



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**  
**1:00 p.m., W646**

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), J. Adolf, A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, S. Glydon, M. Gray, J. Harker, B. Kunz, M. Mahon, R. Masson, J. Nugent, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Regrets:** G. Adamson, M Carrell, P. Forrest
- Other:** L. Brown, L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, B. Lea, J. Newberry, H. Mirau, S. Olson, S. Scott, N. Walker, R. Westlund, S. Wismath

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given on Liberal Education Revitalization, led by Shelly Wismath from the Liberal Education program.

Following the presentation, J. Nugent was introduced and welcomed as the newly appointed General Faculties Council representative on the Board. Thanks was given to G. Adamson, J. Adolf, M. Carrell, and S. Glydon for their service to the Board. J. Varzari was welcomed back to the Board in her new position as Chancellor.

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL**

- 1.1. Approval of the April 28, 2015 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the February 26, 2015 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2015.04.01

Varzari/Waters

*That the Board of Governors approve the April 28, 2015 Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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**2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

G. Jong reported he attended the following events:

- UofL Chancellor announcement.
- Pronghorns Blue and Gold banquet.
- Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner with featured speaker Margaret Atwood.
- President of the University of Alberta Indira’s Samaresekera’s farewell event in Edmonton.

- Lessons Learned Process Review ad hoc committee meeting. The Committee is working to put together a document so that future board members and president know what to expect during a Presidential appointment/reappointment process.
- Met with representatives from Give Canada.
- Met with Greg Weadick and spoke on the Board's recommendation for our public member vacancy.
- Management Scholarship Dinner with honoree Dennis Neufeld.
- Along with A. Hakin, attended convocation at Lethbridge College.

### 3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

M. Mahon reported on:

- Budget town hall session was held, which was the first opportunity to provide as much detail as we could on the implications of the budget. Lots of work has been done and still lots more to do.
- AGILITY launch April 15 - focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship. The uptake has been very positive.
- Investment from TriCouncil in Research has increased this year. L. Brown will give more details within her report.
- Letter of Expectation has been discontinued. The Government has indicated the existing governance documents will be all that is needed.
- Students' Union Changeover dinner April 9. Congratulations to outgoing and incoming students. It is a great thank you and welcome to new members of student governance.
- Thanks to those who attended the Donor Gala (Fine Arts focus) on March 4. It was a great success. Great for donors to meet with our students, builds upon their enthusiasm.
- AUCC (New name Universities Canada)
  - Ad hoc working group on broadening and deepening the new narrative Mar. 22-24, Toronto
  - membership and Board meetings in Halifax last week
- Alumni Events:
  - Edmonton Alumni & Friends Dinner this Thursday, April 30, Art Gallery of Alberta
  - FNMI Chapter Reception on Thursday, May 7 at Piikani Nation Secondary School, Brocket.
- Long Service & Retirement Awards May 4 (President's Award recipients presented - confidential until announced). This year all vice-presidents will be involved in emceeing some aspect of the event.
- Annual Paul Lewis Retirees Luncheon May 14 featuring a presentation by Dr. Brenda Leung, Emmy Droog Chair in Complementary Alternative Healthcare, Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Council of Presidents Meeting in Calgary May 15.
- As Vice-Chancellor, he invited everyone to attend the Installation of our 13th Chancellor May 28 (Convocation May 28-29), Janice Varzari's inaugural Chancellors Dinner May 28, FNMI Round Dance May 29 funded by one of our industry supporters Conoco Phillips.

#### 4. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

J. Varzari reported that she hit the ground running on March 16 with the official Chancellor announcement. She attended the following events:

- Alumni Cupcake event on March 18 in the atrium – got to meet a number of students and speak with them about their experience at the UofL.
- Meeting of the Minds Conference 3M Thesis event – the students did really well, made the event extremely accessible.
- On March 24 was interviewed by Global Lethbridge and got to brag about the University and encourage viewers to think about us and what we contribute to the community.
- Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner.
- Students’ Union recognition evening – very well done and great to see the excitement of the students.
- Planning meetings regarding revitalizing the Chancellor’s Dinner.
- AGILITY launch on April 15
- Management Scholarship Dinner on April 16.

J. Varzari stressed the importance of convocation and it being the climax of each student’s academic life. She encouraged Board members to attend any one of the four ceremonies, with her official installation on Thursday morning, as well as her inaugural Chancellor’s Dinner on Thursday evening.

#### 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

##### 5.1. Advancement Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2015.04.02

Harker/Varzari

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Advancement Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Harker noted that these are being updated for consistency.

##### 5.2. Governance Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2015.04.03

Harker/Scrimshaw

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Governance Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

### 5.3. Smoking Policy

MOTION: opn.2015.04.04

Masson/Adolf

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Smoking Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

N. Walker noted that terminology was added to include e-cigarettes. She added that once approved, all of our policies go on the policy website and in UWeekly.

### 5.4. Carryover Fund Policy

MOTION: opn.2015.04.05

Berezan/Waters

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Carryover Fund Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Berezan noted that the revisions are minor, and are for cleanup and clarification.

### 5.5. 5-Year Capital Plan

MOTION: opn.2015.04.06

Berezan/Kunz

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached 2015-19 Capital Plan.*

Motion: Carried

J. Berezan highlighted that the Destination Project remains as top priority, the building of student residences will be put on hold for now, and the deferred maintenance grant has slightly increased this year.

### 5.6. Universities Academic Pension Plan – Sponsors Representative Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2015.04.07

Masson/Harker

*That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Terms of Reference to the Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP) Sponsors Representative Committee, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

N. Walker explained that UAPP is a joint plan between five institutions in Alberta and the group meets several times per year.

#### 5.7. Investment Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2015.04.08

Berezan/Gray

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

Motion: Carried (1 opposed B. Kunz; 2 abstentions)

J. Berezan reported that we are pleased with investment consultants Morneau Shepell, who have made a number of presentations and recommendations. This policy is reviewed annually, but is being updated to account for the recommendations from the investment consultants. There was some discussion and concern noted on the use of alternative investments.

#### 5.8. Investment Governance Document

MOTION: opn.2015.04.09

Berezan/Masson

*That the Board of Governors approve the amended Investment Governance document, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

The items that were updated within the policy are being carried forward and updated within this document.

### 6. REPORTS

#### 6.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin had nothing to add from his submitted report.

#### 6.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski had nothing to add from his submitted report.

6.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing further to add from her submitted report.

6.4. Interim Vice-President (Research)

L. Brown highlighted the recent success at Tricouncil and added that it has been a great year for the UofL.

6.5. Board Member Reports

There were no additional reports.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2015.04.10

Scrimshaw/Berezan

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of April 28, 2015  
be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried