

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE AH100

Present: Richard Davidson (Chair), Bill Cade, Nancy Walker, Holly Debnam, Cheryl Pollmuller, Chris Nicol, Lesley Brown, Goldie Morgentaler, Margaret Cook, Kelly Kennedy, Jason Pan, Richie Evans, Adam Vossepoel, Locke Spencer, Don Chandler, Cheryl Dick, John Moldon, Derek Redman, Fran Amundsen, James Berezan, David Cassidy, Susan Chomistek, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Dianna Greer, Roland Ikuta, Wayne Johnson, Terry Longair, Rita Mahar, Sharon McNiven, Kiyo Oikawa, Gavin Parker, Garth Sherwin, Claire Torscher, Janice Varzari, Gerard Westwood, Lloyd Yamagishi, Dale Merchant

Regrets: Andrew Hakin, Sheila McHugh, Ches Skinner, Kim Kultgen, Ed Wasiak, John Kincaid, Clarence Arnoldussen, Lloyd Hickman, Peter Blackmore, Ken Murray, Lea Switzer

Others: Rita Law, Director, Governance
Carol Van Dyk, former Secretary to Senate

I. WELCOME

Chancellor Davidson thanked and welcomed everyone to his first meeting of Senate as the new Chancellor.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Redman/Berezan That the Agenda for the Senate Meeting of October 20, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Cassidy/Chandler That the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of April 14, 2007 be approved.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

5. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

The following new Senate members were introduced and presented with a U of L satchel and pin:

Lesley Brown	Appointed by General Faculties Council
Goldie Morgentaler	Appointed by General Faculties Council
Margaret Cook	Appointed by AUPE
Kelly Kennedy	Appointed by Students' Union
Jason Pan	Appointed by Students' Union
Adam Voessepoel	Appointed by Students' Union
Ritchie Evans	Appointed by Students' Union
Locke Spencer	Appointed by Graduate Students Association
Susan Chomistek	Representative Member (Rainier)
Louella Cronkhite	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Roland Ikuta	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Gavin Parker	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Rita Mahar	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Dale Merchant	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Claire Torscher	Representative Member (Bow Island)

Other new members of Senate not present at the meeting are:

Andrew Hakin	Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
John Kincaid	Appointed by AUPE
John Bolton	Representative Member (Lethbridge)

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on a number of events he has attended since being installed March 15, 2007. He brought greeting at the May 2 long service and retirement celebration. This event was followed the next day by the annual Lethbridge West "Meet the Minister Dinner" with the Honourable Ed Stelmach as guest speaker. On May 4th the Chancellor attended his first President's Review Committee as well as an evening event to honour Seamus O'Shea.

Spring Convocation was held on May 31 and June 1. It was during these events that Richard Davidson was installed as Chancellor by the Lieutenant Governor. Many guests attended the Chancellor's Dinner the evening of May 31 in the Atrium of University Hall. Carol Van Dyk was thanked for her excellent work in organizing such a splendid event.

The service of retiring Senators was recognized at a dinner held June 13, at which time they were thanked for their diligence and support.

The University had a large display, staffed in part by Senators, at Canada Day celebrations at Henderson Lake. Hundreds of balloons and Frisbees were given away.

The U of L had two dragon boat teams do very well in that competition. The opening ceremonies of the national Historica Fair were held on July 14. Students in grades four

through nine brought history to life through three-dimensional projects, creative writing and multi-media presentations.

The Chancellor reported riding in the U of L red convertible at the Whoop-up Days parade with Kelly Kennedy, Nancy Walker and U of L mascot, Luxie. He also attended the New

Student Orientation, ULFA Faculty Picnic, SAAG Art Auction, the reception for the Alexander de Grandmaison exhibit "Drawn from the Past", held in the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery, and the unveiling of the *Community Report*. The Chancellor remarked that the *Community Report* is an outstanding publication and he extended congratulations to all involved in producing it.

The University's 40th Anniversary celebrations included various events both on and off campus. The first was the Dean of Education Luncheon and tour of Turcotte Hall West on October 12. The Chancellor expressed great delight at the opening of this exquisite building. The top two floors are complete but there is still work to do on the lower two floors, which meant hard hats had to be worn for the tours. The Faculty of Education held and Alumni gathering in the Students' Union Building and the Faculty of Management had a reception at the Lethbridge Lodge at which time they unveiled a Shimazaki print. There was an evening concert that paid tribute to friends old and new and those in the music department who are retiring.

The October 13 Convocation went like clockwork, as usual. A Homecoming dinner and dance was held at the Lethbridge Lodge with music by the Lethbridge Big Band, of which Nancy Walker is a member. Richard Davidson remarked that it was a wonderful evening.

Homecoming weekend festivities concluded with a Sunday morning breakfast and fashion show that included, in large part, pieces from a generous donation by the Singer family. The President and Elsa Cade modelled clothing from the 60's, with the President sporting a multi-coloured houndstooth polyester blazer and coordinating burgundy polyester pants. Elsa Cade looked lovely in a beautiful gold caftan with butterfly sleeves. The fashion show was a huge success and highlighted the wonderful work of the people of the costume shop.

Richard Davidson remarked that he has enjoyed his first few months as Chancellor and is looking forward to an exciting term.

6.2 President

The President commended the Chancellor and his wife, Denise, for their attendance at many University of Lethbridge events. He added that the Faculty of Fine Arts will be hosting a fashion show April 20, which will give another chance for people to see the costume collection. Bill Cade remarked that he felt the costume shop was one of the most interesting parts of campus. In addition to the Singer donation, the University has received a fabulous collection of hats from Kay Kerr, an honorary degree recipient and former Senator. Subsequent to the Homecoming fashion show, the wardrobe collection received the donation of a sealskin coast from a faculty member. The President informed the Senators that donations to the costume collection are welcomed.

Bill Cade agreed with the Chancellor that the Historica Fair was amazing. The organization held a conference at the U of L three years ago and felt so comfortable that they came back for their national fair. It was particularly exciting to see the students marching in behind the banner of their province or territory.

Bill Cade suggested that the red convertible that the University uses from parades should be painted U of L colours.

The 40th anniversary Homecoming events were exceptional and included sporting and social events. The Prentice family \$8 million donation was the kickoff of the anniversary. The Prentice Institute will be established with the intent of enhancing the study of

demography and the economic consequences that follow. Senior faculty will be hired and a location for the institute on campus will be determined. This will be an important teaching and research initiative in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The water research building will open August 2008. Appreciation was expressed for the \$22 million contribution from the Province.

The first Fulbright Scholar is on campus. He is an American social scientist whose work is in the area of water policy. This adds to the strong group on campus focused on water research. An announcement of additional funding from the Provincial Government will be made October 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the building site. Minister Horner and Minister Ouellette will attend along with other MLAs.

Bill Cade added that the new space in Turcotte Hall is a great home for the Faculty of Education. The Parkway Service complex is fully functional. The Physical Plant services, printing, paint shop, auto mechanic shop, materials management, mail distribution are all housed in this new space. Senators will be invited to the open house and have a chance to tour the building. The new Stadium project, which is in partnership with the City, has begun.

A significant announcement by the Premier is anticipated October 25 in the foyer of the 1st Choice Savings Centre. This will set the stage for the next decade of development at the University of Lethbridge. Bill Cade remarked that this is an exciting time to be the President of the University and he hoped the Senators felt the same way about being involved as Senators. Bill Cade added that a coordinated government relations strategy has been undertaken since June and these announcements are the result of those efforts. He noted that a government relations officer has been hired.

The University has settled with the Faculty Association, which is good for the University and faculty members. There will be negotiations with AUPE this year.

Daycare continues to be an issue. Bill Cade indicated that he hoped to be able to bring a recommendation to the Board in December. The Faculty Association has voted to contribute financially to the building and the students are holding a referendum to seek approval to contribute. The Graduate Students Association has also indicated support. Among the questions to be addressed are the best location of a daycare centre and how to manage the construction of a building. Stakeholder groups have been invited to invest their own funds in partnership with the University.

6.3 Board of Governors

Richard Davidson read the Board of Governors report submitted by Kim Kultgen. The Board of Governors held their regular Board meeting, followed by a retreat, June 21 in Canmore. At the Board meeting Nancy Walker gave a presentation on the financial statements and indicated that the University is in a good financial position. The draft financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2007 were approved. At the retreat the

Board heard presentations from the Vice-Presidents specifically related to the strategic plan. The Faculty of Management and the School of Health Sciences Deans also gave presentations on their vision for their Faculty/School. The evening program included an opportunity to hear about the research of Dr. Sonya Grypma on Canadian nurses in China from 1888-1947 and Dr. Heidi MacDonald's work on "Coming of Age in the Great Depression in Canada". Richard Davidson added that the presentation by the Vice-Presidents were very interesting and it was enlightening to see the common thread of the strategic plan and the focus on the students among all the Vice-Presidents.

Richard Davidson reported that a meeting of the U of L Board was held, following the October 18 Board meeting, with the boards of both Medicine Hat College (MHC) and Lethbridge College (LC). He felt that the meeting highlighted the cooperation that exists between U of L and MHC and LC. Not only was their information provided on existing joint programming but there were interesting insights into projects that are being developed.

Chris Nicol added that the Board approved the appointments of Olga Kovalchuk, Igor Kovalchuk and Sergio Pellis as Board of Governors Research Chairs. Shelly Wismath was given a two-year appointment as the first Board of Governors Teaching Chair.

6.4 General Faculties Council

Goldie Morgentaler presented the General Faculties Council (GFC) report as prepared by Ed Wasiak. GFC met twice since the April Senate meeting. Goldie Morgentaler and Lesley Brown were appointed to the Senate by GFC. GFC approved a library code of conduct policy. A staff training program will be undertaken over the summer months to ensure that the policies pertaining to user and visitor behaviour while in the library are implemented consistently, fairly, equitably, and respectfully. The Animal Welfare Committee policy was revised in response to the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) March 2006 Terms of Reference for Animal Care Committees. GFC passed a motion extending the "common exam pilot" through the 2007/08 academic year, pending approval of the Assessment Policy. There was considerable discussion on a proposed motion to add Executive Directors to the various GFC appointment committees. The intent was to include them in the same category as APOs, Exempt Support Staff and AUPE members. The motion was previously tabled and brought back to GFC. Voting was postponed until the next GFC meeting.

6.5 Alumni Association

Holly Debnam reported that the Alumni Association had a busy summer. The Birdies for Bursaries annual golf tourney in June was successful. The Alumni Association worked on Homecoming, with the dinner and dance being the Alumni big event. Attendance at the event was about 400. David Legg was recognized as Alumni of the Year. Shelia McHugh was elected as Alumni Association President and Holly Debnam is the Vice-President. The Alumni Association is undertaking to increase their profile and this will be a discussion topic at their November meeting. Upcoming events include a scotch tasting in 2008.

6.6 Students' Union

In inviting Kelly Kennedy to give the Students' Union (SU) report, Richard Davidson noted that Kelly had told the Board that it is an unwritten rule that the Students' Union is

supposed to be at odds with the administration. This is not the case at this time in the U of L's history. The Students' Union has been able to work closely with administration on initiatives that further the Institution. Richard Davidson complimented Kelly Kennedy on the spirit of cooperation and hoped that it was precedent setting going into the future. Kelly Kennedy took the floor and reported on Students' Union activities. The SU held a campus-wide frosh week that encompassed all students. About 300 students took part in

events that garnered more than \$8,000 worth of media exposure. Events included cardboard boat race, capture the flag, dodge ball, etc. He felt it was great that, although there were events that involved alcohol, the focus was not on alcohol. The concert sold out at 650 tickets. There is some concern by the Students' Union that U of L students on the Calgary and Edmonton campuses do not feel part of the U of L. Students' Union executive members have gone to Edmonton two times and also visited Calgary in an effort to include those students. With the possibility of provincial and federal elections, the Students' Union is working with other Alberta Students' Unions on strategies to ensure that post-secondary issues are on the minds of elected officials and candidates. Work is being done with the U of L administration to get soft spaces for students to meet to develop these spaces. This is part of a student engagement effort. In support of that effort a rookie camp was established to help students develop a sense of community and to build a social network. The Recruitment office ran it and felt it was a success even though numbers were lower than hoped. It is anticipated that word of mouth will help the numbers increase next year.

A student referendum will be held to ask students to contribute \$200,000 to support the capital cost of a daycare. The money would come from Students' Union reserves and there will be no increase in student fees. Students will also be asked if they are willing to contribute \$2.00 per semester to the campus radio station. This levy would fund upgrades to allow the radio station to do city-wide broadcasting.

Kelly Kennedy remarked that he met David Legg and heard him speak at the Homecoming dinner. He found David to be humble yet intimidating because he is so accomplished. Kelly Kennedy gave David Legg a tour of campus. He said it was nice to see people have so much pride in the University.

6.7 Grad Students Association

Locke Spencer gave reported there are now 279 graduate students, 32 of whom are in a Ph.D. The greatest growth has been the Ph.D. program.

The Graduate Students Association (GSA) is putting on the second annual Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on November 24. The U of A and U of C have been invited to participate in the conference.

GSA has created a handbook. This has been available electronically in the past but a printed version has been added, which will be included with acceptance packages.

GSA supports the daycare initiative and is working with other interested groups and the administration.

GSA voted to participate in a universal bus pass. Discussions have begun with Lethbridge Transit for the UPASS to start September 2008 for graduate students.

GSA was pleased to have a representative on the selection committee for Dean of Graduate Studies.

GSA has been involved with the space allocation process of the library designating space for graduate students writing their thesis.

6.8 Outreach Committee

Cheryl Pollmuller reported that the Outreach Committee members are Cheryl Pollmuller (Chair), Richard Davidson (Chancellor), Bill Cade (President), Jim Berezan, Kim Kultgen, John Bolton, Gerard Westwood. The focus of the Committee's efforts has been on local campus events in view of the 40th Anniversary celebrations. The committee members assisted with Convocation ushering, the induction of five new members to the Alumni Honour Society, and other events.

Cheryl Pollmuller indicated that the Outreach committee is wanted to have a greater presence at Aboriginal events. Committee members attended the August 28 Aboriginal Nursing partnership signing ceremony between the University of Lethbridge, Red Crow College, Blackfoot Confederacy, and Health Canada. The ceremony took place at the Kainai Continuing Care Centre Great Hall in Standoff. The Outreach committee also attended the Tipi Raising ceremony hosted by Lethbridge College on October 17. The ceremony was conducted under the guidance of Native Elders from across southern Alberta and reflects the commitment of post-secondary learning institutions to aboriginal students. The Outreach committee may be calling on Senators to participate in future events.

6.9 Hospitality Committee

David Cassidy report on behalf of the Hospitality committee. The Hospitality committee met September 14 and reviewed last year's New Faculty and Staff reception. The feedback from the 2006 reception was that it was enjoyable. The impromptu self-introductions caused some discomfort and some felt the music could have been different. The Hospitality committee discussed and approved the invitation and program for this year's event. It was decided that a wine and cheese reception would be held at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery, Wednesday, October 24, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Lea Switzer will welcome the guests and Richard Davidson will introduce the new faculty and staff by name, indicating their department and where they have relocated from. It was mentioned that there is some misconception that the purpose of the reception is to solicit financial donations. The suggestion was made that a bus tour of local attractions be considered. A 'welcome package' was discussed. It was subsequently learned that Human Resources provides this. The committee extended appreciation to Carol Van Dyk and Sodexo for the snacks that were provided for committee meetings.

7.0 PC/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

Don Chandler reported that the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee met May 10. Among the items discussed were the need to improve the method of generating nominations for honorary degrees, a review of amendments to the solicitation letter that is sent to many southern Alberta organizations, and review and updating mailing lists. The following process was developed to solicit names on an annual basis:

- email to all Senators in June and a memo to all Senators in October with a nomination form attached
- an annual letter in June to key contacts with a follow-up email in September
- a notice in University publications
- a news release developed in consultation with the Communications department to southern Alberta media, especially newspapers
- acknowledgments to all individuals/organizations who nominate candidates

The first letters in the process were sent in June and a follow-up email in September. A meeting to review nominations will be held in November.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION

8.1 Appointment of Student Members to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Stauffer/Spencer

That Jason Pan and Adam Vossepoel be ratified as Students' Union Representatives on the Honorary Degrees committee for a term ending April 30, 2008.

Motion: Carried

8.2 Appointment of GFC Member to the Senate Executive Committee

MOTION:

Stauffer/Broughton

That Lesley Brown be appointed to Senate Executive for a term to end June 30, 2008.

Motion: Carried

8.3 Appointment of Student Member, GFC Member and Non-academic Staff Member to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee

MOTION:

Stauffer/Evans

That the appointment of Jason Pan, Goldie Morgentaler, and John Kincaid to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee as student member, GFC member, and non-academic staff member respectively, be ratified.

Motion: Carried

8.4 Senate Standing Committees Participation Form

Senators were encouraged to complete the form and submit it to the Senate office in order to facilitate the staffing of Senate committees.

9. PRESENTATION

Dr. Sergio Pellis, professor in the Neuroscience Department, was introduced by Arts and Science Dean Chris Nicol. Dr. Pellis gave an interesting presentation on his behavioural research with rates: "Brain Begets Play and Play Begets Brain".

10. UPDATE RE CHANCELLOR LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Derek Redman introduced Kathy MacFarlane, senior development officer in the University Advancement office. Kathy MacFarlane extended congratulations to the Senate and expressed appreciation for the outstanding success of the Chancellor's Legacy Scholarship initiative. She indicated that a year ago Senate agreed to embark on a project to raise \$40,000 in recognition of the University's 40th Anniversary. A volunteer team was assembled who contacted current and past Senators. The success of the initiative allowed funding to support a hard-working student who has good grades and, in keeping with the spirit of volunteerism displayed by the Senate, showed volunteer commitment. Kathy MacFarlane commented that the original goal was to have sufficient funds to be able to make an award in fall 2008. Happily, the gifts, when coupled with earnings, were sufficient to make an award in fall 2007. Kathy MacFarlane shared a thank-you letter from Carrie Gilham, the first recipient of the scholarship and told a little about the student. Appreciation was expressed to those who served on the committee: Derek Redman, Elizabeth Martin-Jong, Janice Varzari, Gerry Lidstone, Garth Sherwin, Henry Bergen, David Cassidy, Jim Berezan, and Paul Rusznak.

Kathy MacFarlane remarked that the response was tremendous and the goal was surpassed due to the generous donation from a former Senator. The Senators who donated and those who

phoned were thanked for their participation in this opportunity for Senators to be directly involved with an initiative that helps students. Kathy MacFarlane indicated she will be coming to the Senators in the future with a revised plan, since it would be grand if the program could grow and become a much bigger project.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Order forms for Senate Photograph

The order forms for the Senate photograph were distributed with the agenda materials.

11.2 Nomination forms for new Senators

Nomination forms for new Senators were distributed with the Agenda. Senators were asked to give consideration to possible candidates and to submit the nomination form before the deadline of March 1, 2008.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 Senate Membership List

A Senate membership list was distributed with the agenda. Members were asked to relay any changes to the Secretary.

12.2 Secretary to Senate

Richard Davidson informed the Senate that the Secretary to Senate, Carol Van Dyk, has made a career change and is now working as the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Management. He expressed deep regret at losing her and indicated she was appreciated as a great asset to Senate and to the Chancellor and she will be missed. On behalf of the Senate he wished her well. She was presented with a gift from the Senate and a bouquet of flowers. Work is underway to fill the position as quickly as possible.

12.3 Distance Learning at Masters Level

A Senator asked if consideration had been given to offering distance learning at the Masters level. Bill Cade explained that there is a Master of Counseling program currently offered in coordination with Athabasca University. There are no plans for the University of Lethbridge to move into distance learning, since Athabasca University is the primary distance learning provider in the province.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Evans/Stauffer

That the October 20, 2007 meeting of the Senate be adjourned.

Motion: Carried