

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE HELD
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. IN AH100

Present: Richard Davidson (Chair), Bill Cade, Clarence Arnoldussen, Ingrid Berg, John Bolton, Barrie Broughton, Susan Burrows-Johnson, Lorelee Burton, David Cassidy, Debi Charlesworth, Susan Chomistek, Robert Christiansen, Margaret Cook, Ron Corbiere, Louella Cronkhite, Betty Cyr, Mari Daunt, Holly Debnam, Cheryl Dick, Jo-Anne Fiske, Wendy Fox, Jeremy Girard, Alex Hann, Andrew Hakin, Allan Hall, Kristy Kutanzi, Kathy Lewis, Cole Lehto, Rita Mahar, William Malcolm, Alex Massé, Dale Merchant, John Moldon, Diane Randell, Elisha Rasmussen, Dory Rossiter, Bernie Scott, Frank Spanbauer, Kathy Stauffer, Calvin Stewart, Claire Torscher, Janice Varzari, Nancy Walker, Gerard Westwood, Rob Wood, Sheena Olson (Secretary)

Regrets: Don Chandler, Chris Hosgood, Roland Ikuta, Wayne Johnson, John Kincaid, Terry Longair, Sharon McNiven, Gavin Parker, Paul Pharo, Derek Redman, Lea Switzer

Others: Chris Horbachewski, Kathy MacFarlane

I. WELCOME

Chancellor Davidson welcomed Senators and commented that Senators make a huge sacrifice giving up a Saturday morning for the meeting. He thanked everyone for attending.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Rasmussen/Hall

That the Agenda for the Senate meeting of October 3, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion: Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Hall/Massé

That the Minutes of the Senate meeting of April 4, 2009 be approved.

Motion: Carried

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items arising from the minutes.

5. RECOGNITION OF NEW SENATE MEMBERS

Chancellor Davidson welcomed back to Senate Don Chandler and Kathy Lewis as the Alumni Association President and Vice-President, respectively.

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

Rob Wood	Appointed by General Faculties Council
Jeremy Girard	Students' Union President, appointed by SU
Alex Massé	Appointed by Students' Union
Cole Lehto	Appointed by Students' Union
Allan Hall	Appointed by Students' Union
Kristy Kutanzi	Appointed by Graduate Students' Association
Ingrid Berg	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Loralee Burton	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Ron Corbiere	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Wendy Fox	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Diane Randell	Representative Member (Lethbridge)
Bernie Scott	Representative Member (Medicine Hat)

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1 Appointment of Student members to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

MOTION:

Dick/Broughton

That the Senate ratifies the appointment of Alex Massé and Jeremy Girard to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee, effective until April 30, 2010.

Motion: Carried

6.2 Appointment of Student Member to the Senate Honorary Degree/Public Communications Nominating Committee

MOTION:

Rasmussen/Girard

That the Senate appoint Allan Hall to the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee, effective until April 30, 2010.

Motion: Carried

6.3 Appointment of Student Member and Graduate Student Member to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee

MOTION:

Wood/Spanbauer

That the Senate appoint Kristy Kutanzi and Cole Lehto to the Senate Volunteer Award Committee, effective until April 30, 2010.

Motion: Carried

6.4 Appointment of Senator to the Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research, Scholarship or Performance Selection Committee, effective until April 30, 2011

MOTION:

Hann/Stewart

That the Senate appoint Mari Daunt to the Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research, Scholarship or Performance Selection Committee, effective until April 30, 2011

Motion: Carried

6.5 Re-naming of the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

Chancellor Davidson noted that many people are unsure of what the committee actually does. There is confusing as the Senate also has the Honorary Degree Committee, which makes the short-list of honorary degree candidates to come before Senate. The whole concept of how we get the nominees is the main function of the Public Communications/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee. This committee has struggled for some time with their name, finding it somewhat misleading and awkward. The Committee has recommended to Senate the proposed name change. The new name would be a lot more indicative of what the committee does and not as hard to say.

MOTION:

Hann/Charlesworth

That the Senate approve the name change of the Public Communication/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee to the Honorary Degree Search Committee.

Motion: Carried

6.6 Proposed Senate Evaluation

Senators were urged to carefully look at the proposed Senate evaluation form. Chancellor Davidson pointed out that this would be a helpful tool in looking at areas in which Senate is effective, and also areas of opportunity.

MOTION:

Arnoldussen/Charlesworth

That Senate approve the Senate Evaluation Form, as outlined in Enclosure #7 of the Agenda, for annual distribution.

Motion: Carried

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Greensence Initiative

Chancellor Davidson read a letter he received from Ian McKenna and Mark Sandilands, retired professors from the University. The letter is filed with these minutes.

The letter was read as information for this meeting, and any further action or discussion on this matter will be tabled until the next meeting of Senate.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Chancellor

Richard Davidson reported that he was able to attend many events and bring greetings on behalf of the Senate.

On May 6th, the University recognized the hard work of many current and past employees at the Long Service and Retirement Recognition Award Ceremony.

The Board of Governors held their annual retreat here at the U of L May 21-23. Board members were able to experience 'the student life' for a couple of days; accommodations were in Residence at Kainai House, meetings were held in various rooms throughout campus, went on three building tours, visited the labs of Dr. Olga Kovalchuk and Dr. Igor Kovalchuk, and were able to enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife that the coulees have to offer. Amongst all of this was lots of hard work and getting to know one another.

Spring Convocation was held over two days at the end of May. The Chancellor's Dinner was also held on the evening of May 28th, which hosted many worthy guest within the University community. Thanks were given to Nicole Leusink for organizing a wonderful event, and to all who participated.

Retiring Senators were recognized at a dinner held on June 10th. Chancellor Davidson, along with many other Senators, was able to thank them for the contributions and diligence as a Senator and for their support of the University.

Richard Davidson spoke on behalf of the U of L at the fundraising announcement on August 17, in which it was announced that the University will receive \$1.8 million. This money will be used to backfill the spaces on campus that will exist when Health Sciences and Management move into Markin Hall. The Federal and

Provincial Governments both contributed \$900,000 to the project.

Although he did not participate in the Whoop-up days parade this year, the Chancellor was there cheering on former U of L student and Olympic hammer-thrower Jim Stacey in his position of Parade Marshal.

Before classes began again in September, Richard Davidson attended the Parent Orientation (part of the New Student Orientation) with two other volunteers from Senate. This provided a great opportunity to speak with the parents of new students and welcome them to the University.

The Chancellor also reported that he attended various meetings including Senate committees, Board of Governors, and Presidential Search Committee.

8.2 President

Bill Cade welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving the University as Senators.

As many people have noticed, the U of L flag has been at half-staff recently. Founding faculty member of the Physical Education Department, Wilma Winter passed away. She was often referred to as the 'Founding Mother'. Her memorial service will be held this week. Dr. Yosh Senda also passed away; Yosh was well-known for judo not only in Southern Alberta, but across Canada. A memorial service, to which people came from all over the world, was held at the 1st Choice Centre. The University also lost Carl Granzow, a faculty member in the Art Department. Upon his return to campus following treatment, most people thought that Carl had beaten his cancer, but a very short while later, it ended up taking his life. Former Chancellor of the U of L, Islay Arnold also passed away recently. All individuals had a significant impact on the University.

Bill Cade asked Andrew Hakin to speak about recent enrolment numbers. In June, it looked as if enrolment would be down 17 percent; a surge of applications was received last-minute. Reports right now state that there are 8240 plus students at the U of L. President Cade stated that since 30 percent of the University's revenue is from tuition, a drop in enrolment could have created a significant problem.

Andrew Hakin spent the evening with Premier Stelmach and the Cabinet on September 28 in the Crowsnest Pass. It was an interesting and sombre evening. More discussions regarding budgets was had the following two days. Thursday was a career highlight for Vice-President Hakin as he was invited to an event hosted by Harvey Weingarten, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calgary. An audience of about 20-25 individuals from across the country were able to spend an evening with the Dalai Lama. Topics of conversation included: what is needed in education, the need for improved ethics, the need for students to feel like part of a community and not 'isolated islands'. Andrew Hakin praised the Dalai Lama for his grace and dignity. President Cade thanked Vice-President Hakin for representing the University at this event.

The official opening of the new U of L Stadium was held last weekend. Almost 4000 people came out and watched the various games over the course of the

weekend. Much emphasis is placed on the name of the stadium, University of Lethbridge Community Sports Stadium, as it is in fact very much a community venue. Joining the Pronghorn teams using the facility will be various sports teams from Southern Alberta, including football, soccer, rugby, and track and field. Bill Cade stated that right now the U of L has two of the most state-of-the-art athletic facilities – 1st Choice Savings Centre and the Community Sports Stadium – of any Canadian university. Bill Cade thinks that the Stadium will tie the University to the community more than any other building, program, or event in our history. The stadium is serving the high school crowd – those who are future university students. Thanks was giving to Nancy Walker and her staff for the hard work that went into building the facility. The new stadium was also ‘christened’ with a streaker over the weekend.

Markin Hall is progressing on schedule. It has gone from a steel structure to a yellow one, then a blue one, and finally it will be a beige structure with tinting on the windows. The official opening will occur a year from now, October 2010. No specific date has been finalized as of yet. Senators will be invited to come to the opening and a tour will be arranged as well. The Trading Room on the second story of Markin Hall will be the focal point of the building; students will trade in real-time with real money mostly in the commodity markets. Vice-President Advancement, Chris Horbachewski has been working very hard to make that happen.

The Water Building, which Senators will have a chance to tour following the meeting, and Markin Hall are both built to LEED standards. [Leadership in Environmental Energy and Design (LEED) provides independent, third-party certification that a building project is environmentally responsible, profitable, and a healthy place to live and work.] Bill Cade thinks that in fitting with the Greensence letter that Chancellor Davidson previously read to Senators, Nancy Walker could make a presentation regarding what the University already does in socially responsible citizenry.

The University was very successful in the latest Canada Foundation for Innovation where we received \$3.3 million from the Federal Government, which has now been matched by the Province. The grant now worth about \$10 million supports research across campus. All this research is focused towards looking at genes and the environment, commonly called epigenetics.

Nancy Walker spoke about flu preparedness. A committee has been formed consisting of academics, administrators, and the Health Centre who have been communicating with Human Resources. A website has been set up where people on campus can register themselves if they exhibit signs of the H1N1 flu or flu-like symptoms. The University has been complemented on not only creating the website, but for making available all the information regarding this virus.

Many University members had the pleasure of taking part in the Citizenship Court which took place on campus on September 18. 119 people from 39 countries became official Canadian citizens.

Chris Horbachewski introduced SAM to the Senators. SAM, which stands for Southern Alberta Magazine, is a newly designed publication, put out the Advancement Office; it replaces the current Community Report and the Alumni

Journal. The name SAM also pays homage to the founding President of the University, Sam Smith. The publication will make its official release within the next week.

Numerous meetings have been held on campus with respect to the budget situation. We are actively managing the situation. Bill Cade, along with Nancy Walker and Andrew Hakin, have already held one town hall meeting, and will be hosting another one on the 9th of this month. Minister Doug Horner has called a meeting with all the Presidents and all the Board Chairs from all the Colleges and Universities in the Province. More information regarding funding will be known following this meeting. Nancy Walker informed Senators that senior administration has been meeting weekly to discuss the budget situation. Two possible options have arisen: reduce costs or increase revenue. There is no doubt that there will be job loss at the University – 10-20 percent over the next few years. It is hoped that most of the job loss will be in the form of voluntary early retirement – a program that has just recently been offered to qualifying employees. No jobs have been cut as of yet, and it is hoped that none will be cut. Nancy Walker assured Senators, that although it is a tough time, we have been through it before and will get through it again.

An incident occurred on campus recently where a man left a stick drive on campus which contained pornographic images of children. The drive had been submitted to Security, who, when saw what was contained on the storage device, contacted Lethbridge Police Services. The man, when he came to claim his property, was arrested, charged, and has since been banned from campus.

Two decanal searches are presently underway; one for Dean of Education and one for Dean of Management. A Presidential Search Committee has also started meeting recently. Although President Cade is not on the committee, he has met with them a couple of weeks ago.

Dean Jo-Anne Fiske reminded Senators of the School of Graduate Studies 25th Anniversary gala celebration on October 16. It is fitting that this event is occurring in the year with greatest enrolment numbers not only at the University itself, but also in the Graduate Studies program. Honorary Degree recipient Son Soubert will be the guest speaker for the evening; there will be additional entertainment as well. Invitations have been emailed out to all Senators. A reminder that tickets are \$40 each with cocktails being served at 5:30 p.m. and dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. Bill Cade congratulated Dean Fiske on the success of the Graduate Studies program.

8.3 Board of Governors

Bill Cade gave the Board of Governors report due to the resignation of Senator and Board of Governors representative Kim Kultgen.

The Board retreat in May was overwhelmingly successful. Bill Cade thought that most Board members benefitted from the retreat on campus because they were able to learn more about the University.

The University will be bringing a tentative budget before the Board shortly.

The last Board meeting, which occurred in June, was held at the Penny Building downtown. The Southern Alberta Art Gallery is currently occupying the building.

The first meeting of the Board of Governors this academic year will be held later this month in the new daycare centre. Construction is now complete; it came in under budget and on-time. The University is looking forward to January when the sons and daughters of staff and students will be occupying the new facility.

Nancy Walker has taken on the task of reporting, on a regular basis, on the social responsibility of the University of Lethbridge. This includes the 'green' issues that were touched upon earlier. Nancy Walker will be invited to speak to Senate on these issues, at a later date.

8.4 General Faculties Council

Rob Wood submitted a report that is included with these minutes.

8.5 Alumni Association

Don Chandler, President of the Alumni Association submitted a report that is included with these minutes. Don Chandler was unable to attend the meeting and asked Vice-President Kathy Lewis to speak on behalf of the Alumni Association. She added to the report that the Alumni Association now has over 31,000 members; those who have graduated since the beginning of the University.

8.6 Students' Union

Jeremy Girard submitted a report that is included with these minutes. He highlighted some key points of the report and added that since enrolment is up, the Students' Union is representing more students than they ever have before.

Chancellor Davidson thanked the Students' Union for all their hard work with the Fresh Fest. He noted that engagement is the key to retention, and if we can get especially first year students engaged, they'll be more likely to stick around for subsequent years.

8.7 Grad Students Association

Kristy Kutanzi submitted a report that is included with these minutes. She added that the Graduate Studies enrolment is at an all-time high of 520 students.

8.8 Outreach Committee

Clarence Arnoldussen reported that the Outreach Committee held their first meeting on September 23. The Committee is looking at hosting an event, possibly in March 2010 in Pincher Creek, regarding wind, water, and the environment which would serve to educate citizens and draw the Lethbridge community in with the Pincher Creek community.

There is also the possibility of a 'Brew for Thought' evening at the Penny Building downtown. Committee members are working with Vice-President Advancement Chris Horbachewski to organize this event.

Bill Cade added that Hester Jiskoot has agreed to give a presentation for the March 2010 event. Dr. Jiskoot is one of the world's leading glaciologists.

8.9 Hospitality Committee

Betty Cyr informed members of Senate that the Hospitality Committee hosts events that will encompass new faculty and staff members and provide them with communication links in Lethbridge and surrounding areas.

The Committee met in September to plan the New Faculty and Staff wine and cheese reception. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 20 beginning at 7 p.m. and the Galt Museum and Archives Viewing Gallery. Entertainment will be supplied by Bente Hansen, faculty member in the Music Department. Senators are invited to attend the reception to meet the new U of L employees and welcome them to the University family. Over 100 faculty and staff and their guests have been invited to attend. The Senate Office has only received about 12 RSVP's so far.

8.10 Public Committee/Honorary Degree Nominating Committee

*As a result of a motion previously passed, the committee is now named the Honorary Degree Search Committee

Elisha Rasmussen told the Senate that she worked on a media release with Sheena Olson and Bob Cooney, and this release will be sent out on Monday with the new name of the Committee. The purpose of this release is to encourage the community to nominate worthy candidates for honorary degrees. The release included quotes from past recipients to showcase their reactions and make the nomination process more approachable. Copies were distributed to the Senators and is also included with these minutes. Elisha Rasmussen will follow up with the Media Directors in a couple of weeks. Approximately 47 letters were mailed out in the Spring soliciting nominations for Honorary Degrees from local clubs and organizations. Elisha reminded the Senate that the deadline is November 1 for consideration in 2010. A survey has been compiled of former Honorary Degree recipients; 75 percent of the recipients have been males, and 39 percent have been from Southern Alberta. Elisha Rasmussen thanked Secretary Sheena Olson for compiling this list. The number of nominations received last year was 12, up 6 from previous years. This shows that word is getting out to the community via this committee's efforts. Ms. Rasmussen urged Senators to nominate an individual they feel worthy of this honour also.

8.11 Other

There were no additional reports.

9. PHOTOGRAPH AND REFRESHMENT BREAK

An official photograph was taken of the Senate and the Senators were given the

opportunity to purchase a copy of this photograph.

Chancellor Davidson wanted to make mention and give thanks to Clarence Arnoldussen; the red convertible that the U of L uses in the Whoop-up Days parade has now been painted blue and gold to match the U of L colours.

The Chancellor also gave the Secretary, Sheena Olson, a warm welcome back to her position in Senate following her maternity leave. Thanks were given to Nicole Leusink who covered the position in the interim.

Nancy Walker reported to Senators that the University of Lethbridge was honored with an award from the Allied Arts Council for support of the Arts. The Southern Alberta Art Gallery, as President Cade mentioned earlier, is temporarily occupying the U of L Penny Building downtown while their current location on Third Avenue is renovated.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Spring Convocation Recap & Fall Convocation Preview

Although the Registrar's Office and many other departments on campus do most of the organizing of Convocation, Senate is given the opportunity to participate and to volunteer. Convocation is what this university is all about. The main focus is, and always and always has been students, and Convocation is the culmination of student activity at the University of Lethbridge. The regalia, and the ceremony itself, is ancient in its history, yet very modern in its application. When you see how significant a day it is for those who are convocating, it is really worthwhile to help out. The Chancellor urged all Senators to help out if they can.

Spring Convocation was held on May 28 & 29. Over 1560 students applied to graduate; 1013 of whom walked across the stage to shake the Chancellor's hand. Honorary Degrees were awarded to the six following individuals: Dr. Robert Best, Dr. Ralph Himsl, Dr. Mobina Jaffer, Dr. Samantha Nutt, Dr. Joan Stebbins, and Dr. Ross Watson. Of the 32 people who volunteered as ushers, tea pourers, and check-in greeters, 20 were current or former Senators. There were 241 attendees at this year's Chancellor's Dinner. Professor Dennis Connolly received the 2009 Senate Volunteer Award at the dinner. Professor Connolly seemed most humbled by the award and is most deserving of it.

Fall Convocation will be held on the morning of Saturday, October 17. As per the usual practice, there will only be one convocation ceremony. Approximately 200 students are expected to attend the ceremony. Cambodian politician and humanitarian Son Soubert, along with humanitarian and singer/songwriter Paul Brandt will be awarded Honorary Degrees; both will present an address to the graduands. Richard Davidson reminded Senators of the School of Graduate Studies banquet on the evening of Friday, October 16. Country music fans will be delighted to know that not only will Honorary Degree recipient Son Soubert be in attendance, but so will Honorary Degree recipient Paul Brandt. Special thanks was given to Senator Calvin Stewart for not only for hosting, but also his diligence in helping to organize the 5-day visit of Son Soubert.

Chancellor Davidson urged Senators to fill out the enclosed form to help wherever needed during the Fall Convocation ceremony. Senators were made aware of the fact that there has been talk amongst the Convocation Committee members that Fall Convocation might be moved to Friday instead of Saturday, beginning in 2010. Senators will be updated when more information is known.

10.2 Standing Committee Participation Form

Also included in the agenda package is a committee participation form, in which Senators get to choose what committee(s) they'd like to serve on. If Senators choose not to make their preference known, a committee will be chosen on their behalf.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Senate Fund Update

This scholarship fund has been set-up by the Senate to contact all current or past involvement with the Senate.

Senator and Chair of the Senate Fund Committee, David Cassidy introduced the committee members; Lorelee Burton is co-Chair, Kathy MacFarlane from the Advancement Office at the U of L, and Chancellor Richard Davidson.

During the 40th anniversary of the U of L, a new fundraising initiative began for current and past Senators. The goal was to raise \$40,000 for a scholarship fund in honour of the momentous anniversary. In three short years, the fund now exceeds \$130,000 thanks to gift from current and past Senators, and matching grants from the Government's Access to the Future Fund. \$6000 has been awarded to four worthy recipients.

Kathy MacFarlane introduced Senators to this year's recipients: James Falconer and Vanessa Lodermeier, both of whom have extensive volunteer experience, which is a criterion for award recipients.

This year, all Senators have been involved by way of making phone calls to possible donors. The goal for this year is to raise \$20,000, bringing the total dollar amount of the fund up to over \$150,000. With matching grants from the Government, this total will exceed \$170,000. Senator Cassidy made the comment that this is an exciting time in the Senate's history at the U of L in which Senators are doing something to give back to the community.

Chancellor Davidson read the poem 'The Bridge Builder' by Will Allen Dromgoole which is included with these minutes. The Chancellor ended by encouraging all Senators to get involved in this initiative.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Richard Davidson informed Senators that there will be tours of the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building for those interested immediately following the meeting. Professor of Environmental Sciences, Dan Johnson will tour participants through the building, his lab, and provide a brief overview of the research activities going on at the Water Building. He asked those participating in the Senate Orientation to go on the first tour and those not attending the orientation to participate in the second tour.

MOTION:

Arnoldussen/

That the October 3, 2009 meeting of
the Senate be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

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August 12, 2009.

Chancellor Richard Davidson,
University of Lethbridge.

Dear Chancellor Davidson:

We are retired professors from the University of Lethbridge. We are writing to you in our capacity as members of Greensence, a community organization whose aims include educating Albertans about renewable energy, and encouraging the provincial and municipal governments to invest in green renewable energy. You are likely aware of the success of renewable energy in European countries, particularly Germany, Denmark, and Spain. Scotland has very recently built the largest wind turbine farm in Europe. Unfortunately, Canada lags far behind such countries in spite of substantial evidence that renewable energy is overall substantially cheaper, more efficient, more environmentally friendly, and safer, than coal and nuclear energy. It is our belief that Southern Albertans can become leaders across Canada in the manufacturing and usage of wind turbines, solar panels, and other forms of renewable energy. We believe, too, that the University of Lethbridge is eminently capable of leadership in research on the scientific, economic, social, and environmental issues related to renewable energy.

For this to occur, we believe that discussion within the University, and between the University and Southern Albertans, would contribute significantly to the creation of yet another successful research project within the University of Lethbridge. We believe that one route to the establishment of such a research project would be for the Senate to discuss the issue and perhaps make recommendations to other decision making bodies of the University. With this in mind, we would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and other members of Senate to discuss this matter.

It is also our intention to write similar letters to faculty members and various faculties within the University to determine whether there is any interest in such a research project. If there is interest, in principle, Greensence would be happy to participate in the University's discussions with Southern Albertans.

We await your response.

Yours truly,

Ian B. McKenna M.S.

Ian McKenna and Mark Sandilands

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General Faculties Council Report to the Senate, October 3, 2009

Prepared by Dr. Robert Wood

General Faculties Council (GFC) has met only once, on May 4th 2009, since the last Senate meeting. The September 8th meeting of GFC was cancelled, due to a lack of items on the agenda.

ACTIONS:

There were only three items for action at the May 4th meeting:

1. **The staffing of committees.** New members were nominated to replace people transitioning out of the following GFC committees: GFC Executive, GFC Advisory Committee on Athletics, GFC Convocation Committee, GFC Curriculum Coordinating Committee, GFC Discipline Committee, GFC Grade Appeal Committee, GFC Honorary Degree Advisory Committee, GFC Library Committee, GFC Research Committee, GFC Student Awards Committee, GFC Travel Committee, GFC Special Needs Advisory Committee, University Budget Committee (not a GFC Standing Committee), University Review Committee (not a GFC Standing Committee), Faculty (STP) Handbook Appeals Committee (not a GFC Standing Committee), and General Liberal Education Requirements (not a GFC Standing Committee).
2. **GFC Executive and GC Meeting Dates.** Dates for future meetings were approved.
3. **Strategic Planning Committees and Terms of Reference.** Terms of reference for the U of L Strategic Planning Committee were reviewed and approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

There were three items for information at the May 4th meeting:

1. **Enrolment /Admissions Update.** This item for information consumed a great deal of time. The VP Academic provided the GFC with a comprehensive overview of the current and projected future admission statistics. Enrolments were reported to be at 7630 students, down from 7959 in the previous year. The VP Academic also provided an overview of various recruitment strategies and initiatives at the U of L, designed to bolster enrolments for the Fall 2009 semester. These strategies obviously had a great deal of positive impact, as actual enrolments in early September were 8,222, which is an all-time enrolment high for the U of L.
2. **Academic Staff Count and GFC Membership.** An overview of GFC membership, including ex-officio, elected, and appointed members.
3. **Minutes of the April 20, 2009 GFC Executive Meeting.**

Respectfully submitted:



Dr. Robert T. Wood
September 28th, 2009

Report of the U of L Alumni Association

Prepared by Don Chandler

Since the last Senate meeting a lot has happened with your Alumni Association.

On May 27 the Alumni Association inducted six alumni into the Honour Society: Chris Burton (BEd '74, DipEd '78), Doug Colwell (BSc '74), Delia Cross Child (BA '96, BEd '02), Dean Gallimore (BMgt '84), Cecily Kenwood (BA '78) and Guy McNab (BA '82). This successful event had between 175 – 200 people attend.

On May 28 the Calgary Chapter of the Association held their sold out annual event – Pints, Platters and Patios. This casual mix 'n mingle event is at no cost to attend and appetizers are provided.

On June 12, more than 100 participated in the annual John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament. This event provides students with much needed bursaries.

On June 17, the Alumni Association held their annual general meeting. As a result the following are your ULAA Council for 2009/2010:

President	Don Chandler
Vice-President	Kathy Lewis
Treasurer	Lanny Anderson
Secretary	Rachel Yamada
Past President	Sheila McHugh
Board of Governors rep	Kevin Nugent
Senate reps	Robert Christiansen, Holly Debnam
Directors	Grant Adamson, Ted Likuski, Cheryl Meheden, Jeff Milner, Rebecca Remington, Shaun Serafini, Faisal Shaffi, Jan Tanner
Calgary Chapter President	Karen Filbert
FNMI Chapter President	Leroy Little Bear
Edmonton Chapter President	Kelly Kennedy (Edmonton Chapter AGM – September 10, 2009)

At this meeting the association unanimously voted in favour of a new chapter in Edmonton.

On June 26, the Calgary Chapter held their annual golf tournament. This tournament had 65 participate at the new Silver Wing Golf Course in Calgary.

On July 10, the Calgary Chapter held their annual Stampede event. This event continues to be successful.

August 20 – Edmonton Chapter Mix 'n Mingle

Prior to their AGM Edmonton alumni, Kelly Kennedy and a group of alumni had a mix 'n mingle in Edmonton. Approximately 40 people attended this event.

September 7 – Alumni Association Pancake Breakfast

Approximately 130 students and parents attended this annual pancake breakfast.

September 8 – First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) Panel Discussions

FNMI Chapter alumni Mike Frank, Paulette Fox, Troy Twigg, Nadine Eagle Child and Jamie Medicine Crane participated in the first panel discussions held with FNMI students. Reports

received indicate this was very well attended and well received. The FNMI Chapter alumni will continue with these panel discussions throughout the year.

September 10 – Edmonton Chapter Annual General Meeting

Edmonton alumni officially became a chapter. Close to 25 alumni attended this AGM held at the Edmonton Campus. Newly elected to the Edmonton Chapter are:

President	Kelly Kennedy BMgt '08
Vice President	Shannon Digweed PhD '09
Honorary Past President	Warren Chandler BA '01
Treasurer	Anita Kormos BMgt '07
Secretary	Sarah Garstad BMgt '02
Directors	Jeanette Dotimas BMgt '01; Ian Mailhot BA '08; Jamus O'Brien BSc '04, MSc '07 AKM Shafiuddin (Shafi) BMgt '09

September 15 – Fresh Fest

Don Chandler attended the Fresh Fest dinner which was very well received.

Upcoming Events

October 17 – Alumnus of the Year Celebration

Dr. Cheryl Misak (BA '83) – Vice President (Provost) University of Toronto

Philosopher, scholar and administrator, Cheryl J. Misak, is internationally renowned for her academic excellence. She graduated from the University of Lethbridge with great distinction in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and in 1984, completed her master's at Columbia University. As the University of Lethbridge's first Rhodes scholar, she attended the University of Oxford and completed her doctorate in 1988, before beginning her career with the University of Toronto in 1990 as a professor of philosophy. Endowed with natural leadership qualities, she has since held many administrative positions and brings a wealth of experience, expertise and wisdom to her current position as the University of Toronto's Vice President and Provost. 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Coulee Junction Café

October 23/25 – Canada West Women's Rugby Finals – Edmonton

Join fellow alumni in Edmonton on October 23 and October 25 to cheer on our Canadian Champions – Pronghorn Women's Rugby as they battle to win the Canada West championship! Unsure at this time as to when the Pronghorn team will be playing but we do know it is either the following times:

Game Times – Friday and Sunday – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
Strathcona Druids Rugby Park, Sherwood Park

October 30 – November 1 – Canada Women's Rugby Finals

As we all know that the Pronghorn team will make it to the finals, the Canadian Championship will be held in Vancouver. Details to follow.

November 24 – Edmonton Chapter Reception

Join alumni and friends at the Edmonton Chapter's first reception.

Royal Glenora Club

Edmonton

5:30 pm

December 5 – Calgary Chapter Food Bank

Calgary Chapter will be volunteering in their annual food bank event.



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Student Recruitment

Members of the Executive Council attended the Recruitment and Student Life organized Jump the Line Recruitment Event, contributing by setting up a display and offering information to parents and students who had received letters of offer. Vice-President Internal, Cole Lehto, and Jeremy Girard, President talked to approximately 150 students, and many more who were not able to converse took information away from the table. It was a great opportunity to promote the U of L, promote engagement in clubs, and disseminate Fresh Fest information.

Fresh Fest '09

On an exciting note, Fresh Fest was a great success. We sold full packages to 400 students, which is over 50% of the new first-year students at the University of Lethbridge. The event was designed to promote interaction and socializing among first year students, to build friend networks that will support them throughout the year. Events included a bbq, inflatable obstacle course, 100' x 20' foot slip n' slide, a movie played on a grassy knoll on a 70' inflatable, outdoor movie screen, a Mexican-themed party in the Zoo, the campus pub, a pancake breakfast followed by Frisbee Golf, and a game at the new stadium. The climax of the event was Fresh-U Jamboree, a concert that hosted 1100 patrons in the parking lot E. We wrapped up with a volunteer recognition night, which presented awards to volunteers and to outstanding first year participants. This event was in particular very successful in garnering a support base for the ULSU, and getting students excited about being involved and engaged throughout the year.

Plan-Your-City Committee

This committee is staffed by stakeholders from around the community, including the ULSU VP Internal Cole Lehto, and Jeremy Girard, President. The purpose of the committee is to come up with the Municipal Development Plan for the City of Lethbridge, which will guide how the community will develop over the next 40 years, and the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), which strives to balance economic, environmental, cultural, and social elements to generate a vision which Lethbridge can strive to live up to over the same time period. On Saturday October 17, the City of Lethbridge will be holding the Plan Your City Ideas Fair at City Hall. Members of the community and district are invited to share their ideas in this unique opportunity by creating displays of any type – videos, display panels, slide shows, write-ups, plans, Cultural presentations such as dance, song, poetry – anything that talks about the

Lethbridge of the future. There will be prizes to the best entry, judged by the crowd and by the committee. I encourage all members of Senate to attend and support projects that will benefit the University. The popularity of certain displays does affect how the Plan Your City Committee will proceed. It is important to have University representation there.

Council of Alberta University Students

The ULSU is active in lobbying the province on student issues. Included in this is lobbying the province to maintain its cap on tuition – that is, that increases in tuition are tied to an annual Alberta CPI calculation. Premier Stelmach has confirmed his government will strive to keep education affordable in this way. CAUS also is advocating to increase the base operating grant. This is not looking optimistic.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

The ULSU is also part of a federal advocacy group, CASA. Allan Hall, Vice-President Administration of the ULSU has been elected Treasurer of the organization over the summer, at a conference in Calgary. To highlight the regard with which CASA is regarded on the hill, in March we held a Lobby Conference, during which 160 meetings were solicited from Members of Parliament, Senators, and Senior Bureaucrats, including the leader of every major party, with a private meeting with Stephen Harper.

Presidential Search Committee

The ULSU has been active on the Presidential Search Committee, and is dedicated to forwarding the interests of the students on this committee, while ensuring the best possible candidate is secured. All public information is on the website, which you can find off of uleth.ca

Visit to Edmonton and Calgary Campuses

The ULSU made a trip to the Edmonton and Calgary Campuses to visit the students there and see what the campus is like. The Calgary Campus is in a serious space crunch, and it is affecting the quality of education that can be given. At the Board of Governors and Administration level, plans are underway to alleviate this very urgent problem. The Edmonton Campus is located in the University of Lethbridge Tower not too far from the Legislature Building, and it is beautiful.

Looking into sustainability projects

The ULSU is dedicated to forwarding the strategic plan of the University. Included in this is making the U of L an environmental steward, leading the City of Lethbridge into an environmentally sustainable future. The ULSU is looking into tapping into or creating a cleaner energy source to power the SUB, hopefully decreasing our electricity costs, and following in line with the LEED designs of new buildings.



Graduate Students' Association

Senate Report – October 3, 2009

Graduate Students' Association Elections

The GSA is pleased to introduce the 2009/2010 GSA council:

Graduate Students' Association Council Members

2009/2010

President	Richard Querel
V.P. Internal	Lesley Terry
V.P. External (& new Senate Rep.)	Kristy Kutanzi
V.P. Finance	Scott Jones
Ph.D. Rep.	Doug VanderLaan
M.A. Rep.	Carlin Nicholson
M.Sc. Rep.	Kasia Pisanski
International Student Rep.	Ilona Berth
First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Rep.	Mike Frank
CAAP Rep.	Andrea Andrews

The new council officially took office May 1, 2009.

University of Lethbridge's Graduate Program

The GSA met with the Dean of Graduate Studies on September 23, 2009 to discuss the University of Lethbridge's graduate program. Discussion topics broadly encompassed communication between students and administration, fostering a positive graduate experience and culture, student funding, showcasing U of L's high quality research, and graduate student space.

Communication Between Students and Administration

The Dean of Graduate Studies acknowledges the isolation faced by many graduate students, particularly in newly developed programs where only a few students are enrolled. Many students would benefit from the guidance of administrative members, especially in the clarification of specific details of their programs, as well as expectations of student-supervisor relationships. The Dean graciously offered to host potluck suppers once a month at her house to facilitate interactions between graduate students, their supervisors, and the School of Graduate Studies.

Fostering a Positive Graduate Student Experience and Culture

The GSA is dedicated to enriching the graduate student experience for all of its members. The GSA strongly encourages all graduate students to get involved with the GSA, and to participate in university events, as well as those sponsored by the community.

A. GSA Events

The GSA's Social Events committee organizes events, both on and off campus, with the intent to foster interactions within the graduate student community. This summer, the GSA organized two trips to showcase the cultural heritage of Alberta, while providing the opportunity for graduate students to develop networks with their peers on an informal basis. The GSA also put together a New Student Orientation followed by a BBQ that was well-attended by nearly 100 graduate students on September 10th.

B. U-Pass

The GSA recognizes that many graduate students are recruited from around the world, and as a result, many do not have personal transportation. As of Fall 2008, the U of L GSA, in partnership with Lethbridge Transit, offers all graduate students reduced transit fares through a Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) program. The cost of a one-month Adult transit pass per Fall and Spring semester is collected with tuition. The GSA encourages all graduate students to enjoy the use of this pass to explore Lethbridge's social and cultural events.

Graduate Student Funding

A. Advantage Awards

The GSA is grateful for the creation of Advantage Awards, which ensure M.A., M.F.A., M.Mus., M.Sc. and Ph.D students have the financial resources to carry out their excellent research at the U of L. More importantly, this commitment to graduate students will attract provincial, national, and international recognition to the strength of the U of L's graduate program. This is a positive step forward in reaching the number one priority on the U of L's Strategic Goals, which is to "create and grow graduate programs and a culture of graduate education". We have already seen a dramatic increase in the number of graduate student enrollment, with a current enrollment of 520 grads – up 37% from last year. Although the GSA recognizes the economic downturn, the GSA would strongly encourage the U of L to maintain this source of funding. The GSA would also recommend that the U of L offer financial packages to international students to help offset the disparity in tuition between domestic and international students. This funding discrepancy will discourage retention of masters' students continuing on with a Ph.D. at the U of L and will also be a barrier to graduate student recruitment.

B. International Scholarships

The University of Lethbridge's GSA recognizes the value of international students, including the diversity of knowledge, educational backgrounds, skill sets and contributions they bring to further high quality research at this institution. Currently foreign students are ineligible for provincial and national scholarships, which are often used by domestic students to offset living costs, nor can they apply for Canadian student loans.

i) Survey of Proposed Inclusion of International Graduate Students in Provincial Scholarships

The issue of international student scholarships was acknowledged at the Alberta Government's Student Leader Orientation Session held June 29, 2009, which featured discussions with the Honorable Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology. The GSA's across the province were asked to survey the response of graduate students to a proposed inclusion of international graduate students in the competition for provincial scholarships. With the knowledge that increasing the ratio of eligible graduate students to provincial scholarships from 10:1 to 14:1, all graduate students were polled and their perspectives were documented for the consideration of the Alberta Government. Although the survey results were inconclusive, it is clear that many

graduate students recognize the importance of financial resources in recruiting international students.

ii) GSA Initiative to Highlight International Student's Research

The U of L's GSA acknowledges the financial difficulties faced by international graduate students and is pleased to announce that they will be offering six scholarships each year to enable international graduate students to present their research at a conference. The GSA strongly feels that attracting high quality graduate students, regardless of nationality, should be considered crucial for building a strong economic foundation for Alberta's future.

Graduate Student Research Conference

A. Province Wide Conference

The U of L's GSA is looking to team up with the GSA's from other Alberta universities to host a provincial graduate student research conference in 2010. Further discussions will take place at the Alberta Graduate Council meeting October 17, 2009.

B. U of L Conference

The U of L GSA, in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies, has hosted three annual multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conferences which featured oral and poster presentations of M.Sc and Ph.D research from the U of L. The conference was also open to undergraduate students, in recognition of their future opportunity to further their education. The GSA is proud to host the fourth annual conference in the 2010 spring semester.

Graduate Student Space

A. Study Carrel Space

The GSA is grateful for the study carrel space available to graduate students writing their theses, especially for those who lack office space elsewhere on campus.

B. Office Space

The GSA recognizes that the campus is expanding, with graduate students located from University Hall on the south end of the campus to the Water Science building located on the far north-west. To better serve graduate student needs, the GSA is looking to create a central GSA office space in the Students Union building. Currently the GSA is undergoing negotiations with the Students Union to investigate the potential for renovating space on Level 0 to suit the needs of the growing graduate student population.

Graduate Studies Enrollments - Fall 2009 (as of September 23rd)

PROGRAM	MAJOR	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
M.A.	Anthropology	5
M.A.	Archaeology	2
M.A.	Education	2
M.A.	English	9
M.A.	Geography	1
M.A.	History	2
M.A.	Individualized Multidiscip.	10
M.A.	Kinesiology	3
M.A.	Native American Studies	2
M.A.	Political Science	5
M.A.	Religious Studies	2
M.A.	Sociology	3
M.A.	Women's Studies	1
M.A. Total		47
M.Ed. (Counselling Psychology)	Counselling Psychology	21
M.F.A.	Art	2
M.F.A.	Theatre & Dramatic Arts	1
M.F.A. Total		3
M.Mus.	Music	1
M.Sc.	Addictions Counselling	2
M.Sc.	Biochemistry	8
M.Sc.	Biological Sciences	32
M.Sc.	Chemistry	7
M.Sc.	Computer Science	12
M.Sc.	Environmental Science	3
M.Sc.	Geography	8
M.Sc.	Health Sciences	6
M.Sc.	Kinesiology	4
M.Sc.	Mathematics	1
M.Sc.	Neuroscience	9
M.Sc.	Nursing	11
M.Sc.	Physics	5
M.Sc.	Psychology	11
		119

M.Sc. Total		
M.Sc. (Management)	Accounting	1
M.Sc. (Management)	Finance	2
M.Sc. (Management)	Hum Res Mgt & Labour Relations	4
M.Sc. (Management)	International Management	2
M.Sc. (Management)	Marketing	3
M.Sc. (Management)	Policy and Strategy	3
M.Sc. (Management) Total		15
Master of Counselling	Applied Psychology	50
Master of Education	Education	210
Master of Education	Not Allowed	2
Master of Education Total		212
Ph.D.	Biomolecular Science	16
Ph.D.	Biosystems and Biodiversity	4
Ph.D.	Earth, Space, and Physical Sci	6
Ph.D.	Evolution and Behaviour	7
Ph.D.	Neuroscience	12
Ph.D.	Theoretical and Computational	5
Ph.D. Total		50
Post-Grad. Cert in Counselling	Counselling Psychology	2

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for *him*."

-WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE