



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**

**1:00 p.m., W646**

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), J. Adolf, A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, M. Carrell, J. Copeland, R. Corbiere, P. Forrest, S. Glydon, J. Harker, B. Kunz, M. Mahon, R. Masson, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Regrets:** G. Adamson, M. Gray, S. McClellan
- Other:** B. Boudreau, L. Brown, L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, S. Olson, M. Sawa, C. Takeyasu, N. Walker, R. Westlund

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## 1. CONSENT AGENDA

### APPROVAL

1.1. Approval of the December 11, 2014, Open Agenda

1.2. Approval of the October 16, 2014 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2014.12.01

Varzari/Waters

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 11, 2014 Consent Agenda with the addition of Item for Action 5.6 Universities Academic Pension Plan Board of Trustees Appointment and Item for Information 6.5 Approved Mandates and Roles Document.*

Motion: Carried

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## 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported that he attended:

- President's breakfast with former chancellors, presidents and board chairs on October 18, followed by Convocation.
- October 20 Campus Alberta Strategic Directions Meeting in Edmonton.
- Calgary Business Hall of Fame Dinner on October 23 with many of the Advancement Committee members.
- Advancement Committee meeting on November 4. Thanks was given to P. Forrest for recruiting two new members to the committee.
- One-on-one meetings with Board members over the past few weeks. It is a worthwhile process and the Board as a whole is very engaged.

- Opening of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit (FNMI) Gathering Space opening and naming ceremony on December 4.

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

M. Mahon reported on:

- Consultants are meeting with various stakeholder groups in the Vice-President Research Search
- The UofL hosted AUCC Open Doors, Open Knowledge event November 14 on campus. The event was focused around agriculture, there was a great turn out and it was a good chance to talk about agriculture and agribusiness and where synergies might be.
- AUCC Innovation Dialogue meetings in Ottawa October 27-30
- Royal Society Induction and Awards Ceremony November 22 in Quebec City; UofL neuroscientist Dr. Andrew Iwaniuk was the inaugural class inducted into the College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists.
- Opening of FNMI Gathering Space in Patterson Centre December 4, which is an Item for Information later in the agenda.
- Blackfoot Digital Library launch on December 5 and unveiling of the work taking place in the FNMI community.
- #ULETHUNITE campaign and launch of the Ulethbridge Toolkit App, part of the Engaging Young People to Prevent Violence against Women on Post-Secondary Campuses project launched in November 2012 and is funded by the Government of Canada Status of Women. It is a partnership with UofL, YWCA, Lethbridge Sexual Violence Action Committee.
- Premier Prentice and Minister Scott were toured through the science labs during their visit to campus November 13.
- In Edmonton on November 17 for Throne Speech.
- December 17 meeting with the Premier.
- Due in large part to the Financial Market Research and Teaching facility (trading floor), a UofL team from the Faculty of Management placed second overall at the recent 2014 University Trading Challenge in New York City.

### **4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

S. McClellan sent her regrets. On behalf of the Chancellor, M. Mahon reported that the Chancellor Search committee and the Honorary Degrees Committees have been meeting and both will be bringing recommendations forward to Senate in February.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1. 2015-16 Fees & Rates

MOTION: opn.2014.12.02

Berezan/Waters

*That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for 2015-16, with the fees and rates for 2016-17 to 2017-18 approved in principle.*

Motion: Carried (3 opposed) – M. Carrell, S. Glydon, J. Adolf

Although we have not yet heard from the government, J. Berezan noted that the market modifiers are included in the fees and rates being presented. Most fees increased 2 – 5 percent, although a few fees were removed entirely. Thanks was given to C. Takeyasu and M. Sawa for the work they did putting the document together.

### 5.2. Harassment & Discrimination Policy

MOTION: opn.2014.12.03

Varzari/Persinger

*That the Board of Governors approve the Harassment and Discrimination Policy, and approve the rescinding of the Personal Security Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari reported that this is a comprehensive policy which covers all faculty, students, and staff. It has been in the works for the past two years and has gone through various consultations with different stakeholder groups on campus. There was a question about how this policy compares to other institutions. S. Sproule responded that we are in compliance with legislation and it situates us nicely in comparison with other universities.

