



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2013

1:00 p.m. W646, Lethbridge Campus

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), G. Adamson, A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, J. Copeland, P. Forrest, M. Gray, C. Hollingsworth, B. Kunz, M. Mahon, R. Masson, F. Naeem, M. Persinger, M. Smith, S. Talbot, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Regrets:** L. Karbasheski, S. McClellan, R. Scrimshaw
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), B. Boudreau, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, S. Sproule, , N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Westlund

Prior to the meeting M. Persinger, R. Masson and J. Varzari were welcomed to the Board of Governors as new members.

S. Talbot reported that the use of student food bank has increased and Board members made donations of non-perishable food or money to the SU Food Bank.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

1.1. Approval of the December 12, 2013 Open Agenda

1.2. Approval of the October 17, 2013 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2013.12.01

Waters/Talbot

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 12, 2013
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported on:

- He attended the Destination Project \$200 million funding announcement made by the Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education. Thanks to everyone who looked after that as it is great time for the University of Lethbridge!
- He attended Fall Convocation, it was greatly organized and is a great celebration.
- Council of Western Canadian University Board Secretaries (COWCUBS) – He spoke at the conference hosted by the UofL of J. Gallais' counterparts. Thank-you was given to J. Gallais for organizing this event.
- Calgary Business Hall of Fame Dinner – attended this in October and was accompanied by C. Horbachewski and P. Forrest. There were many Calgary Alumni there as well.
- He attended the 7th floor Christmas party.

- He attended his first Senate meeting and thanked them on behalf of the Board for all their work.
- On October 10th – he held with M. Mahon and J. Gallais the orientation for new board members.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported on:

- Reiterated the thanks for everyone's work on the Destination Project funding as it was a team approach. It was reported that the request for qualification for lead architects has been sent.
- Community Town Hall at Penny Building – this was held in November and was similar to the Fiat Lux address, but this one was for external community.
- Budget – we received an increase to our Campus Alberta operating grant of 2.62% for 2013-14 fiscal year. This was announced in November and helps us to find a balanced budget for this year, but there is still work ahead for next year. A budget meeting was held yesterday and they presented a new model to allow us to manage resources more effectively.
- Maclean's - The UofL maintains top-three position of 22 in 2014 Maclean's University rankings. We are within the primarily undergraduate research institute category.
- Research Infosource - The University of Lethbridge has maintained a top-three ranking among Canadian undergraduate universities in the annual Research Infosource's Top 50 Research Universities list. We were number one and now we are number three.
- AUCC – he attended his first AUCC as a board member and chaired the panel on evolution of accountability and university autonomy. Many discussions across the country have been occurring on this in institutions.
- Royal Society of Canada Meetings – The UofL hosted the opening reception in Banff, which highlighted the N. de Grandmaison collection and the oral history project that is unfolding. This was well received by the members of the society.
- Conference Board of Canada – invited to the roundtable on the global talent race for universities, led by former UofS president Peter McKinnon.
- Last weekend, had UofL Family Skate at ENMAX Centre and pizza with residence assistance (RA's).

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

M. Mahon indicated that the deadline for receipt for Honorary Degree Recipient nominations was extended to January 15th due to committee transitions from the former GFC and Senate Honorary Degree Committee into just the Senate committee with GFC representation. Members were requested to think of worthy nominations and to talk to J. Gallais about the nomination process.

5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1. 2014-2019 Strategic Plan

MOTION: opn.2013.12.02

Kunz/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the attached University of Lethbridge Strategic Plan 2014-2019, with possible suggested amendments from General Faculties Council.

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon explained the process of bringing the strategic plan forth. GFC discussed this on Monday and they amended that instead of endorsing the plan they amended it to approve and recommend. The most important point is that it was unanimously approved and recommended from GFC.

The strategic plan was explained and the five central strategic directions were highlighted. In regards to the measures the last plan had more detail; however, with the existence of the academic, research and business plans these indicate the specific actions that help form the five strategic directions. This is an important change from the last plan.

Discussion occurred on wording of affordable and accessible, and the concept of destination and sustainability measures. It was also brought forth that a suggestion arose from GFC about adding research partners.

It was indicated that this is a living document and the GFC Strategic Plan committee will be looking at this throughout the period.

A question arose on the subsidiary plans and their approval cycle. It was also clarified that the measures will be reported on an annual basis.

5.2. Rules of Operation - Revisions

MOTION: opn.2013.12.03

Kunz/Talbot

That the Board of Governors approve the attached revised Rules of Operation, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

The changes were explained and no questions arose.

5.3. Governance Committee Appointment

MOTION: opn.2013.12.04

Smith/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve Janice Varzari to serve as a member on the Governance Committee, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Students' Union Financial Statements

S. Talbot brought forth the audited Students' Union Financial Statements from KPMG for the year ending April 30, 2013. A question arose on the Fresh Fest loss, and there are some risks but they will not have the same issues this year. The accounting transition was mentioned as well as a loss in the pub due to a severance package, but they are ahead there now. Further questions arose on what the internal restrictions, the lease of the building. It was reported that 50% of students opt out of health plan. The financial statements are open to anyone for viewing.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin reported that our new Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, is D. Hancock and we do not know yet if we have the same Deputy Minister or Assistant Deputy Minister. He then showed a picture as a delegate at a conference in England he was introduced to the Queen as a representative of the University of Lethbridge. A question arose on changes in the Honorary Degree Recipient process, and it was clarified that student membership has changed, the Vice-President (Research) now sits on the committee and they will award at least one to an academic recipient. GFC was very supportive of this approach.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski had nothing further to add to his submitted report. A question came forth on student scholarships and the growth. All members were reminded of the annual Calgary Alumni and Friends dinner to be held on March 27th. The keynote speaker is Commander Chris Hadfield. There are now less than 200 tickets available, and there are also speaking sponsorship opportunities still available as well.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker reported that Operation Red Nose is going on and we still need volunteers. She highlighted the Pronghorn Athletics and the All-Canadian awards and we have an above average number of our students getting these awards.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. Weeks had nothing to add to his report. A question arose on how his report is accessible and this does go campus wide in form of a newsletter. This information is going even further as it is now more accessible to media and government thanks to the work in Advancement and Communications.

7.5. Board Member Reports

S. Talbot reported on some of the effects the board has had on students. The student success centre being established has put more programs in place for high stress times for students, such as the Library stress free zone, and bringing therapy dogs to campus. These are some things that are happening from the board approving the money in the budget. The provincial lobby group across Alberta and others have been working on a report regarding students' perspectives on the future of post-secondary education. The UofL was a significant sponsor and this will be publically released in January, so once it is available J. Gallais will send this out. She thanked everyone as they made \$840 for the SU food bank from the Board!!! A question arose on the meetings with former Minister T. Lukasz, and it was indicated that it went well and they now hear round-table consultation will continue with the new minister. Another meeting is scheduled for early in January with the new minister.

F. Naeem reported on behalf of the Graduate Students Association that in their meetings with the Minister they discussed the percentages of attrition of graduate students and in the future they will be working with other graduate associations and looking at provincial policies on protecting graduate students in Alberta.

G. Adamson informed everyone that nominations are open for the 2014 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni of the Year award, and the information is on the alumni website. The 2013 award was given to Dr. Robert Morrison.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2013.12.05

Gray/Talbot

That the Board of Governors open session meeting of December 12, 2013 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried