



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE Approved Minutes

Saturday, October 20, 2012
9:00 AM in AH100

Present: S. McClellan (Chair), G. Adamson, J. Adolf, I. Berg, J. Bolton, S. Brodrick, S. Burrows-Johnson, L. Burton, R. Caldie, D. Charlesworth, M. Cook, R. Corbiere, L. Cronkhite, C. Dick, B. Ellis, A. Escher, W. Fox, B. Galts, G. Goulet, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, A. Hann, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, L. Kennedy, B. Lanz, M. Mahon, C. May, M. Mazerolle, D. Merchant, S. Milne, B. Neubauer, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, G. Parker, D. Randell, D. Rossiter, J. Seaman, L. Sherwood, B. Tait, S. Talbot, C. Torscher, J. Varzari, N. Walker, J. Wiebe, S. Wismath

Regrets: F. Bradley, M. Daunt, K. Lewis, W. Malcolm, S. Malec, P. Menzies, S. Pinder, K. Schlachter, B. Scott, K. Spackman, F. Spanbauer, K. Torry

Others: A. Escher, J. Doan, S. Olson (recording secretary)

S. McClellan gave a welcome and explained that the reason for the boardroom-type set-up is to foster and encourage more discussion at the Senate meeting. She noted that all feedback is welcome.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2012.10.01

Rossiter/Varzari That the agenda for the meeting of October 20, 2012 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A few adjustments need to be made regarding attendance. S. Olson will look back at the attendance and make the correct revisions.

MOTION: sen.2012.10.02

Seaman/Merchant That the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2012 be approved as amended.

Motion: Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Honorary Degree Recipient update

Last year, Senate approved a special case honorary degree on Michael J. Fox, to be conferred at a dinner in Calgary in which he was confirmed to be the guest

speaker. There have been a number of circumstances that have precluded the dinner from happening, thus far. The organizing committee of the Calgary Alumni & Friends dinner are working towards a spring 2013 event and it is hoped that Michael J. Fox will still be the speaker. If it does work out, the University will use the opportunity to confer the honorary degree.

4. **RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS**

S. McClellan introduced and welcomed new members to the UofL Senate:

- Wendy Osborn and Shelly Wismath, GFC representatives;
- Armin Escher, Julia Adolf, Shuna Talbot, and Brady Schnell; Students' Union representatives;
- Jeff Wiebe, Graduate Students' Association representative;
- Ginny Goulet, Representative member from Monarch
- Bruce Tait, Government Appointed member from Lethbridge

5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

5.1 **Revise Attendance Policy**

The Attendance Policy is being revised to reflect the fact that there is no Senate Nominating Committee. S. McClellan noted that it is the job of the Senate Executive to bring forward names of potential Senators to Senate.

MOTION: sen.2012.10.03

Galts/Corbiere That Senate approve the revised Attendance Policy, as presented.

Motion: Carried

5.2 **Approval of 2012/13 Committee Membership**

MOTION: sen.2012.10.04

Seaman/Sherwood That Senate approve the appointed committee members as indicated in the Senate 2012/13 Committee Membership within the enclosure.

Motion: Carried

S. McClellan stated the importance of the work of the various Senate Committees and encouraged those not already assigned to a committee, to let S. Olson know.

5.3 **Approval of Alumni Membership on Honorary Degrees Committee**

MOTION: sen.2012.10.05

Bolton/Lanz That Senate approve the designation of membership on the Honorary Degrees Committee to include a member of Senate from the Alumni Association.

Motion: Carried

J. Bolton added that this request came from the Alumni Association President K. Lewis and that this motion would not change the number of individuals sitting on the Honorary Degree Committee, just the makeup of it.

6. REFRESHMENT BREAK

Annual Senate photograph taken by Chris Yauck Photography in the Atrium of Markin Hall.

7. PRESENTATION

M. Mahon introduced Dr. Judith Kulig, Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences who gave a presentation entitled 'How do Wildfires Impact Families, Children and Communities: Slave Lake as a Case Example'.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Chancellor

S. McClellan reported that it has been an active few weeks at the University. Convocation last weekend was an outstanding success. She noted that the conferring of Bill Cade's honorary degree in conjunction with the UofL's 45th anniversary was a special moment. There also was the presentation of Coat of Arms by the Deputy Herald and introduction of the new Board Chair Gordon Jong.

The Chancellor also recently attended the event in which Dr. Tom Droog was inducted in the Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame. Dr. Droog is a great supporter of the UofL and S. McClellan noted that she was glad that she was able to attend.

8.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported:

- Thanked all Senators who attended the various Homecoming events, as well as volunteering with convocation.
- University of Lethbridge was recently named Canada's Research Institute of the Year (Undergraduate) for 2012. He noted that this was 45 years in the making and is due to the efforts of the great researchers, faculty, and staff.
- On October 15 and 18 (respectively), the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education and the Premier visited the campus. They were both given tours of the science labs and provided with information on the importance of bringing a science building to the University of Lethbridge.
- Met with Minister Doug Horner in regards to how the province funds capital projects
- Official opening of our new Edmonton campus at Concordia University. The move will allow students to more of a student-experience.
- A. Hakin gave the second annual Fiat Lux address to the University community, and posed the question 'given our commitment to liberal education, what is the next stage of liberal education going forward?' In essence, the address kicked off the consultation phase of the next strategic plan. M. Mahon noted that there will be an opportunity for Senators to give input into the plan.
- This coming week, the UofL will be participating in Team Lethbridge, which is a group of local organization who travel to Edmonton and have

meetings with various Ministers to educate them on issues in Southern Alberta. M. Mahon congratulated C. Dick on her efforts with the initiative.

8.3 Board of Governors

J. Varzari submitted a report which was included with the agenda package as well as an addition to the report which will be filed with the agenda. The report was received as information.

8.4 General Faculties Council

W. Osborn submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and received as information.

8.5 Alumni Association

G. Adamson gave a report which will be filed with these minutes.

8.6 Students' Union

A. Escher introduced the Executive of the Students' Union. He submitted a report which was received as information. He added that the Students' Union recently participated in a fundraiser at the Lethbridge Senior Citizen's Organization. S. McClellan congratulated and thanked the Student's Union on the welcome that they give to new students at the beginning of the semester.

D. Randell pointed out that A. Escher has been appointed by City Council to sit on the Youth Advisory Council.

8.7 Graduate Students' Association

J. Wiebe submitted a report which was included in the agenda package and was received as information.

M. Mahon noted that number of graduate students is down, due, in part to lacking one cohort in the Faculty of Education. As they are the most expensive students to house, funding for graduate students is a priority. It is the goal of the University to grow the graduate program from its current five per cent of enrolled students to ten per cent.

8.8 Executive Committee

In keeping with the other committees, J. Bolton reported that the Executive Committee has reviewed its terms of reference and did not see a need for change. The *Role of Senate* document was also reviewed and modified to stay in line with the current *Post Secondary Learning Act*. While completing that review, we became aware that other institutions have a set of bylaws for their Senate. He noted that S. Olson recently found an out-dated set of UofL Senate Bylaws. The Executive Committee has recommended that an Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee be struck to update the document and improve on what is there. D. Rossiter has already volunteered to work alongside S. Olson and two more are needed. K. Gunn and D. Randell volunteered.

J. Bolton brought attention to the three-year evaluation comparison document provided to Senate. He reported that the result was very positive but wanted to note two points: question number five 'I am comfortable expressing my point of view in meetings' and question 16 'Senate is active enough in the wider community'. The reconfiguration of the room at the meeting today is a step that is being taken to facilitate more conversational-style discussion with hopes all

Senators feel comfortable speaking up. The Executive Committee feels that the rebranding of the Engagement Committee to carry out the message of Senate, along with the great work that D. Rossiter and the Outreach Committee are doing are both steps towards making Senate more active.

8.9 Engagement Committee

R. Corbiere reported that the Engagement Committee met in September and are working on finding their place and what the work of the committee will look like. It was decided that each year members of the committee will mentor new Senators for their first year on Senate as well as play an active role in engaging retired Senators. The Committee meets again in January.

8.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

S. Burrows-Johnson mentioned that Honorary Degree nominations are still be accepted until November 1. As this is one of the most important tasks of Senate, she encouraged all Senators to make a nomination, support a nomination, or encourage others to name a nominations. She noted that all nominations are strictly confidential and the nominee should not be contacted.

8.11 Outreach Committee

D. Rossiter submitted a report which was included in the agenda package. J. Doan noted that he has been approached by a local school regarding a visit with the Convocation mace. D. Rossiter will coordinate with J. Doan in hopes of making the visit an Outreach Committee event.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

S. McClellan thanked everyone for their participation and pointed out that work is being done to facilitate more engagement and interaction among Senators.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2012.10.06

Hann/Talbot That the Senate meeting of October 20, 2012 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

Report to Senate from the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association
for 20 October 2012

Submitted by Grant Adamson, Vice President, ULAA.

The ULAA has had a very busy time since the Senate last met. The most important of which was the welcoming of new Alum to the Association through five convocation ceremonies. (4spring, 1 fall) With over 35,000 strong, the Alumni Association continues to grow but more importantly mature with its membership.

Activities since last Senate meeting

- Big Rock Brewery Social Event (29 May 2012) in Calgary
- Inaugural Fiat Lux Ring Ceremony (30 May 2012)
- John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament (8 June 2012)
 - Change of location to Henderson Lake was welcomed. Near sellout
- ULAA AGM (13 June 2012)
 - Minor changes to our directorship, none to the executive.
- Year end wrap up for ULAA board (27 June 2012)
- Annual Strategic Priority Review (2 Aug 2012).
 - Engaged our board to determine what progress the ULAA had made in the past year and how they aligned with our four Strategic Goals.
 - Maintain documents that relate to the mandate and function of the ULAA
 - Support students through the provision of scholarships and/or bursaries
 - Facilitate continuing relationships by implementing events / programs that provide alumni with unique opportunities to socialize and network with fellow alumni, students and community
 - Create a consistent and powerful image of the association by communicating its' identity, involvement, message and accomplishments.
- New Student Orientation Movie Night (2 Sept 2012)
 - Provided popcorn for the movie and met future grads

Future Events of note

- Fall Convocation (13 Oct 2012)
 - Pins to new grads, official welcome to ULAA, Sales of degree frames, rings, more and more alumni gear and flowers
- ULAA Dine and Dance (13 Oct 2012)
 - Event as part of 45th Homecoming. Banquet, recognition of Alumna of the Year (Dr. Kathryn Preuss) and Dr. William Cade (Honorary Doctorate). Launch of a unique 45th Anniversary commemorative bottling of Tullibardine (1993) Bourbon Cask Finished Scotch. Music by Hippodrome.

- 45th Anniversary Scotch Promotion
 - Limited edition, private bottling of scotch as a scholarship fundraiser.
- Bad Boys of Opera (3 Nov 2012)
 - Hosting a reception for Alumni just before the event to promote networking
 - I encourage anyone interest in attending the event to contact Alumni Relations or the ticket centre and ask for the special \$20 ticket.