### 5.3. Behavioural Intervention Policy

MOTION: opn.2014.12.04

Varzari/Kunz

*That the Board of Governors approve the Behavioural Intervention Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

N. Walker reported that General Faculties Council (GFC) approved this policy on December 8. It was clarified that behaviours themselves are not red flags, but it is when

they are done at a level that is concerning to you. Sometimes these behaviours can signal something more significant going on. J. Varzari noted that the policy is very well done and pointed out that this is not a crisis intervention policy.

#### 5.4. Use of Cost consultants for Capital Projects Policy

MOTION: opn.2014.12.05

Berezan/Scrimshaw

*That the Board of Governors approve the Use of Cost Consultants for Capital Projects Policy, and approve the rescinding of the Selection of Architects and Construction Consultants Policy (to be replaced by the Guidelines for the Selection of Architects & Design Consultants), effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Berezan noted that this was an older policy and it is just being updated to fall in line with current practices.

#### 5.5. Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience Institute

MOTION: opn.2014.12.06

Varzari/Glydon

*That the Board of Governors approve the establishment of The Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience Institute.*

Motion: Carried

J. Varzari reported that this will formalize CCBN as an institute, which will facilitate neuroscience collaboration across Canada and the globe.

#### 5.6. Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP) Board of Trustees Appointment

MOTION: opn.2014.12.07

Mahon/Masson

*That the Board of Governors appoint Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) as the University of Lethbridge Board representative to the Universities Academic Pension Plan Board of Trustees for the four (4) year period, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018.*

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon noted that N. Walker has been on the Board for some time and has agree to continue on.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Naming of FNMI Gathering Space**

J. Varzari noted that the spelling within the agenda package is incorrect. The name of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit Gathering Space in Patterson Centre is Iikaisskini (phonetically it is "EE-kaa-SKINI"), which was gifted by Elder Wilton Goodstriker, and means "Low Horn". Low horn refers to the stance that a buffalo goes into right before it attacks – a symbol of an entity that is strong and focused on moving forward. M. Mahon added that the name also recognizes Leroy Little Bear.

### **6.2 Canada School of Energy and Environment Dissolution**

J. Berezan noted that this is provided for information to show the dissolution of the Canada School of Energy and Environment. They paid back the federal government the amount noted in the financials.

### **6.3 Audited Financial Statements, Year Ending April 30, 2014**

#### **Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association**

J. Berezan reported that under the *Act*, these are provided to the Board for information. Students had nothing to add.

### **6.4 Joint Board/GFC event**

J. Varzari reported that following a suggestion at a previous Board meeting, a joint Board and GFC reception has been scheduled on February 26, 2015 in Urban Lounge. The reception will begin immediately following Closed Session. The International Dinner is planned for the same evening and it is hoped that members of both Board and GFC will attend. Thanks was given to the organizers of the dinner for being accommodating in their schedule.

### **6.5 Approved Mandates and Roles Document**

This document has been before the Board a couple of different occasions and has now been approved by the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education. J. Varzari noted that the approved document is now posted on the Governance website.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

A. Hakin highlighted the dual credit program and explained that it gives high school students an experience of what university is like compared to high school, and help to remove any barriers and make the students feel welcome at the UofL. We are hoping to eventually expand the program, pending government approval.

7.2 Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski sent his regrets. M. Mahon highlighted the great turnout at the annual UofL family skate, the Calgary Alumni and Friends dinner, and the Donor Gala.

7.3 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing to add.

7.4 Interim Vice-President (Research)

L. Brown had nothing to add.

7.5 Board Member Reports

On behalf of the Students' Union, S. Glydon reported that, at their meeting last Saturday, Senate raised \$1,600 for the Students' Union Food Bank. Usage of the food bank has increased substantially in the past few years.

M. Carrell reported that the Graduate Students' Association is looking to increase the graduate conference on campus and gave thanks to administration for financially supporting the conference.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2014.12.08

Varzari/Corbiere

*That the Board of Governors open session meeting of December 11, 2014 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried