



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, December 2, 2016
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), R. Adkin, D. Best, S. Brodrick, C. Ciona, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, C. Cooper, L. Cooper, S. Davis, M., A. Follinglo, B. Galts, C. Goodreau, K. Gunn, L. Harasem, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, C. Howey, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, G. Knitel, S. Latif, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, S. Malec, R. McKay, C. Northcott, T. Page, T. Perlich, M. Persinger, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, R. Pogorzelski, A. Predoi-Cross, S. Stocker, J. Tailfeathers, B. Tait, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker, M. Whipple
- Regrets:** G. Abela, P. Bohnert, F. Bradley, K. Brown, S. Chadsey, H. Doeve, M. Gabriel, M. Gale, A. Hakin, R. Kobbert, B. Lanz, W. Osborn, V. Papworth, T. Schmidt, A. Siaroff, C. Starzyk-Frey, K. Wasiak
- Others:** S. Olson

Prior to the start of the meeting, there was a presentation by M. Whipple and Pronghorn Athletics. Welcome was given to B. Lyons and S. Latif.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2016.12.01

Malec/Howey

That the agenda for the meeting of December 2, 2016 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2016.12.02

Jurkowski/Perlich

That the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2016 be approved with amendments.

Motion: Carried

A few changes were noted within the meeting attendance as well as a correction in the Chancellor's report regarding the Galt Hospital connection.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chancellor

Condolences were given to B. Tait on the recent passing of Logan Tait, who was heavily connected to the University. J. Varzari reported on her activities since the last Senate Meeting:

- Attended a reception honouring those recently elected into the Royal Society

- Acted in a video produced by the Convocation Office, in an effort to help students feel more comfortable crossing the stage during their Convocation ceremony.
- Attended the Alumni Association Let there be Light event, which was held the evening before Convocation.
- 69% of eligible students attended convocation. Thanks to all those who put work into making the event run smooth.
- Toured the Destination Project construction site, along with other Board members
- Spoke at the Friends of Health Sciences dinner in which Diane Shanks was honoured for her work through Alberta Health Services
- Spoke at Global Night at City Hall. The event is put on by the UofL, Lethbridge College, and the City of Lethbridge in an effort to welcome new international students to the city.
- Planning for Spring Convocation has already begun. The committee is working to ensure the focus remains on the students, while still celebrating the 50th Anniversary.
- Attended and spoke at the Convocation Thank-you lunch.
- Attended the Faculty of Management's 35 anniversary celebrations.
- Leroy Little Bear and Amethyst First Rider will be the honourees at the Faculty of Management dinner this year.
- Invited by campus Chaplin to distribute food hampers to students this week.
- Attended Women Scholars Speaker Series event in which Christine Murray presented on the changing face of leadership.
- Will be attending a meeting of Alberta chancellors this spring.

3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported on:

- The Destination Project is moving along on schedule and on budget. The second crane has been put in place, which allows for crane access to the entire construction site. We should soon begin to see the walls come up.
- Maclean's University Rankings came out:
 - for the fifth consecutive year, the UofL has landed in the top-three spots for Canada's best Primarily Undergraduate university
 - UofL was ranked the top (tied place) university in the Student Services category
 - UofL was ranked second in Medical/Science Grants
- Attended the Royal Society induction ceremony in Kingston Ontario. The University of Lethbridge was one of the only universities (other than the large institutions) who had multiple inductees.
- Three UofL scientists were featured on an episode of *The Nature of Things* by David Suzuki on CBC. The program featured research on brain science and development of minds.
- The UofL iGEM team once again took gold at the International Genetically Engineered machines (iGEM) World Jamboree in Boston.
- University of Lethbridge is one of six institutions to formally adopt the Okanagan Charter: An International Charter for Health Promoting Universities and Colleges. The charter calls on post-secondary institutions to make a commitment to health and well-being in all policies and practices.

- RBC Royal Bank Foundation gifted \$750,000 to AGILITY. There will be an announcement from another major bank on December 12.
- Attended 20th anniversary event of our Edmonton campus. The celebration was bittersweet as we are closing that campus.
- Our inaugural fall break, November 7-11, was well-received. Mount Royal University just announced a fall break beginning next year; many institutions will be moving that way.
- Was in Ottawa mid-November as Chair of U Sports/CIS for the fourth annual Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation Ceremony hosted by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston at Rideau Hall. There were 8 academic all-Canadians from across Canada honored at the event.
- Hosted about 55 academic all-Canadians from the UofL for dinner at his home a few weeks ago.
- Hosted an alumni event in Toronto. Those in attendance were very appreciative as they have not had a connection to the UofL since moving out east. We will have another event in that area in the coming years.
- Upcoming our Community Christmas Open House will be held next week at the Penny Building and all Senators are welcome to attend.

3.3 Board of Governors

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.4 General Faculties Council

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.5 Alumni Association

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.6 Graduate Students' Association

S. Latif reported that the 11th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference is scheduled for March 18, 2017. More details to come at the next Senate meeting.

3.7 Students' Union

C. Howey made a clarification regarding tax receipts for donations to the Pass the Hat Students' Union Foodbank Fundraiser.

M. Whipple will work with the Students' Union in the new year to organize an event in which food donations to the Foodbank will be accepted for entrance into one of the Pronghorn games.

3.8 Executive Committee

There were no questions regarding the report.

3.9 Engagement Committee

Although the committee has not met since the last Senate meeting, K. Gunn reported that the 50th anniversary edition of *SAM* highlights the 50th anniversary events that are going on. Encouragement was given to Senators to make note of and attend and participate the events.

3.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

B. Galts noted that the committee held a special email vote, of which will be coming forward for approval later in the agenda.

3.11 Outreach Committee

K. Johnson reported that the committee is getting ready to take the Convocation mace out to local schools in April and May 2017. The presentation is usually given to grade six students as part of their curriculum, and if you know any schools that are interested, contact K. Johnson.

3.12 Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that the deadline for nominations is January 15, 2017. A few minor changes to the Award Guidelines and Committee Terms of Reference will come forward for approval later in the agenda. Encouragement was given to consider the 50th anniversary while submitting a nomination.

3.13 Other

There were no additional reports.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Honorary Degree Special Case

MOTION: sen.2016.12.03

Galts/Perlich

That Senate move in camera for the discussion on the Honorary Degree Special Case.

Motion: Carried

An in-camera discussion was held and is not minuted for public distribution with these minutes. They are available in the Senate Office to members of the Senate only.

Galts/Gunn

That Senate return to the open session meeting.

Motion: Carried

MOTION: sen.2016.12.04

Galts/Persinger

That Senate, as discussed in camera, approve the allowance of awarding of an honorary degree outside of a convocation ceremony.

Motion: Carried (4 opposed)

A reminder was given of the confidential nature of the discussion.

4.2 Volunteer Award Guidelines

MOTION: sen.2016.12.05

Jurkowski/Petersen

That Senate approve the revised University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award Guidelines, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or concerns.

4.3 Volunteer Award Terms of Reference

MOTION: sen.2016.12.06

Goodreau/Hood

That Senate approve the revised University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or concerns.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Senate Moments

K. Gunn explained that a few members will share their experience or opportunities that they've had in their roles as Senators:

- M. Dececco-Kolebaba – spoke about how her involvement on Senate pushed her to go back to school, and is currently registered in the MSc program.
- T. Perlich – organized and hosted an event at her house in which Mike Perry, University Archivist gave a presentation titled 50 Years in 50. The community outreach event was also a bit of a fundraiser in that she requested that her guests make a minimum \$50 donation to the University of Lethbridge. The event raised \$1650, which will be donated to the Students' Union Foodbank. Following the success of this event, T. Perlich hopes to host another event in the spring. Encouragement was given to Senators to host similar events in their circle of friends and colleagues.
- M. Persinger – as he is near the end of his term on the Board of Governors, M. Persinger mentioned that this is his last Senate meeting. He has enjoyed his term, especially working with the students through the Students' Union. He noted that a highlight for him was the Students' Union fundraising event a few years ago in which Dory and the Weatherman performed. There are many opportunities to get involved at the University, and M. Persinger encouraged members to get involved in whatever interests them.

5.2 Senate Fund Update

Further to the post-agenda memo that was emailed out, C. Horbachewski reported that each student recipient of a Senate Fund scholarship receives \$1500, which is a substantial amount. Committing to grow the fund by \$37,500 would allow an additional student to receive an award each year.

A date has not yet been selected for Senators to come to the call centre, but S. Olson will send out possible 2017 dates within the next couple of weeks. Ideally we would need about 20 Senators for the event. It was highlighted that this will be a great opportunity to meet student employees and connect with past Senators.

There was a question regarding management of endowments and N. Walker reported that this is the responsibility of the Board Finance Committee.

5.3 Campus Tour Guides

There was a discussion at the last Senate meeting regarding the 50th anniversary and ways in which Senate could contribute. The Senate 50th anniversary ambassador program was presented and Senate agreed that acting as tour guides throughout the year would be a meaningful way to contribute.

C. Horbachewski reported that, with the help of Mike Perry, University Archivist and a student mentor, a comprehensive campus tour has been developed. The tour includes 12 stops and there will be visual displays placed throughout the route. We are looking to offer tours during Founder's Weekend, January 13 and 14, with training occurring the first week in January.

5.4 Distinguished Teaching Award

Over its 30 year history, B. McKay reported that 43 Distinguished Teaching Awards have been given out. The UofL has been fortunate to have had so many individuals over the years that contribute in big ways. They are great examples of what we are as an institution. Deadline for nominations is December 16.

5.5 Senate Pronghorn Night

K. Gunn reported that the Senate Pronghorn Night will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2017, which is part of the 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Founder's Weekend. More details will be sent out.

5.6 Operation Red Nose

K. Petersen reported that volunteers for Operation Red Nose are still needed on December 16, 17, and 31. Unfortunately last year, the event had to be cancelled for New Year's Eve due to low volunteer numbers. Food is provided each night and when you volunteer, you can make your own team or be paired up with student athletes.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

J. Varzari noted that following the meeting, M. Perry will be giving a presentation on the history of the University in the lead up to the 50th Anniversary.

MOTION: sen.2016.12.07

Dececco-Kolebaba/Persinger

That the Senate meeting of December 2, 2016 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried