



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2016
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** R. Masson (Chair), M Gale, M. Gray, J. Harker, R. Kobbert, H. MacDonald, M. Mahon, J. Nugent, M. Persinger, B. Scott, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, B. Tait, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Regrets:** P. Forrest
- Other:** L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, C. Howey, E. Jing, E. Okine, S. Olson, M. Sawa, M. Slomp, S. Sproule, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by Board of Governors Research Chair David Naylor.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Incoming student members C. Howey and E. Jing were welcomed and will be formally introduced when their appointment to the Board of Governors is approved. Thanks was given to B. Scott for her service to the Board.

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the April 21, 2016 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the February 25, 2016 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2016.04.01

Waters/Harker

That the Board of Governors approve the April 21, 2016 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

R. Masson reported that he was able to attend a trading simulation at our Calgary Campus at Bow Valley College on March 31, the Calgary Alumni and Friends dinner on April 6 and the provincial budget announcement on April 14.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Was in attendance at the Provincial Budget lockup on April 14 where it was announced that we will be receiving all of the funding for the Destination Project

that we asked for (\$248 million, in addition to the \$12 million already received). A new science building was first mentioned publically to Ed Stelmach in 2010 and, thanks to a lot of hard work by a lot of people, the project will be breaking ground very soon. The Board will be invited to attend the official ground breaking ceremony, which is tentatively planned for the end of May. More details to come.

- The UofL is the first Canadian post-secondary school to introduce 7 Cups of Tea Student Support system. The on-demand 24/7 text-based worldwide internet support network, 7 Cups of Tea provides targeted and specialized support to student who are in need of mental health support.
- Meetings in Ottawa earlier this week with E. Okine and R. Westlund regarding federal funding for the Destination Project. There was a question regarding Give Canada. M. Mahon responded that now that the project is funded provincially, we can focus on donors for scholarships, student supports and research chairs.
- Congratulations to the World University Service Canada Club and the International Centre -- They raised \$5,000 at the International Dinner & ScotiaBank matched this. They now have enough to bring a student refugee from Syria here this fall.
- Dr. Jean Harrowing is one of 100 nurses to receive a Centennial Award from the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta as the organization celebrates its 100th year
- Attended the Ottawa Alumni & Friends Reception on April 18, which was the first countdown to 50 event.
- Thanks to faculty and staff for organizing Native Awareness week February 29 - March 4 and Asian Culture week March 7-10
- A couple of follow-up workshops related to the Truth and Reconciliation have taken place or are being planned.
- Attended the April 6 Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner and April 14 Management Scholarship Dinner. Thanks to members of the Board for attending these events.
- Upcoming events include Universities Canada Retreat next week in Toronto, Long Service Awards and Retirement Recognition event May 4, and Japan Trip May 8-19 where we will be signing two new agreements with Hokkai Gakuen University.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on attending:

- Various meetings regarding Board member and chair vacancies and Senate and Senate committee meetings
- Rise and Shine Breakfast, in which Danielle Tait was named 2016 Young Alumna Achievement Award recipient
- April 14 Management Scholarship Dinner
- Family Centre Charity Gala on March 17
- At the beginning of May, will be attending a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor along with 92 Chancellors from across Canada.
- Will be travelling to Japan May 8-19
- Encouragement was given to Board members to attend Convocation June 2 and 3, and help celebrate the achievements at the UofL at the Chancellor's Dinner on June 2.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. 2016-17 Operating Budget

MOTION: opn.2016.04.02

Gray/Waters

That the Board of Governors approve the attached 2016-17 budget and approve in principle the 2017-18 and 2018-19 budgets.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker noted that although we received a 2% increase to our operating grant, we still have to cut about 4% from our budget. In terms of communication and education surrounding the budget, budget briefs were sent out to the University community throughout the past year. There was a question regarding the impact of the Provincial carbon tax being implemented in January. Facilities is working on the numbers right now, but N. Walker noted that we do have reserves in Utilities that we could use to manage for the three impacted months in this budget year.

Thanks was given to everyone who put the budget together as it is a tremendous amount of work.

5.2. 2016-17 External Testing Service Fees

MOTION: opn.2016.04.03

Gray/Harker

That the Board of Governors approve the External Testing Service Fees for 2016-17, with the fees for 2017-18 to 2018-19 approved in principle.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.3. Sexual Violence Policy

MOTION: opn.2016.04.04

Harker/Scott

That the Board of Governors approve the Sexual Violence Policy, effective immediately with the awareness that an initial review will occur in, or prior to, Spring 2017.

Motion: Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2016.04.06

Persinger/Scott

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of April 21, 2016
be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried