

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION Approved Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2011 1:30 p.m. in W646

Present: B. Turner (Chair), J. Berezan, A. Escher, P. Forrest, G. Jong, E. Karbashewski,

B. Kunz, K. Lewis, M. Mahon, H. MacDonald, D. McArthur,

Z. Moline, K. Nugent, M. Smith, J. Varzari, P. Walz, T. Waters, K. Willms

Regrets: B. Brown, E. Good Striker, S. McClellan

Other: J. Black (recording secretary), B. Boudreau, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski,

S. Sproule, N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Westlund

Prior to the Board of Governors Open Session a presentation was given by Alex Joseph, Executive Director of the Water and Environmental Hub.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1. Approval of the December 15, 2011 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the November 17, 2011 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2011.12.01

Jong/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve the December 15, 2011 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

B. Turner and the entire Board of Governors thanked G. Jong for his six years of service as not only a board member, but also our vice-chair. He was presented with a gift of appreciation.

A reminder was given that a photograph will be taken between the open and closed session.

B. Turner highlighted the article in the Legend in regards to the Board's transition to paperless meetings through the use of the iPADs. He thanked everyone for working to make

this possible.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported that he attended three different alumni events: Vancouver, Victoria, and Ottawa. A thank you was given to C. Horbachewski and his team for all the work that goes into making these events successful. M. Mahon also had some meetings with planned giving donors and there were positive responses to those as well.

He met with the new Deputy Minister for Environment and Water. There was a follow-up meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister and D. Weeks regarding the waterhub to examine if it can be a portal that they can build on.

In Ottawa there were a series of meetings, one with Paul Boothe, Deputy Minister of Environment Canada who has been invited to campus. A meeting also occurred with the Associate Deputy Minister for Agriculture. While in Ottawa D. Weeks hosted the 2nd meeting of the Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities. There was also an opportunity to meet with the Deputy Minister Champion- James Ralston. He will help organize a dinner in February and/or March and invite the Deputy Ministers related to our areas of research. We have had successful Deputy Minister dinners in Edmonton, so this will be the first in Ottawa.

A presentation was given to the Alberta Caucus, and all members were presented with a map of the Province of Alberta indicating how many students from each riding comes to the University of Lethbridge. This was very well received. The main focus was to speak about the University of Lethbridge's initiative for First Nations Metis and Inuit.

M. Mahon indicated that there were two days of budget deliberations on campus, so it is a difficult time right now with budget cuts.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

S. McClellan sent her regrets.

M. Mahon reported that the Senate meeting went well and there was a lot of discussion on student issues and creating a destination university. Board members were encouraged to nominate individuals for the senate volunteer award, the deadline is February 1st. There also was an Honorary Degree Recipient meeting and a slate of nominees was approved to go to Senate in February.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. 2012-2013 Proposed Fees (PowerPoint Presentation)

MOTION: opn.2011.12.02

Berezan/McArthur

That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for 2012-2013, with the fees and rates for 2013-14 to 2015-16 approved in principle.

Motion: Carried

- N. Walker indicated that every December the Board of Governors approves the fees. D. Spoulos, Associate Vice-President (Finance), and M. Sawa, Manager Budget and Planning, went through the attached PowerPoint presentation on the proposed fees. Questions arose on international fees, and discussion occurred on the tuition discrepancy within Alberta.
- Z. Moline, SU President, indicated that students had a very good look at this and are in agreement with the fees. The students were consulted a lot throughout this process.
- 5.2. Flag Policy Revised

MOTION: opn.2011.12.03

Mahon/MacDonald

That the Board of Governors approve the update to the existing Flag Policy and Flag Protocol Guidelines with a single Flag Policy and attached Procedures, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Revisions are noted in the package. It is revised to come into line with Canadian Heritage flag protocol.

5.3. Emergency Student Loan Policy – Revised

MOTION: opn.2011.12.04

Berezan/Kunz

That the Board of Governors approve the update to the existing Emergency Student Loan Fund Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker added that at GFC when it was brought for information questions arose on the need for interest to be charged. The administrators of this were contacted and they would like to leave it in as it is forgiven quite a bit and the loan would then become a bursary if it is not repaid. In 3.1.2. it clarifies how interest is determined and forgiven.

The GSA and SU both have similar emergency funds available. Discussion occurred on how these are made known to students.

5.4. Research Overhead Policy – Revised

MOTION: opn.2011.12.05

Berezan/Jong

That the Board of Governors approve the changes to the Research Overhead Charging Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

- J. Berezan indicated this is similar to other universities and it makes better use of management's time. D. Weeks supported that it is a complicated process so this will make it much simpler.
- 5.5. Strategic Plan Progress Achievement Report

MOTION: opn.2011.12.06

Nugent/Smith

That the Board of Governors approve the Strategic Plan Progress Achievement Report.

Motion: Carried

- K. Nugent indicated this was discussed extensively at Governance Committee. M. Mahon stated a number of groups have been engaged in these discussions. This will also serve as a start on measures for the new strategic plan which will begin in 2014.
- B. Turner indicated that the strategic plan does not anticipate every possible event that the Board will deal with, but it is appropriate to know how we are doing at all times.
- 5.6. Board Representative for Strategic Planning Committee

MOTION: opn.2011.12.07

Mahon/Varzari

That the Board of Governors approve Tim Waters as the Board representative on the Strategic Planning Committee for the 2012-2013 time frame.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Sustainability

Discussion occurred around cost vs benefit decisions as it was stated that every initiative has consequences or costs. The university is committed to sustainability but as a public funded institution is always sensitive to costs as well.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

7.1 Academic Plan

A. Hakin indicated the attached Academic Plan was approved at GFC.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)

N. Walker had nothing to add to her report and indicated she is volunteering for Operation Red Nose tomorrow.

9. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

9.1 Strategic Research Plan

D. Weeks indicated the attached Strategic Research Plan is the first one at the University of Lethbridge and was just approved by GFC. It was a yearlong process to develop this plan, and there are metrics discussed with this. B. Turner extended congratulations on this accomplishment.

10. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)

C. Horbachewski highlighted three items within his report: an alumni reception will be held in Edmonton on January 31st, the donor gala on February 2nd, and on December 7th in Toronto there was a Safe Home Book Launch with Jim Coutts and Geoffery James with approximately 100 guests. It was a great guest list at the book launch and a tremendous event overall for the university. On January 26th will be the launch of the Fiat Lux Ring.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2011.12.08

Jong/McArthur

That the Board of Governors open session meeting of December 15, 2011 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried