

MINUTES OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE
SENATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

Present: Richard Davidson (Chair), Clarence Arnoldussen, Ingrid Berg, Steve Brodrick, Lorelee Burton, Don Chandler, Debi Charlesworth, Margaret Cook, Ron Corbiere, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Mari Daunt, Holly Debnam, Cheryl Dick, Robert Ellis, Wendy Fox, Andy Hakin, Allan Hall, Alex Hann, Chris Hosgood, Taz Kassam, Paul Kenwood, Danny Le Roy, Terry Longair, Mike Mahon, William Malcolm, Margaret Mazerolle, Nathan McCowan, Keith McLaughlin, Sharon McNiven, Dale Merchant, Susan Milne, John Moldon, Gavin Parker, Elisha Rasmussen, Nicole Rosen, Bernie Scott, Lynne Sherwood, Keith Spackman, Frank Spanbauer, Kathy Stauffer, Nancy Walker, Jeanne Xie, Sheena Olson (Secretary)

Regrets: John Bolton, Susan Burrows-Johnson, Robert Christiansen, Wayne Johnson, Kathy Lewis, Paul Pharo, Diane Randell, Dory Rossiter, John Seaman, Calvin Stewart, Lea Switzer, Claire Torscher, Janice Varzari, Gerard Westwood, Rob Wood

1. WELCOME

Richard Davidson welcomed all Senators and thanked them for attending the meeting even though it was such a beautiful fall day outside.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Le Roy/Cyr

That the agenda for the meeting of October 2, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Merchant/Hann

That the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The official grand opening of Markin Hall will take place on Thursday, October 21 at 1 p.m. Premier Ed Stelmach will help open the new building which now houses the Faculties of Health Sciences and Management.

5. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Richard Davidson welcomed and introduced the following new Senators and presented them with a U of L briefcase and pin:

- Mike Mahon, President & Vice-Chancellor
- Robert Ellis , newly appointed Dean of the Faculty of Management and Deans' Council representative
- Nicole Rosen , Assistant Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and General Faculties Council representative
- Steve Brodrick, Assistant Manager in Housing Services and non-academic staff representative
- Taz Kassam, Keith McLaughlin, and Nathan McCowan, Students' Union representatives
- Jeanne Xie, Graduate Students' Association representative
- Representative members:
 - Paul Kenwood, Lethbridge
 - Margaret Mazerolle, Medicine Hat
 - Susan Milne, Lethbridge
 - Lynne Sherwood, Lethbridge
 - Keith Spackman, High River

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1 Appointment of Student Members and GFC Members to the Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Dick/Ellis

That the Senate appoint the following individuals to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee:

Taz Kassam and Keith McLaughlin as student representatives, effective until April 30, 2011 and David Clearwater and Shamsul Alam as GFC representatives, effective until June 30, 2012.

Motion: Carried

6.2 Appointment of Student Member, Graduate Student Member, and Alumni Association Representative to the Volunteer Award Committee

MOTION:

Hall/Daunt

That the Senate appoint the following individuals to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee:

Jeanne Xie as Graduate Student representative, Nathan McCowan as Student representative, effective until April 30, 2011, and Kathy Lewis as Alumni Association representative, effective until June 30, 2012.

Motion: Carried

6.3 Removal of Limit on Committee Membership

In the past, Senators have not been appointed to a standing committee during their first year on Senate. At the time, it was felt that this would give the new Senator time to familiarize themselves with the workings of Senate before they actually get involved. Because of a few comments made on the Senate evaluation, the Executive Committee felt that this practice should be revised, and that all Senators be placed on a committee following their appointment, to ensure active involvement.

MOTION:

McCowan/Rasmussen

That the Senate remove the limit on the maximum number of members on the Hospitality, Outreach, and Honorary Degree Search Committees and that, under the discretion of the Senate Executive, each new Senator be placed on one of these committees directly following their appointment to Senate.

Motion: Carried

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Chancellor

Richard Davidson reported on his activities as Chancellor since the last Senate meeting:

- Attended and gave greetings on behalf of Senate at Long Service & Retirement Awards Ceremony, the annual retirees' luncheon, U of L Alumni celebration reception, Deans Jane O'Dea's and Murray Lindsay's farewell receptions, and the dedication of the Carl Granzow Sculpture Garden.
- Opened up the first meeting of the Chancellor Search committee. Once the committee appointed Louella Cronkhite as Chair, he retired from the meeting.
- Meet the Ministers reception and dinner on May 25
- Spring Convocation on June 3 & 4. It's always great to be able to shake their hand and congratulate each grad, even if it's only for a few moments. There was a great turnout at the Chancellor's dinner this year, and we were able to recognize our Honorary Degree recipients, Alumni Honour Society Inductees, Student Award recipients, and the Senate Volunteer Award recipients.
- Various farewell events for Bill and Elsa Cade
- Premier's Dinner on campus on June 27
- Parent and Partner orientation (part of New Student Orientation) on Sept. 7
- President's Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 9
- Various Senate and Board of Governor's meetings

8.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

Mike Mahon mentioned that it was a pleasure to be there and that he had been looking forward to his first Senate meeting because he realizes how important Senate is at Universities in Alberta.

Mike Mahon started off by giving a few highlights from his time at the U of L so far:

- Richard and Denise Davidson walked 200 kilometres and raised over \$43,000 for the Kidney Foundation.
- At just shy of 8500 students, the record for enrolment has been broken. There has been a significant increase in students at the Calgary campus and there are presently over 500 graduate students.
- Funding for faculty research has reached over \$15 million.
- The City of Lethbridge approved the partnership with the University of Lethbridge for the proposed community arts facility and the U of L Music Conservatory moving across the river to downtown Lethbridge.
- The first ever in Western Canada Youth Relay for Life was held at the University of Lethbridge last night. The event, entirely organized by students, raised \$22,000.
- Dr. Gary Bowie, U of L Professor Emeritus, was announced as the Chair of the Alberta Secretariat for the Action on Homelessness.
- Joe Rasmussen, a University of Lethbridge biological sciences researcher and

Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Ecosystems, has been appointed to an independent advisory panel which will study the oil sands and their affect on the Athabasca River. Dr. Rasmussen is the only Albertan on the six-member review panel.

- The U of L Calgary campus is moving from its present location at SAIT to Rocky Mountain Plaza. The new move comes with a new partnership with Bow Valley College.
- Mike Mahon has spent a great deal of time getting to know people on campus via the “Meet Mike” activities, as well as meetings with researchers and scholars.
- Mike Mahon had his first combine driving experience during the recent harvest for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

After spending time getting to know the University of Lethbridge and the people, Mike Mahon shared the themes that came out of his meetings:

- The history and foundation of the U of L is important.
The U of L is a liberal education institution and there should be commitment to maintain that.
- Having a student-centred approach and focus.
- The importance of having a First Nations, Metis, and Inuit focus at the U of L as we are on Blackfoot land.
- Excitement and nervousness for the U of L transitioning to a comprehensive university.
- Continue to recruit students from all of Alberta and Canada.

After everything he’s heard, Mike Mahon and the Executive team have begun to continue to bring the strategic plan to life. Mike Mahon wants to ensure that his vision for the University is in line with the vision that both the internal and external communities have for the U of L.

8.3 Board of Governors

Janice Varzari submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information.

8.4 General Faculties Council

Nicole Rosen submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information.

8.5 Alumni Association

Don Chandler submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. He added that the Alumni Association represents approximately 32,000 graduates and will welcome 260 new graduates at Fall Convocation. Dr. Blair McMurrin will be honoured as the Alumnus of the Year at convocation.

8.6 Students’ Union

Taz Kassam submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. She added that the ULSU hosted a mayoral forum on campus recently. The forum was organized to encourage students to maintain an

active voice on campus and in the community. About 250 faculty, staff and students attended the event. Taz Kassam noted that the Fresh Fest that was held on campus in September had significant improvements over the same event last year. Sixty-one noise complaints were received after last year's Fresh Fest while none have been received this year.

8.7 Graduate Students' Association

Jeanne Xie submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. She added that the current number of graduate students is 560.

8.8 Chancellor Search Committee

Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee Louella Cronkhite reported that the Committee was struck in the Spring and was given the mandate of nominating a minimum of two, to a maximum of four, individuals for the office of Chancellor. The Committee has met three times, including meetings with the Board Chair, Chancellor, and both the outgoing and incoming Presidents. From these meetings, search criteria were established and an advertisement was created. The ads were placed in the following publications during September 15 – 18:

- Edmonton Journal
- Calgary Herald
- Lethbridge Herald
- Medicine Hat News
- Pincher Creek Echo
- Taber Times
- The Star (Cardston)
- Pass Promoter
- Fort Macleod Gazette

The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 29, with nomination forms available from the Senate Office or on the Senate website. Following the nomination deadline, the Committee will begin the interview process. The names of recommended candidates will then be brought before Senate for a vote in February. Louella Cronkhite mentioned that no nominations have been received so far and urged Senators to put together a nomination.

8.9 Hospitality Committee

Each year the Hospitality Committee organizes a wine and cheese reception to welcome new faculty and staff to the University community. In previous years, we've held the event off campus, but the Committee has decided that this year we would hold the event on campus. It is hoped that not only will this encourage more of the new faculty and staff to attend the event (as last year's attendance was only 17 percent of those invited), but also to showcase areas or departments of the University that many employees never get a chance to visit. Betty Cyr reported that a few different departments have been approached and the Committee has decided to showcase the Fine Arts Costume Shop. The reception will be on Wednesday, October 20 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall foyer. Throughout the reception, groups will be taken on tours of the costume shop. Each new employee that attends the event will be able to enter their name into a draw to win tickets to an upcoming U of L theatre performance. Betty Cyr mentioned that invites will be forthcoming and encouraged all Senators to attend.

8.10 Outreach Committee

On behalf of Chair Dory Rossiter, Richard Davidson reported that the Outreach Committee plans activities in different communities around Southern Alberta. Last year a U of L faculty member gave a presentation in Pincher Creek. This year the Committee decided that there is a unique opportunity to have a series of events in different communities and incorporate them with the "Meet Mike" theme.

8.11 Other

There were no other reports at this time.

9. REFRESHMENT BREAK

10. PRESENTATION

Dr. Robin Bright, Professor in the Faculty of Education and Board of Governors Teaching Chair, gave a presentation titled "Language and Literacy in the Faculty of Education".

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Convocation Update

In two weeks, campus will not only be busy with the Fall Convocation ceremony, but also with Mike Mahon's Presidential Installation ceremony.

The Installation will take place on Friday, October 15 beginning at 2 p.m. Many of the groups on campus will be participating in an Olympic-style entrance into the ceremony. Senate will be one of those groups and are highly encouraged to participate (instead of ushering or pouring tea). The Installation dinner will begin at 6 p.m. at the Coast Lethbridge Hotel.

Fall Convocation will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 10 a.m. Honorary Degree recipient Hank Margolis will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the ceremony. Louella Cronkhite will act as host during convocation and U of L faculty member Larry Flanagan will be reading the citation. Dr. Margolis will be giving a seminar on October 15 at noon titled "Physiological Processes in Northern Forests: How Long-Term Ecosystem-Level Measurements Advance Understanding of the Terrestrial Carbon Cycle". Richard Davidson encouraged all Senators to be a part of convocation as it is an experience they won't soon forget. All Senators are invited to the Alumni/Senate celebration following convocation. This luncheon recognizes the Honorary Degree recipient and Alumnus of the Year.

Invites for all events were emailed out. Richard Davidson told Senators to contact the Senate Office if they have not received an invitation or would like to attend an event.

11.2 Standing Committee Participation Form

Included in the agenda package is a committee participation form, in which Senators get to choose what committee or committees they'd like to serve on. Following the

motion that was passed earlier, Richard Davidson informed Senators that if they do not make their preferences known, a committee will be chosen on their behalf.

11.3 Senate Retirement Dinner

The Senate at another post-secondary institution tries to keep former Senators connected to the University by inviting them to a reception on the evening before the first Senate meeting of the year.

Richard Davidson mentioned that at the last Senate Executive meeting, the Committee felt that this was a great way to encourage continued involvement of these members of the University Community and keep them thinking about being cheerleaders for the U of L. It was thought that, if we do go ahead with this idea, that we invite them to a pre-existing function, possibly the Senate Retirement dinner in June.

Following some discussion, it was agreed that the Senate would like to foster a continued relationship with former Senators but some more work needs to be done to identify the right tool to accomplish that task.

MOTION:

Le Roy/Rasmussen

That the Senate refer back to the Senate Executive Committee the task of identifying the correct tool that would enable a continued relationship with past Senators and have the Executive Committee report back with specific recommendations.

Motion: Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Richard Davidson reminded Senators of the Senate orientation that will follow the meeting. All Senators, but especially the new ones and those unable to attend an orientation in the past were encouraged to attend.

MOTION:

Dick/

That the Senate meeting of October 2, 2010 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried