



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2014

3:00 p.m. (following Closed Session), W646

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), G. Adamson, J. Adolf, A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, M. Carrell, J. Copeland, P. Forrest, S. Glydon, M. Gray, J. Harker, B. Kunz, M. Mahon, R. Masson, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, J. Varzari
- Regrets:** R. Corbiere, S. McClellan, T. Waters
- Other:** B. Boudreau, L. Brown, L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, L. Hildebrand, C. Horbachewski, M. Kawchuk, S. Olson, M. Sawa, C. Takeyasu, J. Usher, M. Villeneuve, N. Walker, R. Westlund

Visitors were welcomed and reminded that they are unable to participate in discussion. Jennifer Harker and Julia Adolf were introduced as new members of the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the October 16, 2014, Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the June 13, 2014 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2014.10.01

Varzari/Scrimshaw

That the Board of Governors approve the October 16, 2014 Consent Agenda with the addition of an in camera session held at the end of the meeting.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong reported that he attended:

- Alumni golf tournament on June 13.
- June 19 Gift announcement of \$2.5 million from Cor Van Raay.
- Meeting with Greg Weadick on June 23, and spoke to the funding needs of the Destination Project.
- Jim Coutts memorial service on July 6 at the Coutts property.
- July 8 St. Michael's charity golf tournament.
- Campus Alberta meetings in Edmonton with M. Mahon on July 14.

- On August 11, prior to him becoming Premier, met with Jim Prentice.
- Board orientation on September 22.
- UofL Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast on September 27.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported on:

- Condolences passing of former Chancellor Robert Hironaka, Honorary Degree recipients Jim Coutts and Ed McNally, former Senate and Board Member Harry Cox, and donor Hazel Penny
- Senior Leaders Retreat was held yesterday– talked about risk, Destination Project, recruitment and retention, streamline the committees and meetings that the senior leaders attend.
- Chancellor Search process is underway and the nomination deadline is October 31 with new Chancellor beginning March 2015. There is also a call for honorary degree nominations, prior to the November 1 deadline. The on decision for both items will be made at the February Senate meeting.
- Campus Alberta Strategic Directions (Minister, President, Board Chairs) October 20
- Alberta Innovation Council appointment – 13 member council which provides overarching guidance to the four Alberta Innovates corporations and to make recommendations to Minister.
- In September, attended an historic signing between Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and Colleges and Institutes Canada, which recognized the need of better collaboration between universities and colleges.
- Trip to Mexico as a follow-up on work that has been taking place on indigenous people. Was invited to speak at a national meeting of universities in Mexico about this work.
- Fiat Lux Address was given on October 2, followed by a Community Open House.
- ULFA Handbook was recently ratified and signed.
- Online auction, until October 18, of items from Jim Coutts' personal collection of art, with proceeds going to support the Coutts Centre for Western Canadian Heritage. Live auction takes place November 23.
- Policy Dialogue on Higher Education, Research and Innovation October 27/28 in Ottawa
- AUCC Membership Meeting
- Harvard Seminar for Experienced Presidents November 6-8 in Cambridge.
- UofL neuroscientist, Dr. Andrew Iwaniuk will be inducted into a new Royal Society category, College of New Scholars, at an event in Quebec City in November.
- University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge College, and Medicine Hat College Retreat on December 8 and will be looking at ways of collaborating.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

S. McClellan sent her regrets. M. Mahon reminded Board members of the October 18 Convocation ceremony, and encouraged them to participate.

5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1. Advancement Committee Membership

MOTION: opn.2014.10.02

Varzari/Forrest

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Kuno Ryckborst and Rob Van Horne to the Board of Governors Advancement Committee.

Motion: Carried

P. Forrest added that Terms of Reference still allows for one additional member.

5.2. Mandate and Roles Document

MOTION: opn.2014.10.03

Varzari/Copeland

That the Board of Governors approve the Mandate and Roles Document.

Motion: Carried

5.3. Tuition Market Modifier Proposals

MOTION: opn.2014.10.04

Berezan/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the submission of the proposal for a tuition market modifier (tuition disparity) to the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education for approval.

Motion: Carried (3 opposed) – M. Carrell, S. Glydon, J. Adolf

Tuition Market Modifiers were brought before the Board in September. The Finance Committee believes that they are in the best interest of the University, and are reasonable and justified. J. Berezan noted that this is not the final step in the process – these proposals, if approved by the Board, will be submitted to the government, who will have the option of approving both, one, or neither. Should one or both be approved by the government, the Market Modifiers will come back to the Board for discussion and final approval before implementation.

MOTION: opn.2014.10.05

Berezan/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve the submission of the proposal for a tuition market modifier (Management) to the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education for approval.

Motion: Carried (3 opposed) – M. Carrell, S. Glydon, J. Adolf

There was concern from the student members that a decision this large, affecting so many students, is being made in such a short timeframe. Because the Management Market Modifier only affects those enrolled in the Faculty, the worry is that many students will hold off enrolling in the Faculty of Management until their final year and/or not take as many recommended management courses; this might cause students to not be as prepared for the job market upon graduation as they otherwise might have been. But if you apply this market modifier to all students, it goes against liberal education.

It was noted that the other Comprehensive Academic Research Institutions (CARI) will be increasing their fees as well. Not only do we hope to replace some of the faculty members that were lost during budget cutbacks a couple of years ago, but we are also hoping to gain accreditation, which has costs associated with it. We don't want to increase fees dramatically in one year, but will seek approval from the Board for one year, and subsequent years will be brought up when student fees come before the Board.

There was a question about why Management is being targeted for the market modifier and not other programs. It was added that historically the government has accepted market modifiers in Management as opposed to, for example, those in Education or a program in the sciences. The cost of professors in the Faculty of Management is also greater than that of other faculties.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Graduate Students Association Financial Statements

Under the Act, student association have to provide their financial statements to the Board each year. J. Berezan reported that these are being presented today in order for the GSA to catch up; 2013-2014 statements will come before the Board at the December meeting.

6.2 Canada School of Energy and Environment (CSEE) 2013-14 Annual Report

J. Berezan noted that CSEE is in the process of dissolution.

6.3 Canadian Association of University Business Officers Deferred Maintenance Update

J. Berezan noted that it is alarming that we are falling so far behind, that half of deferred maintenance is due to inflation. The University of Lethbridge is in a better position than many others institutions.

6.4 Innovation and Advanced Education 2015-16 Tuition Fee Increase Letter

J. Berezan reported that this was provided for information in order for us to know what to expect.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin had nothing to add.

7.2 Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski added the Calgary Alumni and Friends Dinner is scheduled for March 27 and Margaret Atwood will be the featured speaker.

7.3 Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing to add.

7.4 Interim Vice-President (Research)

L. Brown added that an announcement was made earlier today that UofL neuroscientist, Dr. Andrew Iwaniuk, was named a Tier II Canada Research Chair.

7.5 Board Member Reports

S. Glydon reported that the Students' Union will be hosting a cancer fundraiser tonight, benefitting the Jack Ady Cancer Centre. The SU is bringing in a guest speaker in November, a professional snowboarder, who will be speaking on sports education. There were no other reports.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2014.10.06

Forrest/Berezan

That the Board of Governors open session meeting of October 16, 2014 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried