

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011 AT 1:30 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Bob Turner (Chair), Mike Mahon, Jim Berezan, Don Chandler, Patrick Forrest, Eric Hawthorne, Gordon Jong, Taz Kassam, Heidi MacDonald, Doug McArthur, Kevin Nugent, Paul Walz, Kathleen Willms

Regrets: Richard Davidson, Evelyn Good Striker, Blaine Kunz, Janice Varzari,

Others: Andrew Hakin, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning)
Dan Weeks, Vice-President (Research) via Skype
Laurel Corbiere, Senior Advisor to the President
Richard Westlund (Regrets)
Jill Sletto (Recording Secretary)

Bob Turner introduced Kathleen Willms to the Board of Governors and presented her with the Board of Governors briefcase and pin. Bob also introduced Jill Sletto to the Board, filling in for Jodie Black.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the February 17, 2011 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the December 16, 2010 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2011.02.01

MacDonald/Chandler That the Consent Agenda of the February 17, 2011 Open Session of the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be approved with the addition of Item for Action 4.3 Associate VP Hr/Admin Appointment Committee. That the minutes of the Open Session of December 16, 2010 be approved with the change to Item 10 – Don Chandler’s Report, not James Berezan’s.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

2.1 New Chancellor – Shirley McClellan

The Chair reported that the University of Lethbridge has a new Chancellor, Dr. Shirley McClellan. Dr. McClellan will be an outstanding Chancellor and will serve as an excellent Ambassador for the University of Lethbridge.

2.2 New Minister of Advanced Education – Greg Weadick

Greg Weadick has been appointed as the new Minister of Advanced Education. Mr. Weadick is scheduled to attend the Ian Shugart dinner tonight at the University, but may not attend due to his swearing-in scheduled the next morning in Edmonton.

2.3 January 12, 2011 Meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister

Mike Mahon, Bob Turner and Richard Westlund met with the leadership of the three other Research Intensive Universities, along with the Minister (Doug Horner) and the Deputy Minister. The Minister and the Deputy Minister were quite impressed with the way the four Universities came together with a collective vision, as well as Mike Mahon's vision for the University of Lethbridge.

2.4 January 15, 2011 Annual Edmonton Campus Dinner

This was an excellent event which allowed the instructors and staff to come together for a Social Occasion.

2.5 February 3, 2011 7th Annual Donor Recognition Gala

The event was a great success and is an opportunity to bring people together who financially support the University.

2.6 Ian Shugart Dinner tonight in CJ's

Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, Mr. Ian Shugart will be giving a talk tonight at the Board dinner. Bob Turner advised the Board that there are not many Board of Governors members attending the event tonight, and it would be a good investment of their time, if they did attend these kinds of events.

2.7 May 19, 2011 Board of Governors Meeting

This meeting will be taking place at the Calgary Campus at Bow Valley College. The Chair advised the Board that it would be best to take a full day off of work for this meeting. The plan so far is to take a bus to Calgary with a stop on the way at the Jim Coutts' property. After the meeting, the bus will stop somewhere for the Board to have dinner and then return to Lethbridge.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Laurel Corbiere

Laurel has taken on the role of Senior Advisor to the President and President's Exec. Laurel is also responsible for helping with the Strategic Plan.

3.2 January 12, 2011 Meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister

The President added to the Board Chair's report that the overwhelming discussion at that meeting was around maintaining momentum, and they focused on four areas: building capacity through Research Chairs, building capacity in the Comprehensive Institutions by supporting graduate students' funding, supporting our collaborative efforts with Colleges by providing funding to support these endeavors and supporting internationalization by looking at Provincial wide funding to support students coming to Alberta Universities as well as Alberta students going abroad. Mike also reported that at that meeting with Minister Horner,

they re-engaged the full-court press on the Science building. They did get assurance that the building will be built, it's just a matter of when funding will be available.

3.3 Visit from Maclean's Magazine's Managing Editor-In-Chief

Andy Hakin and President Mahon met with Cathrin Bradbury about the yearly issue that Maclean's Magazine does on Universities. Ms. Bradbury got a tour of the Campus and had a good discussion with Mike and Andy about the Initiative that Maclean's is involved in with Universities.

3.4 Celebration at Bow Valley College

There was a celebration at the Bow Valley College to celebrate the relationship between the University of Lethbridge and Bow Valley College as well as to celebrate the opening of the U of L Campus at Bow Valley College. There was strong representation from the University of Lethbridge as well as from Bow Valley College.

3.5 Jim Coutts Event at the Art Gallery

Mike reported that there was an excellent event at the Art Gallery to celebrate Jim Coutts as well as the donations he has contributed to the University. People from all over Canada came to this event to show what a great individual he is. The art that Mr. Coutts has donated is located upstairs in the Art Gallery.

3.6 Mike's Talking Circuits

Mike reported that he has been on a talking circuit, speaking at several different events, building the message around four things: Students first, Comprehensive Universities, Community Engagement and Destination University. Mike also reported that he spoke in front of 350 Magrath High School students as part of a Senate tour and it was very well received.

3.7 Assistant Deputy Minister, Tom Thackeray

Mike met with Tom Thackeray to talk about Community Engagement, Volunteerism, as well as the University art collections and our need for a facility.

3.8 Blackfoot Elder Event

Mike met with a large number of Blackfoot Elders and gave them a tour of the Water Building. Mike and the elders discussed first nations relationships with ourselves both on and off campus.

3.9 Tour of Lethbridge Research Station

Mike toured the Lethbridge Research Station and had some discussion with them of engaging more with the Research Station as well as re-engaging strategic partnerships.

3.10 Doug Griffiths

Mike reported that Doug Griffiths was on campus.

3.11 Congrats

Congratulations to Howard Tennant who was named co-chair of a committee that is to look at Alberta Oil sands as well as be on the Advisory Panel for water issues. Mike also sent out congratulations to Senate member, Cheryl Dick who was named the YWCA Woman of the Year.

3.12 Strategic Plan

Mike has been working with Laurel Corbiere on the Strategic Plan: where it is, where it's going and they have been getting a lot of feedback.

3.13 Condolences

Two Honorary Degree recipients have recently passed away, Johan Dormaar and Chava Rosenfarb. Mike extended his condolences.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Board Chair and President Position Description

MOTION: opn.2011.02.02

Jong/Walz That the Board of Governors approve the draft position description for Chair of the Board and President & Vice-Chancellor as attached.

Motion: Carried.

4.2 Governance Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2011.02.03

Nugent/MacDonald That the Board of Governors approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee.

Motion: Carried

4.3 Associate VP HR/Admin Appointment Committee

MOTION: opn.2011.02.04

Mahon/Berezan That the Board of Governors appoints Heidi MacDonald to the Associate Vice-President (Human Resources & Administration) appointment committee.

Motion: Carried.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 New Faculty Appointments

Andy Hakin reported on these new appointments. Enclosure 3 in the Agenda package shows a list of new Faculty Appointments from October 1, 2010 – January 31, 2011.

5.2 Canadian Auditing Standards – New Changes

James Berezan reported on these new standards, while referring to Enclosure 4 in the Agenda package. Mr. Berezan reported that there are no big changes in the Auditing Standards, but he and Nancy Walker wanted to create the report in Enclosure 4 for the non-Accountants.

5.3 Changes in Accounting Standards

Nancy Walker reported that the Accounting changes are going to be quite significant, and will now be the same as all other Government Agencies. Nancy admitted that these changes are a big concern and that they will need to start adapting as soon as possible.

5.4 Sustainability

Nancy Walker reported that she had met with the Students' Union and Presidents' Exec. to talk about composting. There is already composting at the University, but Nancy thinks we can do more, starting with student education with the Residence students. Mike Mahon added that Laurel Corbiere was at the University of Alberta and they have a significant Sustainability Office. Taz Kassam thought that having one core sustainability committee to report to would be very helpful, instead of several different groups. Mike Mahon thought that sustainability would be something to look at when recruiting students.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) & PROVOST

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost circulated a written report at the beginning at the meeting and discussion was held.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)

Nancy Walker reported that interviews for Associate VP Finance have taken place. There were great candidates and they will be hiring soon.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)

Chris Horbachewski had a few comments.

- April 3, 2011 Calgary Alumni Dinner: Guest speaker this year is Rick Mercer;
- Donor Gala in February: Great event, over 300 people in Markin Hall. The highlight for Chris was finding out the University received over 4100 individual gifts to the University of Lethbridge in 2010, and raised over 9.1 million dollars for different projects.

9. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

Dan Weeks attended the meeting via Skype. Dan had submitted a report with the Agenda package and directed the Board members to a few different spots in the report.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no other Board Member Reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2011.02.05

Kassam/Walz That the Open Session of the February 17, 2011 meeting of The University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried