



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2012

1:30 p.m. in W646

- Present:** B. Turner (Chair), J. Berezan, B. Brown (via phone), A. Escher, G. Jong, E. Karbasheski, K. Lewis, M. Mahon, H. MacDonald, D. McArthur, S. McClellan (via phone), Z. Moline, K. Nugent (via phone), M. Smith, J. Varzari (via phone), T. Waters
- Regrets:** L. Corbiere, E. Good Striker, A. Hakin, P. Forrest, B. Kunz, C. Horbachewski, P. Walz, K. Willms, S. Sproule, B. Boudreau
- Other:** J. Black (recording secretary), N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Westlund

Prior to the agenda James Eagan, Leader of Ernst & Young LLP's Global Immigration practice, was introduced as the Board of Governors Speaker Series guest for the evening.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1. Approval of the February 16, 2012 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the December 15, 2011 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2012.02.01

Waters/Moline

That the Board of Governors approve the February 16, 2012 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

- B. Turner indicated our Provost and P. Forrest are currently in Edmonton representing the U of L at the Campus Alberta Strategic Direction Committee meeting.
- Premier A. Redford was recently hosted at Lethbridge College. It was a good event, and B. Turner attended as well as some other board members and senior administrators.
- On January 28th the Edmonton campus hosted their annual get together at the U of A Faculty Club. President Mahon, Maureen Mahon and Dean B. Ellis attended this event as well.

- On January 31st the Edmonton Alumni Association held their event at Transcend Coffee. This business has been developed by two U of L alumni, and there are now three outlets for this business in Edmonton. The turnout was great, and they had to extend it to two evenings to accommodate the guests.
- On Feb. 2nd the U of L held their donor recognition evening. Advancement did a great job on this event.
- B. Turner attended the throne speech last week, and unfortunately had to miss the committee meetings.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- M. Mahon had verbal confirmation of a 2% budget increase for each of the next three years. There will be some new funding for the CAIP chair. Also will be hearing about IMP funding for infrastructure renewal. This is much better than the 0% funding expected, but escalation costs do exceed this amount.
- The President's Task Force on Budget has been working hard this last month and have completed extensive discussions on this across campus. There is a committed to have this completed at the end of this month.
- Whitepaper – leading into Strategic Planning Process a white paper will be crafted that will reflect on our achievements and at the retreat the board can feed into this paper.
- In a few weeks the U of L will have the first Deputy Minister dinner in Ottawa. This has been arranged with the support of James Ralston our Deputy Minister Champion. Dr. Rood will speak on water, as the central focus is around water and the environment.
- M, Mahon will also meet in Montreal with the President of Brain Canada. They are planning on infusing money into neuroscience research, so we want to be involved with this.
- The PhD program in Education has officially been approved. There is no new funding to support this, so it will be modest to start but has tremendous potential for growth.
- Spring enrolment is tracking well at this point. No big increases, but we are staying the same as the last couple of years.
- The U of L co-hosted an event on cultural diversity with the City of Lethbridge. The issue of diversity and inclusion is important for the university as well.
- In regards to funding announcements: The Metis Nation of Alberta and Rupertsland have given \$500,000 towards Metis student scholarships, and we are working to match these fund so we can get this endowment up to \$1 million to support Metis students on campus. Scotiabank also announced \$150,000 to help fund a FNMI Mentor Program.
- M. Mahon spoke at the high school in Pincher Creek on Friday. There are lots of enthusiastic students thinking of the U of L, and it was great to connect with future students. This visit was supported by Senate and G. Parker who is an alumnus of ours and a practicing physician in Pincher Creek.

Boudreau holds this position, and this reflects that this Associate Vice-President has more significant responsibility within their duties.

5.2. Delegation of Authority, Senior Executive Policy - Revised

MOTION: opn.2012.02.03

Nugent/Jong

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Policy – Delegation of Authority, Senior Executives, effective immediately with amendment to indicate research instead of academic matters under the Vice-President (Research).

Motion: Carried

N. Walker indicated this is an update of an existing policy. There are title changes, and now guidance in terms of email notification. An amendment was noted under the Vice-President (Research) to reflect research instead of academic matters.

5.3. Consent Agendas

MOTION: opn.2012.02.04

Nugent/Karbashewski

That the Board of Governors approve to the increased use of consent agendas to become effective at the March 2012 Board of Governors Open and Closed Session meetings.

Motion: Carried

B. Turner indicated that this is a way to ensure more time is available for value added generative thinking items. It is not intended to put things beyond question, but it is just packaged differently. Questions are still welcomed before they pass the consent agenda, and if anyone wishes to have something as a more thorough discussion it will then be moved to the regular agenda. A board he is only currently uses this format and there is more robust discussion. M. Mahon indicated that with this transition the president's report will be expanded so if there was an item that a vice-president would like to add it would follow after his comments. Thanks to J. Black for developing this proposal. A comment was provided that increased information will help them as members to become more knowledgeable. M. Mahon indicated there are lots of documents out there on the value of generative discussion.

