



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, December 1, 2017
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), M. Abubakari, R. Adkin, D. Best, D. Boras, K. Brown, L. Colburn-Swartz, L. Cooper (phone), S. Davis, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, C. Goodreau, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, M. Helstein, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, S. Kovach, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, J. Milner, C. Northcott, W. Osborn, T. Page, T. Perlich, K. Petersen, L. Peterson, R. Pogorzelski, D. Randell, B. Scott, D. Smit, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. Tailfeathers, B. Tait, T. Tallow, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker
- Regrets:** H. Babb, C. Bester, F. Bradley, M. Clewes, M. Day, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, R. McKay, C. Peta, C. Roberts, A. Siaroff, S. Stocker, M. Whipple
- Others:** S. Olson

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by T. Pace-Crosschild, K. Alexander, and J. Newberry titled 'Raising Spirit'.

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends. J. Varzari welcomed members to the Senate meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2017.12.01

Brown/Scott

That the agenda for the meeting of December 1, 2017 be approved with amendment.

Motion: Carried

A post-agenda item was sent out and will be added as Item for Action 6.2 Honorary Degree Procedures.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2017.12.02

Perlich/Randell

That the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported:

- Congratulations was given to M. Mahon on his recent appointment as Chair of Universities Canada;
- Attended and spoke at Let There Be Light Night prior to Fall Convocation in October, 171 grads at Fall Convocation, Buffy Sainte Marie was awarded an Honorary Degree. Thanks to all senators who volunteered during convocation;
- Because of the progressively larger numbers at ceremony two during Spring Convocation, the Convocation Committee is looking at revising the order of conferral for future ceremonies;
- Senate Call Centre night on November 21 was very successful and was a great team-building activity. Her team received the hot-potato award (what the students give out at the end of each night to the person who raises the largest funds that day)
- Attended a reception at the Consul-General of Japan's residence in celebration of the birthday of the emperor of Japan. In his remarks, the Consul-General thanked the UofL for hosting the princess during her visit to Lethbridge in July;
- Hosted the annual Convocation Thank-you lunch yesterday, 125 attended, which represents only a portion of those that contribute to the work that goes into convocation;
- Attended the UofL library gift announcement earlier today.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Lots of travel to Ottawa and Toronto lately as Chair of Universities Canada and a member of the Board of USports;
- Various meetings with government, including with Team Lethbridge in November;
- Installation of President Deb Saucier of MacEwan University;
- Senior Leaders Retreat on November 22 started the conversation about the next 50 years of the UofL, and that discussion will lead to the Fiat Lux Address in the New Year;
- Order of Canada Appointment Committee, as chair of UC we have one permanent position on the appointment committee.
- Two UofL faculty members Yale Belanger and Ute Wieden-Kothe were inducted into the College of New Scholars in the Royal Society;
- Destination Project milestone – concrete pour is finished and the project is now 50% complete;
- Women's rugby nationals November 2-5 and the unveiling of Pronghorn Hall of Fame
- Brawn gift announcement on November 6 of a scholarship for a Semester at Sea;
- Library gift announcement earlier today, honouring Dr. Dorothy Lampard;
- Upcoming, last day of classes December 6, Community Christmas Open House at the Penny Building December 7, Universities Canada Presidents' Mission to Israel December 8-15, University Campus closed December 22 at noon and will reopen January 2, Fiat Lux Address January 18.

There was a request for an update on the personnel matter. M. Mahon noted that the faculty member has returned to campus based on an agreement between him, the faculty association and the University. The agreement does not have him return to the classroom

at this point, but does enable an investigation to take place under the faculty Handbook.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Board of Governors

There were no questions regarding the submitted report.

5.2. General Faculties Council

There was a question regarding the two types of research centres. A. Hakin clarified that Type A, approved by the Board of Governors, is a university-based unit and Type B, approved by GFC, is faculty-based.

5.3. Alumni Association

M. Gabriel reported on:

- Let There Be Light Night in October, which was well attended and honoured all of our alumni award recipients for 2017;
- Attended and spoke at Fall Convocation;
- ULAA had an orientation/planning session for Alumni Council in October. Council underwent a reorganization this year and new committees were formed;
- Attended a meeting with members of Senate;
- Scotch Tasting event was in November and launched the 50th anniversary scotch, proceeds of which go to student scholarships.

5.4. Graduate Students' Association

There were no questions regarding the submitted report.

5.5. Students' Union

On behalf of the Students' Union, R. Adkin spoke to the need of the foodbank on campus and 'Passed the Hat' in support of the SU Foodbank.

5.6. Executive Committee

T. Perlich commented on the meeting with the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association and noted that it is encouraging to see so many people come together who want to work together to build up the University. It is hoped that we can meet with the ULAA again next year.

5.7. Engagement/Outreach Committee

R. Pogorzelski highlighted the change to working groups for many of the Senate-related events and encouraged any Senator interested in joining, to contact K. Johnson or S. Olson. A reminder was given about the Pronghorn basketball game tonight.

5.8. Honorary Degree Committee

J. VandenHoek reported that the committee met earlier this week to consider the 20 Honorary Degree nominations. A shortlist will be brought to Senate on January 19, 2018. A motion came out of the discussion at the meeting, which will be an Item for Action later in the agenda.

5.9. Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari gave a reminder of the January 15 deadline and encouraged members to

consider making a nomination.

5.10. Other

There were no other reports.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1. Committee Membership 2017-18

MOTION: sen.2017.12.03

Perlich/Lyons

That Senate approve the appointment of Karen Johnson to serve as Chair of the Engagement Committee for a term ending June 30, 2019.

Motion: Carried

T. Perlich noted that the current chair of the Engagement Committee has stepped down from Senate as she was recently appointed to the Board of Governors.

6.2. Honorary Degree Procedures

MOTION: sen.2017.12.04

VandenHoek/Follinglo

That Senate approve the revised Honorary Degree Procedures.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions.

7. BREAK

8. PRESENTATION

S. Wismath, Dean, School of Liberal Education gave a presentation on the history and future of liberal education at the University of Lethbridge.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1. Senate Moments

Last year the Engagement Committee introduced a strategy to have a few Senators at each meeting share their experience volunteering in their roles as Senators and the impact that it has had on them.

- L. Peterson spoke about her experience attending Senate Night at the Pronghorn Women's Rugby Nationals
- C. Starzyk-Frey spoke about the opportunity she had to host Buffy Sainte Marie during Convocation this fall.

- D. Randell spoke about her experience during Senate night at the Call Centre.

9.2. Senate Fund Update

Chris Horbachewski gave thanks to those that attended the event on November 21. 70 current and former Senators were contacted that evening and around \$4000 was raised. The Senate Fund now sits at a total that enables 9 - \$1500 scholarships to be awarded to students each year.

9.3. Distinguished Teaching Award

This annual award recognizes distinguished teaching at the University and a member of Senate sits on the selection committee. The poster notes where you can go for more information.

9.4. Operation Red Nose

K. Petersen noted that ORN just began its 23 season running. The program is not only a great way to raise funds for Pronghorn Athletics, but a great service for the community. Volunteers are still needed for December 16 and 31.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

L. Harasem noted that she recently worked with K. McInnes on the bid for the UofL to host Men's Hockey Nationals in 2019 & 2020. The City of Lethbridge is giving financial support for bid.

Thanks was given to M. Day for providing passes for Senators to Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2017.12.05

Adkin/Smit

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried