

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M. IN AH100

Present: Richard Davidson (Chair), Bill Cade, Andrew Hakin, Nancy Walker, Sheila McHugh, Holly Debnam, Chris Nicol, Ches Skinner, Goldie Morgentaler, Ed Wasiak, Cheryl Pollmuller, John Kincaid, Kelly Kennedy, Jason Pan, Adam Vossepoel, Locke Spencer, Clarence Arnoldussen, Don Chandler, Cheryl Dick, Lloyd Hickman, William Malcolm, John Moldon, Frank Spanbauer, Calvin Stewart, James Berezan, John Bolton, Kristine Carlsen Wall, David Cassidy, Susan Chomistek, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Wayne Johnson, Kathy Lewis, Terry Longair, Rita Mahar, Sharon McNiven, Dale Merchant, Gavin Parker, Elisha Rasmussen, Garth Sherwin, Kathy Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Claire Torscher, Gerard Westwood, Sheena Olson (Secretary)

Regrets: Kim Kultgen, Lesley Brown, Guy Pomahac, Margaret Cook, Richie Evans, Derek Redman, Fran Amundsen, Peter Blackmore, Barrie Broughton, Dianna Greer, Roland Ikuta, Ken Murray, Kiyo Oikawa, Janice Varzari, Lloyd Yamagishi

Others: Carol Van Dyk (former Secretary to Senate)

I. WELCOME

The Chancellor welcomed all Senators and asked for a moment of silence in honour of former Senator and active supporter of the University, John Gill.

Richard Davidson also asked Senators to think of ways to commemorate John and to bring those ideas to the appropriate place.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Rasmussen/Lewis

That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of February 2, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Switzer/Sherwin

That the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of October 20, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

5. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

The Chancellor welcomed new Government-appointed Senators William Malcolm, Calvin Stewart, and Frank Spanbauer and presented them with a U of L pin and attaché bag.

6. *IN CAMERA* [CLOSED SESSIONS]

6.1 Motion to Move *In Camera*

MOTION:

Chandler/Cyr

That Senate move *In camera* for the Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee.

Motion: Carried

The *in camera* discussion and motions are not minuted for public distribution with these minutes. They are available in the Senate Office to members of the Senate only, as a Confidential Addendum to the minutes of February 2, 2008.

7. REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Honorary Degrees Committee report are included in the Confidential Addendum to the Senate Minutes of February 2, 2008.

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE VOLUNTEER AWARD COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Senate Volunteer Award Committee report are included in the Confidential Addendum to the Senate Minutes of February 2, 2008.

9. MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION:

Hickman/Switzer

That Senate return to the Open Session of the meeting.

Motion: Carried

10. REPORTS

10.1 Chancellor

Richard Davidson reported the following:

- Due to the cancellation of the December 2007 Senate meeting, the report includes items from the Fall.
- On October 24, 2007 the Senate hosted a New Faculty and Staff Reception at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery. Many Senators took part in welcoming new members of the University community at this Wine & Cheese event.
- Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Doug Horner, announced on October 25 that the Government of Alberta will provide \$50 million in funding towards the new Markin Hall. This building will allow the University of Lethbridge to grow its School of Health Sciences and Faculty of Management programs, attracting outstanding faculty and students. It will house an additional 450 Health Sciences students and 1600 Management students. The project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2010.
- University employees were invited to share in some good will and festive spirit at the annual University Christmas Reception held on December 19. The social afternoon was a nice way to come together and take a break after a busy semester.
- Along with attending the various Senate committee meetings, the Chancellor reported attending Board of Governor meetings in October, November, and December.

10.2 President

Bill Cade provided the following report:

- He congratulated Senators on their good work choosing the Honorary Degree recipients.
- The Board of Governors are considering a motion for the University to endow a scholarship to be named the John Gill Memorial Scholarship. Board Chair Bob Turner will be meeting with Tanya Gill in the near future to discuss the terms of the scholarship.

- Bill expressed his enthusiasm over the 40th anniversary of the University this last year. It was an exciting year with many things happening around campus:
 - The announcement for the Prentice Institute was made on December 7
 - The 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness building was opened in January
 - The Alberta government announced \$50 million for the Markin Hall, another \$18.2 million for University Hall upgrades, and later announced another \$10 million for the Water building (which is currently under construction)
 - The opening of the new Service building
 - The Turcotte Hall addition
 - \$2 million funding announcement for the Stadium project.
- February 7 marks the end of the Legacy of Leadership capital campaign. A donor recognition invitation has been mailed and President Cade hopes that all Senators will be able to attend the Gala. Bill thanked all Senators for their contributions and Senate as a body for the scholarship that was endowed during this campaign.
- President Cade conveyed how lucky he considers himself to have been involved in the University during this time in its history.

10.3 Board of Governors

Kim Kultgen was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted a report that was previously emailed to all Senators. The report was received as information and filed with these minutes.

10.4 General Faculties Council

Ed Wasiak submitted a report that was emailed to all Senators. The report was received as information and filed with these minutes.

10.5 Alumni Association

Holly Debnam submitted a report that is included with these minutes. She added:

- The Alumni Association is currently looking for nominations to the Alumni Honour Society as well as nominations for the Alumnus of the Year. She directed anyone interested in nominating someone to the U of L Alumni website for a nomination form.
- Holly wanted to bring special attention to the fact that the annual alumni golf tournament has been renamed to the John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament in honour of John Gill. No specific date or location has been confirmed at this point, but once details are known, Holly will let the Senate know.

John Moldon added that the Alumni Association is holding an event on February 28 in Medicine Hat at the Historic Clay District. John invited any interested Senators to attend.

10.6 Students' Union

Kelly Kennedy reported:

- The referendum held this past fall to support the capital costs of a daycare on campus was a complete success. There was over a 50 percent voter turnout. The result of the referendum was that undergraduate students of the Students' Union will be contributing \$200,000 towards the daycare.
- Through a referendum, the students approved an increase in the levy to support the campus radio station. Students will now pay \$5/semester instead of \$3.
- Students' Union (SU) has been working with Lethbridge Transit and local MLAs to get a differential for the price increase for transit passes for students. Student passes have increased 23 percent as opposed to adult passes which have increased only 11 percent. They hope to hear something on this matter later this month.
- Kelly Kennedy and SU Vice-President Adam Vossepoel went to Ottawa in November with 20 other Students' Union Presidents from across Canada to meet with Senators and MPs. Their main issue that they brought forward to the Federal Government was the renewal of the Canadian Millennium Scholarship. The meetings were thought to be very productive, but everyone will have to wait to see if it is included in the next Federal Budget.
- Sue Johansson will be coming to the University to speak as part of the Students' Union Speaker Series. David Suzuki also will be visiting the campus in March. Attendance is expected to be quite high.
- Plans are underway for a run in the 1st Choice Savings Centre to support student scholarships. Runners would be sponsored per lap or per kilometer with hopefully enough funds raised to endow a scholarship.
- Students' Union General Election will be happening on campus within the next couple of weeks. Candidate participation is expected to be quite good. With one of the highest voter turnouts in all of Canada, the SU is hoping for greater than 35 percent of students voting.
- Kelly Kennedy spoke on behalf of Jason Pan's last initiative as SU Vice-President, "The Last Lecture Series". Using a situation of a dying professor in the United States as a model, students are encouraged to nominate their favorite professor to give a lecture like it would be their last. The SU is hoping to have three professors speak at this early April event.

10.7 Grad Students' Association

Locke Spencer submitted a report that is included with these minutes.

Andrew Hakin commented on the growth of the graduate program and the Roles and Mandates Policy Framework from Alberta Advanced Education and Technology. He stressed that although there is a push to build up the graduate

programs here at the University, we must not lose our focus from the undergraduate programs. Andy stated that the main question right now is “How do we grow and retain our graduate programs in this province?”

10.8 Outreach Committee

Cheryl Pollmuller reported the following:

- The Outreach Committee has met and is gathering ideas for a spring event. Keeping in mind the terms of reference of this committee, they would like to go out into communities in Southern Alberta and generate interest in the University. Once details of an event are known, Cheryl will pass them along to Senators.

Chancellor Davidson extended congratulations on behalf of Senate to Cheryl Pollmuller, who is the Chair of Lethbridge College's School of Business, as she has recently been honoured with The Chair Academy's 2008 International Exemplary Leader Award. Cheryl will be presented with the award in early April at the academy's annual conference in Denver, Colorado.

10.9 Hospitality Committee

Lea Switzer submitted a report that is included with these minutes. She added thanks to President Cade and Chancellor Davidson for attending the New Faculty and Staff Reception at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery. Lea also thanked David Cassidy for giving the Hospitality report last meeting on her behalf.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Chancellor Davidson drew attention to the 2008 nomination to Senate form included with these minutes. June marks the end of terms for five Senators; two government appointed and three representative members. As the Senate is the University's connection to the community, Richard mentioned that Senators are very much ambassadors--a liaison between the University and the community. He encouraged Senators, as well as those in the community, to nominate someone that they feel would be a valuable addition to the Senate, and to have those forms into Sheena Olson no later than March 1.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Stauffer/Lewis

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried