



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Friday, September 23, 2016
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), M Gale, M. Gray, J. Harker, C. Howey, E. Jing, R. Kobbert, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, R. Masson J. Nugent, T. Pace-Crosschild, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, S. Stocker, J. Varzari, T. Waters
- Regrets:** P. Forrest, H. MacDonald, B. Tait
- Other:** L. Corbiere, J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, E. Okine, S. Olson, N. Walker, J. Westers, R. Westlund

K. Schlachter was introduced as the new Chair of the Board and introductions of H. Labuhn, T. Pace-Crosschild, and S. Stocker were made and they were welcomed as the newly appointed members on the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the September 23, 2016 Open Agenda
1.2. Approval of the June 16, 2016 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2016.09.01

Varzari/Harker

That the Board of Governors approve the September 23, 2016 Consent Agenda with amendment.

Motion: Carried

As there were no Items for Information, this was removed from the agenda.

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter remarked that it has been a busy summer since he was appointed Chair:

- Has met with M. Mahon and the senior leadership team
- Has connected with all members of the Board
- Attended Board orientation earlier today, as well as Finance and Executive Committee meetings at the beginning of August
- Attended the General Faculties Council reception last week
- Attended the Southern Alberta Art Gallery Art Auction on September 17
- Along with the President's Office, served lunch to 800 students at the Welcome Back BBQ earlier this week.
- Upcoming events include Pronghorn Scholarship Breakfast, Senior Leaders reception, December Senate meeting and Fall Convocation.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Enrolment:
 - As of September 20, 2016, total enrolment for the Fall semester is 8,628 students, which is record enrolment for the University of Lethbridge. This represents an increase from the previous Fall of 2.1%.
 - The number of new high school students at the U of L increased from 1,273 in Fall 2015 to 1,295 in Fall 2016.
 - The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit student population increased by 9.1%, from 440 students in Fall 2015 to 480 students in Fall 2016.
 - Graduate student enrolment is up 2.7% from 560 to 575 students.
 - The international student population increased by 0.4%, from 548 students in Fall 2015 to 550 students in Fall 2016.
 - The number of new transfer students received by the U of L dropped from 738 students in Fall 2015 to 724 in Fall 2016. Congrats to the VPs and their areas for all their work
- Mental Health Funding announcement on campus on September 15 by Minister Marlin Schmidt. This is not new funding, but extending funding that we started to receive three years ago.
- Drs. Louise Barrett, Bruce McNaughton and Joe Rasmussen have been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada and Dr. Artur Luczak has been elected to the Society's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists
- Leroy Little Bear will be inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence in October
- Claudia Malacrida named to independent federal review panel examining scientific funding.
- President's Executive retreat at the Coutts property on September 14.
- Lethbridge (and the UofL!) were well represented at the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games. Congrats to Ashely Steacy and Kayla Moleshci (bronze medal in Rugby 7's), Heather Steacy (finished in the top 25 in the world in hammer throw), Rachel Nicol (5th place in both individual breast stroke and 4x100 individual medley relay team), and Pronghorn swimmer Zack McAllister for a strong showing at the Paralympics.
- The Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) is hosting Inclusion Conference 2016 – Building Inclusive Neighbourhoods in a Changing World on October 2 – 4 in Lethbridge.
- President Goals for 2016-17, which are approved by the Compensation Committee each June. He will continue to report on the goals each year.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported on:

- Looking forward to working with the new Chair and board members.
- Senate wrapped up the 2015/16 academic year with the annual Recognition Dinner in June. The event held record attendance and she gave a State of the Senate address for the first time. She will continue to do so and she will look to setting goals.

- Participated in the Calgary alumni golf tournament during the summer, as well as had lunch with Meio University representatives from Japan.
- Was invited by Chaplin Erin Phillips to participate in an ice cream event for students, which had a great turnout.
- Welcome Back BBQ
- Attended U of L alumna Deri Latimer presentation, which had lots of students in attendance.
- Robert Brawn will receive an Honorary Degree during Fall Convocation on October 15. Board members are encouraged to sit on the platform during the ceremony. Involved in convocation committee
- The Senate Honorary Degree Committee is seeking nominations and Board members were encouraged to consider making a nomination
- The first Senate meeting of the academic year will occur on October 1

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Annual Report (for the year ended March 31, 2016)

MOTION: opn.2016.09.02

Gray/Waters

That the Board of Governors approve the University of Lethbridge Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2016.

Motion: Carried

M. Gray reported that the timing of this item coming for approval is good in that the new Board Chair can sign off on it. It was noted that the external auditors have reviewed the report and have no concerns.

There was a question regarding the impact on enrolment due to the loss of residence beds with the building envelope repairs currently underway. Our numbers indicate that we were not negatively impacted and our long-term plan is to increase the total number of residence beds. We are currently embarking on market research on what type of residences and where they should be located.

There was also some discussion on distance technology offerings and A. Hakin noted that we are looking at ways we can offer our Calgary campus students the same experience that the students receive at the Lethbridge campus.

5.2. Board Representative on Senate

MOTION: opn.2016.09.03

Masson/Gray

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Shilpa Stocker to serve as the Board representative on Senate for a three-year term, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

There were no questions or comments.

5.3. Board Representative on Strategic Planning Committee

MOTION: opn.2016.09.04

Masson/Howey

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Tanya Pace-Crosschild to serve as the Board representative on the Strategic Planning Committee for a term effective immediately and ending on June 30, 2018.

Motion: Carried (1 abstention)

There were no questions or comments.

5.4. Advancement Committee Temporary Suspension

MOTION: opn.2016.09.05

Masson/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approve temporary suspension of the Advancement Committee, effective September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2017, with the stipulations noted below:

- *A designated Chair of the Advancement Committee will still be appointed following the appropriate Board of Governors procedures;*
- *The Chair of the Advancement Committee will either serve on the Campaign Cabinet or be regularly updated on their progress and will then be responsible for reporting to the Board of Governors; and*
- *The temporary suspension and stipulations will be re-evaluated annually by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board of Governors during the committee membership placements.*

Motion: Carried

M. Mahon noted that we have been in the silent phase of the capital campaign since January 2012 and there has been quite a bit of duplication having both the Advancement Committee and the Campaign Cabinet. Past Chair P. Forrest agreed that it would serve us well to suspend the committee.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

C. Howey reported that the Students' Union was involved in New Student Orientation and the Career Fair, and also hosted record numbers at Fresh Fest. E. Jing noted that the Graduate Students' Association also participated in the Career Fair this year.

R. Kobbert highlighted the Alumni Association's Let There Be Light Night on October 14. More details to come.

M. Gray noted that the women's soccer team recently held an alumni night celebrating 30 years of soccer at the UofL. Ten of the original team members were able to attend.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2016.09.06

Harker/Kobbert

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of September 23, 2016 be adjourned.