



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE Approved Minutes

**Saturday, October 5, 2013
9:00 AM in Urban Market**

Present: S. McClellan (Chair), T. Babalola, J. Baranec, I. Berg, S. Brodrick, S. Burrows-Johnson, L. Burton, D. Charlesworth, R. Corbiere, M. Daunt, K. Doyle-Milder, R. Ellis, B. Galts, G. Goulet, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, S. Hlady, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, M. Kawchuck, L. Kennedy, B. Lanz, A. Long, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, M. Mazerolle, C. Northcott, A. Nussbaumer, W. Osborn, T. Perlich, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, D. Randell, T. Rollingson, D. Rossiter, K. Schlachter, B. Scott, J. Seaman, B. Tait, S. Talbot, R. Weasel Fat, S. Wismath

Regrets: G. Adamson, F. Bradley, W. Fox, S. Glydon, A. Hann, R. Kobbert, K. Lawson, W. Malcolm, S. Malec, C. May, B. Neubauer, L. Sherwood, F. Spanbauer, K. Torry, N. Walker, J. Tanner

Others: R. Chamberlain (recording secretary)

S. McClellan gave a welcome and introduced all the new Senate members.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2013.10.01

Corbiere/Talbot

That the agenda for the meeting of October 5, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2013.10.02

Seaman/Kawchuck

That the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2013 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

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

- Jason Baranec, Non-Academic Staff Representative
- Sean Glydon, Michael Kawchuck, and Adam Long; Students' Union Representatives
- Randy Kobbert, Alumni Association Representative

- Stephanie Hlady, Representative member from Bow Island
- Kristen Lawson, Representative member from Calgary
- Christopher Northcott, Representative member from Milo
- Tammy Perlich, Representative member from Lethbridge
- Knud Petersen, Representative member from Lethbridge
- Tim Rollingson, Representative member from Lethbridge
- Roy Weasel Fat, Representative member from Cardston

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chancellor

S. McClellan reported that she had an opportunity to attend the University of Alberta for Convocation, where Ed Stelmach received an Honorary Degree. S. McClellan also attended the Installation of Allan Wachowich as Concordia's first Chancellor.

4.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported that he was in Japan recently meeting with various Universities and the Tokyo Tourism Authority for a partnership where Tokyo will send 150 practicing teachers here, and we will provide English language training for them. The contract is still being worked out. Enrolment is about the same as last year, but we had some important increases in the areas of local high school students, overall high school enrolment, and graduate student enrolment. The budget was a big challenge. We have reached about 75% of the cuts we need to make so far, through many different methods such as voluntary retirement, AUPE lay off days, faculty negotiations and others. We are continuing to work on the budget, and there is more work to do. On the Letter of Expectation there is a draft going to GFC, and then on to the Board of Governors. There is an Open House today for prospective students. In September there was a 'Music in the Meadows' event at the Coutts Centre, and was a great event to showcase the property, and Jim Coutts brought along some of his friends as well. We are going into partnership with Volunteer Lethbridge, who will be relocating to the Penny Building, and they will provide a vehicle of opportunity for us and the students. This week is the Fiat Lux address, which will be a budget update and information on accomplishments and plans going forward. The food service area has been re-done, there is a Starbucks near the library, and a new Tim Horton's and Subway on the 6th floor of University Hall.

4.3 Board of Governors

R. Corbiere advised that there were no changes to his report. It was noted that the Senior Administration have worked hard in relation to the budget.

4.4 General Faculties Council

W. Osborn advised that there were no changes to the report. It was noted that in addition to the floods in June, there was an incident involving water mains, and most of the restoration work resulting from that has been completed. The student BBQ was a great success and well attended.

4.5 Alumni Association

There were no major changes to the report. It was advised that Convocation is well under way, as well as planning for the Alumni Reception that will follow Convocation.

4.6 Students' Union

S. Talbot advised that the report is attached for everyone's reference. Had the highest attendance so far for Freshfest, which was great. VP External is a new position in the Student's Union, which was created to tie in the local community with the students.

4.7 Graduate Students' Association

T. Babalola advised that the report is attached to the Agenda. The GSA has been working to create trips and opportunities for students, as well as helping with funding for graduate students. In the past only 8% of graduate students participated in activities, which they are working on improving, and today a bus full of graduate students are on their way to Waterton.

4.8 Executive Committee

D. Randell confirmed there were no changes to the report. It was reiterated to Senate members that we need many Applications for new Senate members to fill current and future vacancies. There is also an evaluation form for completion.

4.9 Engagement Committee

R. Corbiere advised there were no changes to the report. He wanted to make note of Sheena's efforts in relation to the Senate Recognition Dinner, which made the night a success even though the weather was bad. The Engagement Committee is also hoping to liaise with the Outreach Committee to add value to future events.

4.10 Honorary Degree Committee

S. Burrows-Johnson advised that the report is attached to the Agenda, with no changes to be made. It was noted that November 1st is the deadline for Honorary Degree nominations, so the Committee welcomes as many nominations as we can get. It was also confirmed that nominations are reviewed three times in a two year period for the chance at being awarded an Honorary Degree.

4.11 Outreach Committee

D. Rossiter advised that the Outreach report is attached with the Agenda, and no changes to be made. It was noted that the 'Meet Mike' events are very popular, and it would be very easy to book him every week for a different school. Last spring was the first time the Mace was taken to a school, and this was an amazing success, which the children loved. This will be done again this coming spring for a different school.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Hakin introduced Dr. Cheryl Curie, from the Faculty of Health Sciences, who gave a presentation entitled 'Pathways to Health for Aboriginal Canadians: the Role of Cultural Continuity'.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Senate Fund Update

K. MacFarlane provided Senate with an update on the Senate Fund, including who the recent recipients of Scholarships were, and how the fund is doing at the current date.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Fall Convocation Volunteer Form

The Volunteer Form was distributed with the Agenda, and we already have all the volunteers that we need. Thanks were given to those that have volunteered.

8. REFRESHMENT BREAK

Annual Senate photograph was taken by Chris Yauck Photograph on the East Patio of University Hall.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2013.10.03

Rossiter/Corbiere

That the Senate meeting of October 5, 2013 adjourned.

Motion: Carried