



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

Approved Minutes

Friday, April 7, 2017

1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), D. Best, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, S. Davis, M. Gabriel, M. Gale, B. Galts, C. Goodreau, K. Gunn, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, R. Hood, C. Horbachewski, C. Howey, E. Jing, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, G. Knitel, R. Kobbert, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, S. Malec, R. McKay, W. Osborn, T. Page, K. Petersen, S. Pinder, R. Pogorzelski (phone), A. Siaroff, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. Tailfeathers, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker
- Regrets:** G. Abela, R. Adkin, P. Bohnert, F. Bradley, K. Brown, S. Chadsey, C. Ciona, C. Cooper, L. Cooper, M. Dececco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, B. Lanz, C. Northcott, T. Perlich, A. Predoi-Cross, S. Stocker, B. Tait, B. Tait, M. Whipple, K. Wasiak
- Others:** S. Olson

The Chancellor stated the meeting by recognizing that the University of Lethbridge is located on traditional Blackfoot territory. Along with the Blackfoot, we recognized and honoured the First nations, Metis and Inuit People. Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

Introductions were made of incoming Senate student representatives: H. Babb (incoming SU President) and M. Abubakari (incoming GSA Vice-President Finance).

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by A. Hakin as a follow-up to the Fiat Lux Address.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2017.04.01

Howey/Jurkowski

That the agenda for the meeting of April 7, 2017 be approved with amendment.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2017.04.02

Gunn/Starzyk-Frey

That the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. ITEMS FOR ACTION

3.1 Senate Appointments

MOTION: sen.2017.04.03

Hood/Petersen

That Senate approve the reappointment of Malcolm Clewes, Karen Johnson, Roy Pogorzelski, and Johnel Tailfeathers as Representative members to serve a second three-year, term effective July 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

MOTION: sen.2017.04.04

Hood/Lyons

That Senate approve the appointment of Mandy Dececco-Kolebaba as a Representative member for a single three-year term, effective July 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

MOTION: sen.2017.04.05

Hood/Malec

That Senate approve the appointment David Boras, Michelle Day, Andrea Hlady, Letisha Peterson, Carole Roberts as Representative members for an initial three-year term, effective July 1, 2017.

Motion: Carried

R. Hood provided brief biography on each member candidate. There were no questions or comments.

3.2 Committee Membership

MOTION: sen.2017.04.06

Hood/McKay

That Senate approve proposed Senate Standing Committee membership for 2017-18.

Motion: Carried

Encouragement was given to those members currently not serving committee to contact S. Olson.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chancellor

A moment of silence was held in honour of member of Senate Valerie Papworth.

J. Varzari reported:

- Convocation will take place on June 1 & 2. We will have two honorary degree recipients, Maria Klawe and Dennis Connolly, as well as have two faculty members, Shelly Wismath and Stewart Rood, address the graduands;
- Thanks was given to outgoing student reps E. Jing, C. Howey, R. Adkin, M. Gale, and C. Ciona;
- Attended many other UofL events including the 3M Thesis competition, International Dinner, and Calgary Alumni and Friends Concert, as well as distributing food parcels to students in the atrium yesterday;
- Upcoming, she will be attending a meeting with the Chancellors of UofA and UofC on May 16 in Calgary and will be helping host the Japanese Royal Family during their visit on July 14.
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4.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported on:

- Gave a reminder that the website has a plethora of information with upcoming events, as does UWeekly. We try to highlight as many as we can, but don't touch on all of them;
- Budget has come down and the Board will consider the UofL budget next week. Thanks was given to N. Walker and her staff for all their work;
- Spent two weeks in India meeting with a variety of universities and high schools, building the brand and creating partnerships;
- Announcement of Shine On summer music festival, as part of Homecoming weekend September 1-3. This is the first time we've done an outdoor music festival using the community stadium;
- 3-Minute Thesis competition and Research Week all happened during the same week. These both were great ways to connect with the community. Congratulations and thanks to all involved;
- Next week is the annual Management Scholarship Dinner, recognizing Leroy Little Bear and Amethyst First Rider;
- Congratulations to J. Varzari on receiving a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship. All Senators are invited to attend the presentation at noon on May 1;
- Presented to Lethbridge County on the demographics at the University of Lethbridge, as many of our students come from the broader southern Alberta.

4.3 Board of Governors

There were no questions regarding the report.

4.4 General Faculties Council

In addition to her submitted report, W. Osborn noted that GFC approved the Academic Plan at their meeting this past Monday.

4.5 Alumni Association

R. Kobbert highlighted the final John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament, which will take place during Homecoming Weekend September 1-3. The goal of the tournament is to full endow one additional student scholarship. It was noted that M. Gabriel is the incoming President of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association, taking office later in June.

4.6 Graduate Students' Association

E. Jing reported that the 3MT Meeting of the Minds Conference was successful, and noted that the multidisciplinary nature of the conference is unique. As previously mentioned, new council of the GSA was recently elected. There have been challenges in recent years with high turnover of executive members.

There was some discussion on recently announced changes to the labour relations model within the *Post-secondary Learning Act*. M. Mahon confirmed that this was just announced by the government yesterday. We were informed that there will be a creation of a new employee group (post-doctoral fellows) and there will also be the right to strike among employee groups. This could have big implications for the University, of which we will not know the full scope of until all the details are known. We will continue to ensure that our employee groups are in an environment that they like to work in and ensure that the business of the University continues to move forward.

4.7 Students' Union

C. Howey reported that at the recent ULSU Recognition Dinner, T. Perlich was honoured with the Community Support Award. Thanks was given to R. Pogorzelski for acting as Chair of the ULSU the last couple of years.

4.8 Executive Committee

There were no questions regarding the report.

4.9 Engagement Committee

Further to her report, K. Gunn clarified that table hosts at the Chancellor's Dinner are not required to entertain guests, merely greeting and making them feel welcome. K. Gunn also highlighted the campus tour scheduled for May 2, and encouraged all Senators to attend.

4.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

B. Galts noted that Honorary Degree Nomination Form has been attached and will be discussed later in the agenda. He noted that he is finishing up his final term on Senate and J. VandenHoek will be the incoming committee chair for 2017/18.

4.11 Outreach Committee

K. Johnson reported:

- The Convocation Mace will be going out to Pincher Creek on April 26, a day after the University Archivist gives a presentation in the same community. Thanks was

given to C. Goodreau for arranging both of those events.

- Coordination of UofL participation in southern Alberta parades will be handled in the Advancement Office. More information regarding volunteer opportunities this summer will be sent out in June.
- Along with K. Gunn, met with Diane from the International Centre regarding student dinners. We will continue to work with that office to see if there is a need to continue with the dinners.

4.12 Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that recipients of the 2017 Volunteer Award are Pete and Bette Greidanus, who have volunteered with residence students for more than 20 years. The award will be presented at the Chancellor's Dinner on June 1, 2017.

4.13 Other

S. Malec reported on her work with Distinguished Teaching Award Committee. With help from the Teaching Centre, the whole process has been streamlined and nomination packages are available for review by committee members online. A candidate has been selected as the 2017 recipient, which will be awarded during spring Convocation.

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Senate Fund Update

J. Varzari reported that as of today, we have raised just shy of \$50,000 for the Senate Scholarship Fund. With more than seven months of the year remaining, we believe that we can double that amount, which will enable one additional student scholarship to be awarded in perpetuity. We hope to have another Senate night at the Call Centre later in the fall, details to come.

5.2 Honorary Degree Nominations

As previously mentioned, the Honorary Degree form was included in the agenda package and Senators were encouraged to submit a nomination. Nomination deadline is November 1.

5.3 Senate Moments

K. Gunn explained that a few members will share their experience or opportunities that they've had in their roles as Senators:

- B. McKay – spoke about his experience on the phones during Senate night at the Call Centre. During his second call of the evening, B. McKay spoke with an individual who graduated in the late 1980s, was SU president, and was a member of Senate. Throughout the discussion, this donor found out B. McKay was a faculty member for 37 years and in turn pledged \$37,000 to the Senate Fund.
- C. Starzyk-Frey – spoke about her experience attending a PUBLIC Professor Series lecture. The event was standing-room only and it was great to see the community support and interest in UofL researchers.

K. Gunn encouraged those who would like to share their experiences to contact G. Knitel, incoming committee Chair for 2017/18.

5.4 2017-18 Meeting Schedule

The schedule was provided for information. There were no questions or comments.

5.5 Convocation Volunteers

Encouragement was given to Senators to volunteer for Convocation June 1 and 2. Thirty-six volunteers are needed between the four ceremonies J. Varzari added that when she was a Senator, convocation was one of her favourite University events.

5.6 Chancellor's Dinner

As a reminder, the Chancellor's Dinner will take place on Thursday, June 1 at the Coast Lethbridge Hotel. Confirmed sponsors include J. VandenHoek and K. Schlachter, B. Galts and Galko Homes, B. and D. Tait and MNP. The evening showcases many of our outstanding award recipients.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

J. Varzari gave reminders to volunteer for convocation, attend the chancellor's dinner, honour and say farewell to members of senate at annual recognition dinner. We will introduce new senators who can attend that evening.

MOTION: sen.2017.04.07

Goodreau/Jurkowski

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried