



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2016

1:00 p.m., W646

Present: R. Masson (Chair), P. Forrest, M. Gray, J. Harker, R. Kobbert, H. MacDonald (phone), M. Mahon, J. Nugent, M. Persinger, B. Scott, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, B. Tait, K. Ueland, J. Varzari (phone)

Regrets: T. Waters

Other: L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, S. Sproule, B. Sullivan, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Destination Project:

Nicole Bach (UofL), Nick Gabbin (UofL), Mitch Hall (KPMB), Bruce Kuwabara (KPMB), Brandie Lea (UofL), Gene Lublinkhof (UofL), Nikki Meurs (UofL), Michael Moxam (Stantec), Steven Phillips (Stantec), Justin Saley (KPMB)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

R. Masson was welcomed as Acting Chair.

APPROVAL

1.1. Approval of the February 25, 2016 Open Agenda

1.2. Approval of the December 10, 2015 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2016.02.01

Harker/Tait

That the Board of Governors approve the February 25, 2016 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

R. Masson had nothing to report.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Truth and Reconciliation update - Leroy Little Bear gave inaugural discussion about reconciliation on the UofL campus (February 4). The message he provided is that now is the time to move forward. The University will take up that charge and look to pursue action, based on recommendations within that report.

- UofL Syrian Action Committee raised enough to bring six families in. UofL students have formed a club under the auspices of WUSC (World University Service Canada, refugees) and they are now fundraising to bring a student refugee to campus in Fall 2016.
- New Minister of Advanced Education, Marlin Schmidt was appointed on February 2 and he held a phone call with all Board Chairs and Presidents on February 8. There was a meeting of the CARI Presidents and Board Chairs last Wednesday. Thanks to A. Hakin and P. Forrest for attending on behalf of the UofL.
- Met with Member of Parliament Kent Hehr on February 9 and spoke about capital needs, Destination Project, and the intent of the Liberal government.
- UofL hosted final Herschel/SPIRE consortium meeting last week. Thanks to Dr. David Naylor.
- Play Day February 15 was a success. Thanks was given to all the volunteers.
- Met with Chancellor of the University of Alberta Ralph Young and discussed the chancellor search process, as they're just about to commence a search.
- The Faculty of Management welcomed Nancy Southern (Chair, President & CEO of ATCO Ltd. & Executive VP of Spruce Meadows) and Adam Kreek (Olympic gold medalist) at Student Professional Development Conference Feb 4/5. Nancy Southern is our Executive in Residence with the Faculty of Management, and she made a very strong commitment to engage with the University of Lethbridge in the coming years.
- As a culmination of the Potato Growers Association partnership, Dr. Dmytro Yevtushenko was appointed Research Chair in Potato Science.
- Universities Canada meetings in Ottawa at which there was some discussion surrounding failed presidencies, as there have been a few across Canada in the past few years.
- 50th Anniversary Launch announcement was held on January 13. Great engagement with internal and external community. Regular updates will be given to the Board on planned anniversary events.
- Native Awareness week February 29-March 4. Of note is the talk that will be given by Wilton Little Child, Truth and Reconciliation commissioner.
- International Dinner Thursday, March 10. Award-winning author Kim Thuy will share her experiences as a boat person from Vietnam and her life in Canada. Fundraising for WUSC club & student refugee program.
- Calgary Alumni & Friends Dinner on Wednesday, April 6th at the Westin Hotel and this year's event features guest speaker Marc-Andre Bernier, Chief of Parks Canada's Underwater Archeology team speaking on the exciting discovery of the long-lost Franklin expedition.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on:

- January was an exciting month for Senate. On January 23, the names of seven honorary degree nominations were brought forward and all seven received greater than 50% of the vote. Five recipients will receive their degree this year, spring and fall, and the other two will be carried forward for up to three years. The 2016 University of Lethbridge Volunteer recipient has also been selected. The names of

all recipients will remain confidential until the University makes an official announcement. A reminder was given that the Chancellor’s Dinner on June 2.

- Attending Abbondanza in support of the Faculty of Fine Arts scholarship program.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Destination Project Design Development Report

MOTION: opn.2016.02.02

Gray/Tait

That the Board of Governors approve the Design Development Report for the Science and Academic Building (Destination Project – Phase 1).

Motion: Carried

Brian Sullivan, Program Director introduced members of the Destination Project Office and the integrated design team. The team gave a presentation on the Design Development Report. It is expected that the project will be shovel ready by May 1. Subject to funding, a fence will be put up around the site near the end of April, with the affected parking lot being closed as of May 1. Active construction will commence shortly after. We are working on an agreement with a local company that would like to back-fill a gravel pit with the excavated dirt. As the new building will eventually be attached, the north end of University Hall will be closed as work begins in prepping the exterior façade. There was a question regarding room for expansion within the new building, and there will be space on level 6 or 7 that will be shelled out to allow for growth within the institution.

5.2. Board of Governors Research Chair Guidelines

MOTION: opn.2016.02.03

Forrest/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the attached Board of Governors Research Chair Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

No questions or concerns arose.

5.3. Naming and Named Recognition Policy

MOTION: opn.2016.02.04

Forrest/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Naming and Named Recognition Policy (formerly Naming Policy), effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

With the capital campaign ramping up, and potential naming opportunities, it was necessary that we ensure that our policy is current. The previous version was restrictive to buildings. We've expanded the process to include professorships and faculties.

5.4. Hospitality Expense Policy

MOTION: opn.2016.02.05

Gray/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Hospitality Expense Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the need arose to change the reimbursement for alcohol purchases in order to conform to government policies on alcohol expenses and revise alcohol reimbursement to be reasonable and defensible for the use of public funds.

5.5. Travel and Business Expense Policy

MOTION: opn.2016.02.06

Gray/Kobbert

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Travel and Business Expense Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. 2015-16 Comprehensive Institutional Plan and Budget Report Update

The Board of Governors had approved the 2015-16 Budget Report and the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) in June 2015, prior to the revised budget announcements of the new Provincial Government. The previous reports and budgets were based on the budget announcements of the previous Provincial Government. After the June 18, 2015 revised

budget announcements, there was a change in the Campus Alberta Grant, tuition fees were frozen at 2014-15 levels and the market modifier approved was reversed. In order to have an accurate record of the 2015-16 Budget Report and the CIP, these documents have been revised to reflect the revised budget based on the new Provincial Government's budget announcement of June 18, 2015. It was clarified that the Budget Advisory Committee membership was based on when the original document was approved in June.

6.2. Audited Financial Statements

The Graduate Students' Association and Students' Union Audited Financial Statements are provided to the Board annually for information.

7. **REPORTS**

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

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

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski gave a reminder of the Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner on April 6 at the Westin. Tickets are still available.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

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

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine noted that the SPIRE conference was a success and was a very proud UofL moment. It was wonderful to see the impact of what D. Naylor's research has had nationally and internationally.

7.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU), B. Scott thanked the Board for their generous donations to the Pass the Hat fundraiser in December. ULSU elections are currently underway, with the new executive taking office May 1. There was a question regarding voter turnout, which typically averages at 20% of the student population. On behalf of the Alumni Association, R. Kobbert reported that the inaugural Young Alumnus of the Year is Danielle Tait. The award presentation will take place at a student breakfast on March 31.

K. Ueland reported that changes are being made regarding position timing and compensation of the Graduate Students' Association executive beginning May 1. She added that the 2016 Meeting of the Minds Conference was a success and is a great way to highlight student research.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2016.02.07

Gray/Scott

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of February 25, 2016 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried