



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE Approved Minutes

Saturday, February 2, 2013
9:30 AM in AH100

Present: S. McClellan (Chair), G. Adamson, J. Adolf, J. Bolton, F. Bradley (by phone), S. Brodrick, S. Burrows-Johnson, L. Burton, M. Cook, L. Cronkhite, M. Daunt, B. Ellis, A. Escher, 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, W. Osborn, S. Pinder, D. Randell, D. Rossiter, J. Seaman, L. Sherwood, B. Tait, S. Talbot, K. Torry, C. Torscher, J. Varzari (by phone), J. Wiebe, S. Wismath

Regrets: I. Berg, R. Caldie, D. Charlesworth, R. Corbiere, W. Fox, K. Lewis, W. Malcolm, S. Malec, P. Menzies, S. Milne, B. Neubauer, A. Nussbaumer, G. Parker, K. Schlachter, B. Scott, K. Spackman, F. Spanbauer, N. Walker

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

S. McClellan gave a welcome and introduced F. Bradley, Senate member representing Blairmore.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2013.02.01

Hann/Galts

That the agenda for the meeting of February 2, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2013.02.02

Lanz/Cronkhite

That the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2012 be approved .

Motion: Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chancellor

S. McClellan reported that in addition to attending various committee meetings, she attended the Prairie Baseball Academy Dinner and Awards night. Nine members of the Academy are UofL students.

3.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported:

- That we are continuing to give presentations regarding the science labs. He gave thanks to B. Galts and others who recently toured the labs as part of an initiative between Economic Development Lethbridge and the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce. After the tour, a joint press release was made offering their support of the Destination (Science Building) project, followed by a joint letter being written to the minister. M. Mahon added that he and A. Hakin recently gave a presentation to Caucus, which also included a video regarding the project.
- At Campus Alberta meetings in January, there were talks about the future of post-secondary education in the province. Following much discussion, he left knowing that the UofL does face economic challenges in the future. A. Hakin, N. Walker and their teams are working through the budget and trying to move the University forward in the lean economic climate.
- Tonight is the UofL Rotoract dinner, a great group of students who are currently raising money to build a school in Africa.
- He will be traveling to Mexico City next weekend to continue work between Canada and the United States regarding indigenous education. We will be hosting a conference in June regarding this topic.

Questions

Is there the opportunity for the UofL to be the first post-secondary institution to borrow money for infrastructure? M. Mahon responded that we are presenting ourselves as very enthusiastic at the prospect. We have met with the Minister of Infrastructure and they understand our need for the facility and they see Lethbridge as an interesting community to experiment with borrowing due to our integration into the community.

3.3 Board of Governors

J. Varzari had nothing to add to her written report and noted that R. Corbiere has not yet received his Ministerial appointment to the Board and that she can continue in this role for up to three months.

3.4 General Faculties Council

W. Osborn highlighted the approval of the aboriginal education policy and in particular the gathering place

There was a question whether the gathering place has been established on campus. M. Mahon responded that this is one of the University's highest priorities. As we move into the next capital campaign, we will look at funding for the gathering place, whether it be in an existing centre or new space. The current enrolment of aboriginal students at the UofL is 4-5%.

3.5 Alumni Association

G. Adamson pointed out that the Alumni Relations Office has moved to the newly renovated Penny Building downtown and that the grand opening is scheduled for March 14. He encouraged any interested Senators to take part in the cupcake distribution the week of March 20. This initiative has grown tremendously this year and volunteers are welcome.

3.6 Students' Union

In addition to his report, A. Escher reported that in order to raise money for the Students' Union Food Bank, piggy banks have been delivered to each department

on campus. The department which raises the most money will receive a gift basket. He noted that usage of the food bank has increased this year. As a result to the Students' Union referendum, and an additional member was added to the SU Executive. The new Vice-President (External), along with the President and two additional SU reps will now sit on Senate.

3.7 Graduate Students' Association

J. Wiebe had nothing to add to his report.

3.8 Executive Committee

J. Bolton had nothing to report on behalf of the Executive Committee in addition to the action items coming forward.

3.9 Engagement Committee

R. Corbiere sent his regrets.

3.9 Outreach Committee

D. Rossiter added that Tuesday, April 9 has been confirmed for a Meet Mike visit in High River. Next week she, along with a few other committee members, will be meeting with K. MacFarlane from University Advancement regarding the Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship. The current Outreach Committee is engaged and very enthusiastic and D. Rossiter noted that they have many ideas to carry through for a number of years.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: sen.2013.02.03

Burrows-Johnson/Osborn

That Senate approve the appointment of S. Olson and L. Burton to the position of scrutineer.

Motion: Carried

5. IN CAMERA

MOTION: sen.2013.02.04

Hann/Bolton

That the Senate Meeting proceed to an *in camera* closed session.

Motion: Carried

The *In Camera* discussion are not minuted for public distribution with these minutes. They are available in the Senate Office to members of the Senate only.

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: sen.2013.02.05

Schnell/Escher

That the Senate Meeting return to open session.

Motion: Carried

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 Authorization of Honorary Degrees

MOTION: sen.2013.02.06

Burrows-Johnson/Rossiter

That the University of Lethbridge Senate authorizes the awarding of the 2013 honorary degrees as per the results of the confidential vote.

Motion: Carried

The Chancellor mentioned that each recipient must agree to attend a convocation ceremony, as honorary degrees are not awarded in absentia. Until each recipient has confirmed their attendance and a public announcement has been made, this information is confidential. Thanks was given to S. Burrows-Johnson and her work with the Honorary Degree Committee.

There was a question about what if one of the recipients did not accept the honorary degree, and do we go down the list to the person who received the next number of votes. Because Senate used to award up to 10 degrees per year, we have never come across the problem of not having at least one recipient at a ceremony. As Senate established the one degree per ceremony quota last year, S. Olson responded that the occasion could potentially arise where there is a ceremony with no honorary degree recipients. There are a few problems that we would have if we did happen to go to the person who received the next highest number of votes. Successful recipients are the individuals who received 50% plus one of the eligible votes; should a greater number than five individuals achieve this, only the top five are authorized by Senate. Also, due to the confidentiality of the vote, election ballots are destroyed after this meeting, along with any other related documentation. S. Olson did note that there would not, however, be an issue of not having someone give an address to the graduands as there are other faculty members who are given awards (ie. Distinguished Teaching Award or Board of Governors Research Chair) who could be asked to give an address.

7.2 Destruction of Election Ballots

MOTION: sen.2013.02.07

Hann/Goulet

That Senate approve the destruction of the election ballots.

Motion: Carried

Along with the election ballots, the leaflets containing a short bio on each nominee, the binders containing the nomination packages, as well as any other written notes regarding the nominees will also be destroyed.

7.3 Inactive Senate Member

MOTION: sen.2013.02.08

Bolton/Schnell

That, as a result of his expression of the need to resign, Senate rescind the appointment of Peter Menzies of Calgary, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried
2/3 approval

S. McClellan has made recent contact with P. Menzies and, due to an unexpectedly busy travel schedule with work, he has indicated his need to step down from Senate. S. McClellan added that his interest in the University is appreciated and she hopes that it can continue.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Senate Nomination Form

As of July 1, there will be 10 vacancies on Senate; one non-academic staff and nine public representatives. J. Bolton noted that there is an abnormally high turnover this year and the pool of candidates so far is not large. Encouragement was given to all Senators to nominate an individual they feel could contribute to Senate. An invitation will be provided to retired Senators to submit nominations. The deadline is March 1 and the Executive Committee will meet on March 13 to discuss.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Volunteer for Playday – Feb. 18, 2013

As last year was the inaugural event, organizers had no idea how successful Playday would be. Of the over 2500 participants last year, M. Mahon noted that many families attended who had never stepped foot on campus before. This event is a great way to open our doors to the community. S. McClellan added that volunteers are always welcome.

10. PRESENTATION

A. Hakin gave a presentation on the University of Lethbridge Campus Master Plan.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2013.02.09

Merchant/Adolf

That the Senate meeting of February 2, 2013 adjourned.

Motion: Carried