

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE AH 100

Present: Shirley DeBow (Chair), Michelle Allen, Clarence Arnoldussen, Jim Berezan, Henry Bergen, Tiffany Boulton, Barrie Broughton, Bill Cade, Kristine Carlsen Wall, Betty Cyr, Holly Debnam, Cheryl Dick, Rex Forsyth, Dustin Fuller, John Gill, Dianna Greer, Lloyd Hickman, Sharon Holtman, Charlene Janes, Wayne Johnson, Kim Kultgen, Samantha Lecerf, Kathy Lewis, Gerry Lidstone, Terry Longair, Sharon McNiven, John Moldon, Ken Murray, Chris Nicol, Séamus O'Shea, Kiyo Oikawa, Guy Pomahac, Elisha Rasmussen, Wilf Roesler, Paul Rusznak, Garth Sherwin, Katharine Stauffer, Lea Switzer, Nancy Walker, Ed Wasiak, Trevor Woods, Carol Van Dyk (Secretary)

Regrets: David Cassidy, Don Chandler, Ralph Gast, Charlotte Kingston, Elizabeth Martin-Jong, Ed Nestorowicz, Cheryl Pollmuller, Ches Skinner, Janice Varzari, Gerard Westwood, Lloyd Yamagishi

Guests: Chancellor Emeritus Ingrid Speaker, Elsa Cade

I. WELCOME

The Chancellor welcomed new Senator Cheryl Dick, CEO Economic Development Lethbridge and presented her with a U of L pin and attaché bag.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Holtman/Rasmussen

That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of February 3, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Switzer/Holtman

That the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of December 2, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were not items arising from the minutes.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1 Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair to Senate Executive Committee

MOTION:

Sherwin/Holtman

That Senate approves the appointment of Derek Redman as Chair and Kathy Lewis as Vice Chair to the Senate Executive Committee effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

6. *IN CAMERA* [CLOSED SESSIONS]

6.1 Motion to Move *In Camera*

MOTION:

Rusznak/Holtman

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 3, 2007.

7. REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

Minutes from Honorary Degrees Committee report are included in the Confidential Addendum to the Senate Minutes of February 3, 2007.

8. REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes from Chancellor Nominating Committee report are included in the Confidential Addendum to the Senate Minutes of February 3, 2007.

9. MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

10. REPORTS

10.1 Chancellor

The Chancellor reported the following:

- As this was the Chancellor's last Senate meeting, she wished to take a few moments to express her appreciation to the members of the Senate for the honour of serving as Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge over the last 4 years.
- She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with President Cade and thanked him for his guidance and support.
- She stated that it has been a privilege to work with the superb administration, staff, faculty, students, alumni and Board as well.
- She expressed all the pleasure she has enjoyed over the years attending the many functions, events and activities.
- The Chancellor commented that it has been thrilling to watch the University grow with its new programs, facilities and increased enrolment.
- She stated what a pleasure it was to award the University's first PhD as well as presiding over the last convocation ceremony in the old gym and the first ceremony in the new gym.
- It has been the Chancellor's honour to welcome people to our University as our Honorary Degree recipients, who come to us from many parts of the world including Nunavut, NASA, Rhawanda and from our own Southern Alberta.
- During the Chancellor's term, she has been asked to offer the high profile of the Chancellor's office to community endeavours. This has allowed her an exceptional opportunity to raise the flag of the University in the community and provide the bridge between town and gown.
- It has also been her privilege to represent the University in the broader community, provincially, nationally and internationally. The Chancellor is always well received and respected which shows the high regard with which this university is held.
- The Chancellor is pleased that the members began the Senate Volunteer Award 3 years ago which honours those individuals who donate so much of their time to the University.
- It is the Chancellor's wish that the Senate Legacy Fund that just began this past Fall will remain an integral part of the University life.
- The Chancellor extended her congratulations to Chancellor Emeritus Ingrid Speaker and her husband, Ray Speaker as they will be honoured at the Faculty of Management Dinner being held on March 16, 2007.
- And in closing, the Chancellor thanked all members of Senate for their diligent work over the last 4 years and congratulated all for accomplishing so much.

10.2 President

Bill Cade provided the following report:

- The President extended his congratulations to Chancellor Emeritus Speaker as well.

- Also, President Cade thanked Chancellor DeBow for her service and outstanding representation to the University.
- The President informed the membership that the Lethbridge regional police have charged a man with voyeurism after an incident on campus where a construction worker allegedly used a hole in a ceiling crawl space to peep into a women's change room. The accused, who was employed with a construction company contracted by the University, was immediately fired from his job and the University took measures to prevent a similar incident from happening.
- Contractual negotiations are being held with the Faculty Association regarding mandatory retirement on Canada campuses.
- President Cade reported that December 7/07 was the most exciting day of his academic life and will forever be remembered as John Prentice Day for him. It is on that day the John and Connie Prentice gave a transformational donation to the University of more than \$8 million, which is the largest single philanthropic donation to the University to date. Since then the University has received another \$250,000.00. The funds will allow the University to launch the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, a multi-disciplinary, cross-faculty institute which will research big-picture issues relating to global population change, demographics, and economic factors as they relate to global population change. An expedited Degree was presented to John Prentice just before Christmas due to his declining health.
- February 8th will see the opening of the Centre for Health & Wellness. A sculpture done by Bryan Rudelich as part of a campus wide contest, was permanently moved in the front of the Wellness Centre. The naming of the Fitness Centre, also chosen by the students, will be unveiled.
- Séamus O'Shea will leave the office of Vice-President (Academic) and Provost in June 2007. After a thorough and rigorous search process and input from the University community, Associate VP Academic Andrew Hakin has been appointed to the position. President Cade stated that Dr. Hakin is ideally suited for this job and that we all look forward to working with Andy in the years ahead.

10.3 Board of Governors

Sharon Holtman gave the following report:

- At the December 21/07 meeting, a report on On-campus Day care was presented to the Board. The 10 member task force outlined details listing the benefits of a day care but Nancy Walker did an excellent job of defending the University's position. Where-as it would be a wonderful addition, administration noted that with the many capital projects already in progress and several significant deficits, this is not a good time to implement such a plan. A proposal has been made to enter into a partnership with the students and employees where everyone would contribute to the debt servicing costs.
- On behalf of the Board, Sharon Holtman thanked Chancellor DeBow for her service and devotion to the University.

10.4 General Faculties Council

Rex Forsyth gave the following report:

- The curriculum changes proposed within the Curriculum Coordinating Committee report were passed at the last meeting.
- The GFC has approved in principle, the University of Lethbridge Mandate Statement. The new mandate has parts from the Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Strategic Planning documents included.
- Revised GFC bylaws will be presented at the next meeting of GFC for final approval. Most revisions are changes to coincide with the new Post-Secondary Learning Act.
- Concerns have been raised regarding procedures for students with disabilities within the classroom. It was explained that the Special Needs Advisory Committee developed the procedure that is currently in place. This includes a letter being sent to faculty members that have disabled students describing what exceptions or assistance is required for that particular student.
- GFC also extended thanks to Chancellor DeBow for her years of services on behalf of the University.

10.5 Alumni Association

John Gill reported the following:

- The Alumni Association held a reception on December 13, 2006 at La Bella Notte to thank their volunteers for their efforts over the past year, and to formally recognize the 20 past-presidents of the association. The event was well-attended and well-appreciated. Nine past-presidents were able to attend, including Mr. Stan Sawicki, who served as one of the earliest presidents, from 1969-1970. All surviving past-presidents have received framed parchments thanking them for their service to the association and to the University.
- The Alumni Association will be staffing a table at the entrance to the Centre for Sport and Wellness at its grand opening ceremonies on February 8, 2007. Guests can enter a free draw to win a \$50.00 gift basket of U of L merchandise from the bookstore. The Alumni Association will also be displaying a signed Calgary Flames jersey, donated by Alan Markin, and encouraging bids as part of a traveling silent auction. The highest bidder will be announced at this fall's homecoming celebrations, with the proceeds being put towards a bursary for students in financial need.
- The Alumni Association will be holding its annual charity golf tournament, "Birdies for Bursaries" this year on Friday, June 8, 2007 at the Picture Butte Golf Course. Proceeds will again be used to fund a bursary for U of L students in financial need.
- The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its Alumni Honour Society. New inductees will be announced during this spring's Convocation ceremonies.

10.6 Students' Union

Dustin Fuller reported:

- The Students' Union is in the process of amending the ULSU Constitution and Bylaws.
- Elections Canada has been in contact with the SU regarding having polling stations situated once again on the University campus.
- The University radio station CKXU is holding a fund drive where your membership entitles you to discounts at various venues in the city.
- The Students' Union has a goal to provide the most scholarships and burseries to students across Canada.
- At the January meeting, the question was raised as to whether the University will go "smoke free" on the entire campus. Presently, smoking is only permitted outside on campus grounds.
- "These Proportions are Epic" featuring Michael Bernard Fitzgerald and Rebecca Ramone is touring with financial support from the U of L Students Union. The cast is comprised fully of students and will be touring with our campus radio station as well as representatives from the SU in order to further relationships between the major Alberta campuses.

10.7 Outreach Committee

Kathy Stauffer reported the following:

- The Senate Outreach Committee and the entire Senate will serve as official hosts for the University's 40th Anniversary celebrations.
- There is a need for more volunteers for upcoming events. If interested, please forward availability to either Maureen Schwartz from the Advancement Office or Carol in the Senate Office.
- The next scheduled event will be the Senate BBQ/100 Tree Grove opening. Date is still tentative at this time.

10.8 Grad Students' Association

Tiffany Boulton reported the following:

- The GSA has recently set aside money in its budget for emergency funding grants for graduate students. Prior to this council there was no money in the budget for emergency funding for graduate students.
- The GSA has donated \$5000 to the CAETL to help the center in its initial set up phase and to demonstrate the GSA's commitment to improving teaching and learning at the U of L.
- The GSA is proud to announce that we have set up a student travel award that will provide students with funding to travel to conferences during their graduate program. This award will be available for application in the summer.
- The GSA newsletter is continuing and it can be found online. This newsletter is put together monthly and includes a variety of information pertinent to graduate students.
- The GSA is participating in an information session for undergraduate students who are thinking about applying to graduate school. The information session will be held on Feb. 6 and many of the members of the GSA will be attending and/or presenting at the event.

- The GSA's social committee has organized a family bowling event to be held near the end of February.
- Over the winter holiday, some members of the GSA participated in Operation Red Nose. The GSA will be participating in Operation Red Nose again next year and hope that more graduate students will volunteer to help out.
- The GSA is excited to announce that for the first time ever elections for the graduate student council will be held online.
- The GSA passed a motion to pursue and support a daycare on campus. The GSA is pleased that the university has set up a Daycare Task Force and have appointed a representative to sit on the task force. The GSA is looking forward to hearing recommendations from the task force and is committed to help the university fundraise for this important project.
- The GSA is still working on having a UPASS available to students and has a meeting planned with the City on Feb 9th. U of L grad students might be able to serve as a pilot group for the U Pass idea as the majority of graduate students voted in favor of the UPASS in the past election.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Senate Photograph order forms were distributed with the Senate agenda. The Senate photo will be taken at the Senate meeting on April 14, 2007.

Senate nomination forms were also distributed with the agenda and Senators were asked to give consideration to potential Senators and reminded to submit the nominations to the Senate Office no later than March 5, 2007.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Arnoldussen/Switzer

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried