



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. Karbasheski, 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

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