year and 43 people have been approved in the voluntary early retirement program. All together, the University has lost about ten percent of its workforce.

The University has just received notice that we will be receiving one million dollars from the Government, on a one-time basis, to offset operating cost of Markin Hall. The University has also received \$1.7 million to bridge the gap in the budget shortfall, which was \$8 million.

The University of Lethbridge will be increasing tuition by 1.5 percent for September 2010, which is approximately seven dollars a course. Despite the tuition increase, the U of L still has the lowest tuition amount of any institution in Alberta at the University level. In order to get caught up with other institutions, we had requested a two percent increase in tuition over and above the tuition cap set out by the government. This request was not approved.

A Senator commended Nancy Walker and her staff for balancing the budget with as few layoffs as possible.

Bill Cade updated Senators on a few of the events that he attended and that happened on campus since the last Senate meeting:

- The first ever U of L Alumni Association event in Calgary – guest speaker was former Pronghorn and current NHL and 2010 Olympic Team Canada head hockey coach Mike Babcock.
- The Faculty of Management annual scholarship dinner honoured local lawyer, previous U of L Honorary Degree recipient and former Board of Governors Chair Phil North.
- *Abbondanza*, the fundraiser for the Faculty of Fine Arts, was successful once again. Bill and Elsa Cade participated in the festivities and dressed up in costumes from the Costume Shop.
- The CMA hosted a luncheon in which successful Calgary businessman and member of CBC's *The Dragon's Den*, Brett Wilson, was the guest speaker.
- Ron and Joyce Sakamoto made a generous gift to support students in the Digital Audio Arts program. The donation will be matched by the Government of Alberta, bringing the total of the contribution to \$400,000.
- The Board of Governors has appointed Bob Ellis the new Dean of Management, to replace outgoing Dean Murray Lindsay. Dr. Ellis is currently at the University of Northern British Columbia and begins his term on July 1.
- Following two failed searches to replace current Dean Jane O'Dea, Craig Loewen has been appointed Interim Dean of the Faculty of Education for a two-year term beginning July 1. The faculty will be given some time to think about their strategic direction and shape a job description before a new search commences.
- All Senators will be invited to the grand opening of Markin Hall, which is scheduled for September 24. As large as the Library building, this 10,000 square metre building will make a stunning addition to the U of L campus and one that will improve the services we offer for many years to come.
- 1984 black BMW car Michael Nolan was given away on April 16 during Last Class Bash. Bill Cade donated this car to the University to raise money for student scholarships.

As this was his last Senate meeting as President, Bill Cade thanked all Senators for their work and involvement with the University and said that it was a pleasure getting to know them and their predecessors.

## 9.2 Board of Governors

Janice Varzari submitted a report which was included with the agenda package. A few spelling mistakes were noted, and have been corrected. This report was received as information.

9.3 General Faculties Council

Rob Wood submitted a report which is included with these minutes. Nancy Walker added that the Faculty Book Award reception was held recently. This evening recognizes and celebrates the achievements of those faculty members who have written a book in the past year.

9.4 Alumni Association

Kathy Lewis submitted a report which is included with these minutes. She noted that the Alumni Association represents approximately 30,000 graduates, which is a large contingent of individuals associated with this University.

9.5 Students' Union

Jeremy Girard submitted a report which was included with the agenda package. This was received as information.

9.6 Graduate Students' Association

Kristy Kutanzi submitted a report which was included in the agenda package. This was received as information.

9.7 Senate Outreach Committee

Gavin Parker reported that the Senate Outreach event that was held in Pincher Creek on March 16 was a success. U of L faculty member and glaciologist Hester Jiskoot gave a presentation titled '*Slip-Sliding Away: Glaciers, Climate Change, and Environmental Effects*'. Approximately 60 people attended, 20-30 of which were students. Rural high school students tend to have lower admission rates into post-secondary institutions than those of students from larger centres; this is partially due to lack of exposure to these institutions. Part of the mandate of the Outreach Committee is to get the U of L more visible into the smaller communities around Southern Alberta, which was achieved this evening. Members of the U of L Recruitment office were also on hand to pass out brochures and answer any questions from parents and prospective students.

9.8 Other

There were no other reports at this time.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Senate Evaluation

Senators were encouraged to fill out their evaluations forms, which were included in the agenda packages, and return to the Senate office before the end of the month.

10.2 Convocation Volunteer Form

With all of the invites that go out to Senators regarding events happening on campus, a question has come up as to which events are most important and should be a

priority to attend. Although Senators are free to set their own priorities, Bill Cade did point out that Convocation is an important event to the Senate; the Chancellor that Senate selects presides over convocation and confers all the degrees; the Honorary Degree recipients that the Senate chooses receive their degrees during convocation. Many Senators have volunteered as ushers, tea pourers, hosts, and citation readers previously and Bill Cade urged them to keep up the good work.

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Senators were reminded of, and encouraged to attend the Chancellor's dinner on the evening of June 3, following the first day of Convocation. Attending the dinner is a great way to support not only our Chancellor, but to also meet our Honorary Degree recipients, Alumni Honour Society inductees, and various student award winners.

The annual Senate dinner, which recognizes the contributions of current and retiring Senators and introduces incoming Senate members, will be held in June. The date has not yet been set, but invitations will be forthcoming.

### 11.1 Senate Fund Update

David Cassidy spoke briefly on the success thus far raising funds for the Senate Scholarship and thanked everyone who has contributed. The fundraising goal was set at \$20,000 and unfortunately the fund is \$2050 short of reaching that mark. Senator Cassidy urged all Senators to get involved and believe in this institution and the students.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Cade reminded Senators that there will be a tour of the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience (CCBN) Building following the meeting.

MOTION:

Stauffer/

That the Senate meeting of  
April 17, 2010 be adjourned.

Motion:           Carried