



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Saturday, December 3, 2011
9:00 AM in AH100

Present: Shirley McClellan (Chair), Grant Adamson, John Bolton, Leyland Bradley, Steve Brodrick, Susan Burrows-Johnson, Lorelee Burton, Debi Charlesworth, Margaret Cook, Ron Corbiere, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Jon Doan, Mari Daunt, Cheryl Dick, Anne Dymond, Wendy Fox, Bruce Galts, Karen Gunn, Andy Hakin, Alex Hann, Robin Hood, Chris Horbachewski, Lynn Kennedy, Bev Lanz, Kathy Lewis, Mike Mahon, Bill Malcolm, Collin May, Margaret Mazerolle, Dale Merchant, Sue Milne, Zack Moline, Brad Neubauer, Gavin Parker, Paul Pharo, Shawn Pinder, Lisa Rodych, Dory Rossiter, Kurt Schlachter, Bernie Scott, Lynne Sherwood, Cal Stewart, Ken Torry, Claire Torscher, Janice Varzari, Nancy Walker, Andrew Williams, Sheena Olson (Secretary)

Regrets: Ingrid Berg, Rachel Caldie, Bob Ellis, Paul Kenwood, Danny Le Roy, Sharon Malec, Peter Menzies, Alison Nussbaumer, Diane Randell, John Seaman, Keith Spackman, Frank Spanbauer, Paul Walz

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Varzari/Rossiter

That the agenda for the meeting of December 3, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Galts/Cook

That the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

4. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Shirley McClellan introduced and welcomed the following new Senators and presented them with a UofL bag and pin:

- Jon Doan, Chief Convocation Officer and Faculty member in the Kinesiology and Physical Education Department
- Anne Dymond, General Faculties Council representative and Professor in the Fine Arts – Art Department.
- Kurt Schlachter, representative member from Lethbridge
- Karen Gunn, representative member from Lethbridge

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chancellor

Shirley McClellan reported:

- She attended the Senate retirement dinner on November 8 and the Convocation thank-you luncheon the next day. Both events went well and a great way to thank those who do so much for the University.
- She had the opportunity to represent the UofL at the installation of Dr. Dave Anderson as new President of Grant MacEwan University and the convocation at the University of Alberta.
- She was able to witness the sod turning at Aperture Park in which Mike Mahon operated a backhoe.
- Attended various Senate and Board of Governors meetings.
- She was able to see the presentation from the UofL iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine learning) team at the Legislature in Edmonton. This team just placed in the top 16 at a world-wide competition and Shirley McClellan noted that the University should be very proud of these students.

5.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

Mike Mahon reported:

- He had the chance to watch the women's rugby team in action out in Ontario during the national competition in which they placed fourth.
- In the recent Maclean's ranking, the UofL ranked fourth among the 22 primarily undergraduate universities across the country. The University of Lethbridge also placed very well in the Globe and Mail annual university survey.
- As part of a Senate Outreach Event, Mike Mahon gave a presentation to the students of Picture Butte High School. A few more of these 'Meet Mike' events are being planned for the spring.
- The sod turning was an exciting day as it begins the process of adding more residences to campus.
- He has spent a lot of time working on Government relations, both in Edmonton and Ottawa. During a presentation to the Alberta Caucus, the UofL was able to demonstrate how many of its students are from each MLA's constituency.
- Attended Alumni events in Edmonton and Victoria.
- Work has begun on the next Strategic Plan, and in the coming months,

the Committee will be looking for feedback from all of the University community, including Senate.

Andy Hakin added that after receiving funds from the Alberta Government, planning has begun on the new Science complex.

5.3 Board of Governors

Janice Varzari submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information. A question was asked regarding speakers to the UofL and whether their presentations are recorded or not. Chris Horbachewski informed Senators that the UofL tries to record as many visiting speakers as possible, but because of copyright issues, these recordings cannot always be rebroadcast. Those talks that are able to be rebroadcast, can either be found at www.thisismyu.ca or on the UofL iTunes page.

5.4 General Faculties Council

Danny Le Roy submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information.

5.5 Alumni Association

Kathy Lewis submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and was received as information.

5.6 Students' Union

Zack Moline submitted a report which was included with the agenda package and received as information. The four Students' Union representatives also spoke to what the SU is doing in relation to student engagement:

- Zack Moline noted that the most visible activity is Fresh Fest in the Fall which helps introduce new students to campus and to each other.
- Andrew Williams added that a few of the academic initiatives include a tutoring/mentoring program, and the SU Notebank, which essentially will be an online database for students to access classroom notes from their peers.
- For the social aspect, Lisa Rodych mentioned that there are over 2000 students on campus involved in 77 clubs this year. The SU assists these clubs by facilitating room rentals and arranging for advertising. She added that these clubs help build the network that students need to stay interested and connected to each other as well as the University.
- Leyland Bradley pointed out that financially, the Students' Union provides emergency assistance grants, travel and conference grants, and access to the SU Food Bank.

5.7 Graduate Students' Association

Paul Walz was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report which was distributed at the meeting and received as information.

5.8 Honorary Degree/Search Committees

Cheryl Dick informed Senators that the Honorary Degrees Committee received 28 nominations this year, with 12 being new nominations. The recommendations of the Committee will be brought forward to Senate at the February meeting.

The Honorary Degree Search Committee was formed in 1996 when more help was needed in the area of public relations and honorary degree solicitation. Now, with help from the University Advancement Office, the Search Committee has not found the need to have a meeting. It is for this reason that two committees are looking at possibly merging. The Committee Chairs will continue to work together to come up with new terms of reference which will then be brought before Senate for approval.

5.9 Outreach Committee

Dory Rossiter submitted a report which was included in the agenda package. She added that the next 'Meet Mike' event will take place on February 3 at noon in Pincher Creek. All Senators are invited to attend.

Dory Rossiter is producing a video which is hoped to clear up the mystery about who the Senate is, what the Senate does, and who the Senate represents. She is in the process of gathering footage of the University and asked for Senators to volunteer for on-camera interviews. This video will be broadcast on CTV and then will be turned over to the UofL to be used during recruitment or convocation activities.

5.10 Volunteer Award Committee

Shirley McClellan reported that the Committee is looking at new ways to publicize the award and will keep Senate informed on the progress.

The University is what it is today partially in part to the work of volunteers. This award is open to anyone who goes above and beyond at or for the University. Receiving this award would be a great way to let them know how much we appreciate them. Chancellor McClellan urged all Senators to think of a volunteer they know and nominate them for this award.

5.11 Ingrid Speaker Medal Committee

Ron Corbiere reported that the Committee met recently to lay the groundwork for the next meeting in the new year when a recipient is eventually chosen.

The medal was established in 1994 by then Chancellor Ingrid Speaker in recognition of the central importance of research to the philosophies and goals of the University and to provide recognition to full or part-time academic staff who excel in their areas. The criteria used for the assessment of the nominees are:

- The quality of research
- The impact of the research on the advancement of the field
- The distinction which the research brought to the UofL.

Nomination forms can be found at www.uleth.ca/awards and are being accepted until February 29.

5.12 Distinguished Teaching Award Committee

Mari Daunt pointed out that this award is the distinguished **teaching** award, not the distinguished **teacher** award; established to recognize someone that is not necessarily the favourite teacher among students but one who demonstrates great teaching techniques. Senators, especially the students, were urged to nominate a teacher they feel deserving. Deadline is February 1, with nomination

forms available at www.uleth.ca/awards.

An email will be sent out to Senators which lists the parameters of all three awards.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 Retired Senators Inclusion

At the last Senate Executive meeting, discussion arose as to how best to include those former Senators that would still like to be included in University activities. Chancellor McClellan will send out a letter of welcome in hopes of making them feel valued as former and future University ambassadors. Senate as a whole will decide on which events this group will be invited to attend or participate in.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Since the last update in early 2011, there have been 22 current and former Senators that became first-time donors to the Senate Fund, making contributions which totalled over \$8,200. Chris Horbachewski noted that overall, 77 current and former Senators have given over \$70,000 to the University, in a wide-variety of areas. He thanked everyone for their financial support.

Shirley McClellan mentioned that planning has begun for a fundraising event for the Senate Fund, one with a rural flavour. More details will be forthcoming.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chancellor McClellan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited all Senators to share in some Christmas cheer at the Senate Christmas reception. She noted that tours of the Art Gallery and Collection storage area will also be provided.

MOTION:

Lewis/Moline

That the Senate meeting of December 3, 2011 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried