

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE AH 100

Present: Séamus O'Shea (Chair) Fran Amundsen, Clarence Arnoldussen, Christine Bastiaansen, Jim Berezan, Henry Bergen, David Cassidy, Don Chandler, Betty Cyr, Holly Debnam, Rex Forsyth, Ralph Gast, Dianna Greer, Kim Kultgen, Kathy Lewis, Terry Longair, Elizabeth Martin-Jong, John Moldon, Chris Nicol, Kiyo Oikawa, Elisha Rasmussen, Paul Rusznak, Garth Sherwin, Katharine Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Janice Varzari, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Trevor Woods, Carol Van Dyk (Secretary)

Regrets: Tiffany Boulton, Richard Davidson, Bill Cade, Kristine Carlsen Wall, John Gill, Lloyd Hickman, Sharon Holtman, Charlene Janes, Wayne Johnson, Gerry Lidstone, Ed Nestorowicz, Cheryl Pollmuller, Guy Pomahac, Derek Redman, Ches Skinner, Lloyd Yamagishi

I. WELCOME

Due to the absence of Chancellor Davidson and President Cade, Dr. O'Shea graciously agreed to chair today's meeting. Dr. O'Shea welcomed all Senators in attendance. Recognition and thanks was given to those members of Senate whose terms were completed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Rasmussen/Greer

That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of April 14, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Stauffer/Sherwin

That the Minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chancellor

There was no report from the Chancellor for this meeting.

5.2 President

Provost and Vice President (Academic) Séamus O'Shea provided the following report:

- The Board of Governors has awarded the Board of Governors Research Chairs to Sergio Pellis, Olga Kovalchuk and Igor Kovalchuk for a five-year term effective July 2, 2007.
- The Board of Governors has approved the creation of Board of Governors Teaching Chairs as a reaffirmation of the commitment to provide inspirational teaching by recognizing faculty members' meritorious and long-standing accomplishments in teaching and/or the scholarship of teaching.
- The results of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) are anticipated by the end of the month.
- The addition to Turcotte Hall is on schedule and due to be completed in eight weeks. The Faculty of Arts & Science will move back into U-Hall and the Faculty of Education is to relocate into the new building.
- The construction of the new Health Sciences Building is to be adjacent to Turcotte Hall making collaboration between the two schools simpler.
- The Health & Wellness Centre is up and running. The gym is a wonderful and attractive place to be. All Senators are encouraged to visit the new facility if they haven't already done so.
- Ground breaking for the new water building is imminent. The University has received partial funding and is optimistic for future funding.
- Capital planning at the University is a concern. Every free dollar in the budget is put into new buildings. We can't teach if we can't provide space. Decisive action from the province needs to take place in order to catch up with planning action.
- The University would like to encourage a system wherein the government would inform the university on how much money they would receive from year to year and thereby making it easier to operate within that envelope.
- The Minister of Advanced Education is committed to reviewing the mandates of each institution in the province. In late August, it is expected that a draft model of a province wide system will be reviewed with a final decision expected for November.

5.3 Board of Governors

Holly Debnam reported the following as prepared by John Gill:

- The Board of Governors met on March 22, 2007. The meeting opened with an introduction by the Rotary Club of this year's Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship winner, Ms. Katrina Perehudoff.
- Katrina is a U of L student who has excelled both academically and also in her social and community activities.
- Katrina organized a black tie affair last year that raised \$21,000 for the people of Burkina Faso, which grew to \$84,000 through matching by other organizations. Katrina will be studying in the Netherlands for a Master in Health Sciences, with a focus on International Health.
- The Board then heard a presentation from Dr. Robert Church, scientist, rancher, and advocate for science policy. Dr. Church indicated that the University is at a pivotal stage in its development now, with opportunities to go in a number of different directions.
- The University's challenge is to not slide into mediocrity, but rather develop core areas of excellence. He encouraged the Board to make the hard decisions necessary and build this University for the future.
- March 22nd was also the kick off to the Supporting Our Students campaign, whose aim is to raise money for student scholarships at the University of Lethbridge. The kick-off luncheon was well-attended.
- The main item of business at the Board meeting was the approval of the 2007-2008 budget for the University, and the approval in principle of the 2008-2009 budget. The budget process was described as being open and transparent, which was appreciated by board members. The operating budget is balanced, and is approximately \$126 million for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Current challenges to fiscal planning are the uncertainty of government grants and space constraints at the University.
- It was noted that there are now over 8,000 students attending the University of Lethbridge, on three campuses.

5.4 General Faculties Council

Rex Forsyth provided the following report:

- At the February meeting, revisions to GFC bylaws were approved. These revisions will bring them into conformance with the new Post-Secondary Learning Act.
- A revision to the Assessment Policy was received and more consultation with faculties will occur.
- At the March meeting, GFC approved a revised Animal Welfare Committee Policy.
- Information was received for the proposed 2007/2008 to 2010/2011 University Budget.

5.5 Alumni Association

Holly Debnam reported the following:

- The Recognition Committee has completed the review process for the nominees for the 2007 Honor Society. The Association has selected six recipients. All have been contacted and have graciously accepted.
- These individuals include Leslie Lavers (BASc '78), Dr. Dale Butterwick (BASc '72), Alexander "Sandy" McKay (BASc '74), Catherine "Kate" Connolly (BEd '95), Dr. Helen Manyfingers (BEd '78, LLD '92) and Sylvia Oishi (BASc '82).
- A constitution review committee was established, and the members have put in many hours to refine our constitution. The changes were reviewed by the ULAA board and will be brought forward for approval at the Annual General Meeting September 12, 2007.
- Planning for the ULAA Golf Tournament "Birdies for Bursaries" on June 8/07 at The Picture Butte Golf Club is in full swing. The Alumni Association is as always, looking for sponsors and participants. There is a hope to have enough participants this year to arrange a shotgun start.

5.6 Students Union

Dustin Fuller was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded the following report:

- The purpose of the SUB Renewal Project is to identify a vision and strategy to renovate the Students' Union Building to bring added value to our campus. The concepts and ideas found throughout the proposal have been identified by different students, University staff and visitors over the last few years. Specific ongoing discussions include; University of Lethbridge Departments – Capital Projects, Physical Plant, the Registrar's Office, Counselling Services, Faculty of Fine Arts, the U of L Bookstore, the Health and International Centres and Students' Union Clubs. The added value to our campus specifically will enable greater social interaction, comfortable seating and preferred study areas on campus.
- The U of L Outdoor Patio and Art Gallery is another avenue to bring added value to our campus. Presently, there are a number of outdoor spaces throughout the University, such as the level 6 Patio, and pocket spaces south of U-Hall, the west entrance into U-Hall and Fine Arts Building, and seating areas outside the LINC Building, Andy's Place Patio, as well as a south entrance patio at the Students' Union Building. Although these locations do provide an area for students to converse and study, these spaces were not primarily designed to accommodate an intimate and larger outdoor venue for social gatherings. Andy's Place Patio, is used by International students for bbq's or other small-scale functions. Creating a new outdoor patio could accommodate events such as Fine Arts and/or Music Department events, musicals or plays, which could be broadcast by the U of L campus radio station CKXU. Students Clubs could also use it for various activities they may wish to host. Moreover, the space could be used for outdoor banquets or catered events, a space for an outdoor garden tea instead of hosting it in the SU Ballrooms, a space for the SU to hold outdoor gatherings in a safe and secure environment, and lastly, a place for visitors or community members to relax while walking on campus pathways. This area would be designed

to host and comfortably accommodate large events and gatherings. It also has the potential to have in place theatrical seating, shelter, full patio sets, as well as fencing to be removed or used when needed for events or alternatively a permanent fence. Such details would be incorporated into the Architectural plans. The proposed location for this patio is the abandoned tennis courts. Redesigning the use of this space into the SU Outdoor Patio is a practical and feasible use of this space due to its proximity to the SU Building. An outdoor patio would not only cosmetically enhance this space, but would be enjoyed by a number of potential user groups such as Administration, faculty, students, commercial tenants within the SU Food Court, campus security, caretaking, physical plant personnel and visitors and friends of the University. It is the intention of this proposal to adhere to the concept and general layout of the University Master Plan, and to maintain the views of the coulees and other areas around campus. This proposal has been derived from previous student artwork based on the vision of the SU Building before construction commenced. The original plans for the SUB included an outdoor patio, which has not yet been realized. It is the hope of this proposal to not only bring to life a much needed addition to the campus that aesthetically enhances this area but to provide a space that will attract and retain more students and campus members and provide a suitable space that meets their needs and wants as voiced by our university community.

- The First Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness has been funded by the City of Lethbridge, the students of the U of L, the U of L and private investments. I had the privilege of being part of the historic opening event and to share the stage with remarkable people that included The Honourable Lyle Oberg, Preston Manning, Mayor Bob Tarleck, Board Chair Robert Turner, President Bill Cade, Chancellor Shirley DeBow, and Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Norman Kwong.
- The ULSU GA of 2006-2007 revised the ULSU Constitution and Bylaws. There was a committee made up of 10 ULSU GA members, and the Executive Council. The goal of this committee was to have these documents revised and adopted by the end of February in order to come in effect for next year's council. This initiative is something I campaigned on, and I am happy to report that it came to fruition. Special thanks and appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and drive of Jon Oxley, Randy Ockerman, Ben Hart and Council. The current Constitution and Bylaws have not changed substantially since it was first drafted in 1989/90. Changes included a more developed Constitution, turning a 6 page document into 16 pages, as well as updating Bylaws. The second part of this initiative is to adopt and build on a ULSU Strategic Plan.
- Being the ULSU President is an honour and I am so appreciative of being able to represent students and their concerns to people who can do something about it. This year, I was able to bring forward student concerns which included, the environment and transit, Aboriginal education and enrolment, University Capital Projects, Post secondary Funding, cost of education like tuition and cost of living considerations. The people I was able to have discussions with included Alberta Premiere Ed Stelmach, Minister of Advanced Ed The Honourable Doug Horner, the Honourable Stephen Dion, Martha Hall Finley, Clint Dunford, Rick Casson, Bridge Pastoor, Jim Dinning, the Honourable Dave Hancock, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Norman Kwong, the Honourable Lyle

Olberg, the Honourable Preston Manning, the Honourable Dave Taylor, His Worship Mayor Bob Tarleck.

- Freefone is a courtesy telephone that provides free local and toll free calls and displays digital video advertising with a full range of motion and sound. Freefone allows students to make free local calls anytime of the day. It is through its digital video advertising that will serve as a revenue generator for the SU. Reports are that students are happy with this service.
- The SU will be running Moneris Solutions 6200 High-Speed point of sale terminals in the Zoo and Service Centre. Students will be able to merrily get-in get-out more conveniently at both locations given the speed at which transactions are processed.
- The Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs (SACPA) is an independent forum which meets 35 weeks a year to debate local, provincial, national and international issues. The rationale of the Council is that the strength of a political democracy is lodged in the freedom of citizens to assemble and freely discuss ideas and issues. SACPA seeks to promote a sense of community and citizen ship amongst the public. SACPA does not take sides on the ideas debated at its sessions. Sessions are open to the public and the media. Shaw TV telecasts SACPA debates three times a week to a viewing audience of about 35,000 people throughout Southern Alberta. Both SACPA and ULSU are structured to actively promote and encourage people to assemble where they can freely discuss a variety of topics. This fundamental principle unites our organizations and together we can foster greater understanding on ideas and issues that impact citizens of the world. This year we were able to make history by hosting a SACPA session on our campus. It is the hope that sometime in the future, the U of L will host each SACPA session on campus.

5.7 Grad Students' Association

The following report was submitted on behalf of Tiffany Boulton:

- The GSA held its first ever official online election this past month. The voter turnout was 21% (57 out of 275 graduate students voted). The election results were as follows:
 - President: Nafisa Jadavji
 - VP External: Locke Spencer
 - VP Internal: Kelly Suschinsky
 - M.A. representative: Position to be filled
 - M.Ed. representative: Position to be filled
 - M.Sc. representative: Callie Clark
 - M.Sc. (Management) representative: Rob Armstrong will continue to fill this position until September 2007.
 - Ph.D. representative: Shannon Digweed
- The GSA will be holding an end of term BBQ on May 5th for all graduate students. This event will also function as the “changeover” dinner, and will allow the outgoing GSA members to meet with the newly elected GSA.
- During the election three referendum questions were put forth and passed.

They were:

1. The graduate students voted to accept the new constitution as presented on the GSA website to be the governing document of the GSA. (92% of those who voted agreed to accept the new constitution).
2. The graduate students voted to an increase in student fees by \$4.00 to create an on-campus childcare facility. The student fee will be put in place beginning September 2008 and will be in effect for 20 years or until the mortgage of the daycare building is paid off. (77% of those who voted agreed to this increase in fees).
3. The graduate students voted to an increase in student fees by \$52.50 (fall and spring semesters only) in order for all students, who are on campus for three or more months per semester, to receive a twelve month city wide bus pass (U Pass). (63% of voters agreed for this increase in fees). The student fee will begin in September 2008. In addition, the graduate students agreed to no further referendums on this issue, as long as the semester fee for the U Pass does not exceed the cost of a one month adult buss pass. (56% voted in favor of this).

5.8 Chancellor Search Committee

Kathy Lewis reported the following:

- An item of business conducted by the Chancellor's Search Committee needed to be brought to the attention of the Senate. Following the rules of the Committee established by the Senate, a Chair was elected by the members. It was recognized that reports to the Senate, which were to be presented by the Chair, were to be presented in-camera and a non-Senator Chair would not be able to report to Senate.
- Pursuant to this, the committee's choice was that the Senators on the committee would make the reports on behalf of the Chair.
- This worked adequately, however to prevent conflict with the rules of the committee in future, a motion was passed by the committee asking the Senate to address a change in rules that would prevent this from happening in subsequent Chancellor Search Committee proceedings. The motion was for the wording to be changed to reflect that the Chair of the committee should also be a member of the Senate.
- The Chair also recognized the excellent support given to the committee by Carol Van Dyk. Her diligence meeting scheduling and research support in providing background material and doing the communications for the committee was much appreciated.

6. REFRESHMENT BREAK

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 2007-2009 Schedule of Senate & Senate Executive Meetings

MOTION:

Switzer/Stauffer

That Senate approves the Senate and Senate Executive Schedule of Meetings for 2007 - 2009 as outlined in Enclosure #2 of the Agenda.

Motion: Carried

7.2 Appointments to Senate for 2007-2010

MOTION #1:

Chandler/Rasmussen

That Senate approve that the following members of Senate be reappointed to Senate for a 2nd 3-year term, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010:

Jim Berezan Barrie Broughton
David Cassidy

Motion: Carried

MOTION #2:

Broughton/Forsyth

That Senate approves the appointment to Senate of each of the following nominees for an initial term of 3 years, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010:

1. Louella Cronkite to replace Michelle Allen [Medicine Hat]
2. Claire Torscher to replace Christine Bastiaansen [Coaldale]
3. Gavin Parker to replace Henry Bergen [Coaldale]
4. Susan Chomistek to replace Sharon Holtman [Taber]
5. John Bolton to replace Gerry Lidstone [Lethbridge]
6. Ronald Ikuta to replace Anthony Manyfingers [Standoff]
7. Rita Mahar to replace Elizabeth Martin-Jong [Lethbridge]
8. Dale Merchant to replace Paul Rusznak [Lethbridge]

Motion: Carried

7.3 Staffing of Standing Committee of Senate

7.3.1 Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

MOTION:

Greer/Rusznak That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee for a term of two years:

Don Chandler [Chair]
Wayne Johnson
Cheryl Dick
John Moldon
Dale Merchant (subject to consent)

Motion: Carried

7.3.2 Hospitality Committee

MOTION:

Bergen/Stauffer That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Hospitality Committee:

Lea Switzer [Chair]
Dianna Greer
Fran Amundsen
Betty Cyr
David Cassidy

Motion: Carried

7.3.3 Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Nicol/Chandler That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Honorary Degrees Committee:

Lloyd Hickman (Chair)
Derek Redman
Janice Varzari

Motion: Carried

7.3.4 Senate Outreach Committee

MOTION:

Bergen/Rasmussen That Senate approves the appointment of the following to the Outreach Committee.

Cheryl Pollmuller [Chair]
Jim Berezan
John Bolton (subject to consent)

Motion: Carried

7.3.5 Executive Committee

MOTION:

Broughton/Dick That Senate approves the following appointment to the Senate Executive Committee:

Kathy Lewis [Chair]
Kathy Stauffer [Vice Chair]
Don Chandler, Chair PCC
Lloyd Hickman, Chair Honorary Committee
Lea Switzer, Chair Hospitality Committee
Cheryl Pollmuller, Chair Outreach Committee

Motion: Carried

7.3.6 Senate Volunteer Committee

MOTION:

Martin-Jong/Greer That Senate approves the following appointment to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee:

Kristine Carlsen Wall
Kiyo Oikawa

Motion: Carried

7.4 Appointment of Chancellor Emeritus Status

MOTION:

Switzer/Rusznak

That Chancellor Emeritus status be given to Shirley DeBow effective April 14, 2007.

Motion: Carried

7.5 Appointment to Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research, Scholarship or Performance Committee

MOTION:

Forsyth/Chandler

That Senate approves the appointment of Lloyd Yamagishi as the Senate representative on the Ingrid Speaker Medal Selection Committee, for a 2-year term effective July 1, 2007.

Motion: Carried

8. PRESENTATION

Trevor Woods, Executive Director of Information Technology, presented a brief power point presentation on video conferencing at the University of Lethbridge,

A presentation was given by Dr. Reg Bibby from his new book "The Boomer Generation; What Canada's Most Famous Generation is Leaving Behind". The presentation was very informative, interesting and engaging. Dr. Bibby graciously distributed copies of his book to all Senators in attendance.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Ushers and Tea Pourers for Convocation

Senators were reminded that Ushers and Tea Pourers are needed for the Spring Convocation to be held May 31, June 1, 2007.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Senators were reminded that the Chancellor's Dinner will be held on May 31, 2007. A dinner recognizing retiring Senators will be on June 13, 2007. Invitations will be forthcoming.

A letter of thanks from Judy O'Shea was included in the agenda in which she thanked all on the Senate for granting her the Senate Volunteer Award for 2007. She was deeply grateful and honoured.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Switzer/Rusznak

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion:Carried

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