

**MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007 AT 1:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)**

Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Richard Davidson, Kevin Nugent, Kim Kultgen, Kelly Kennedy, Jeremy Girard, Nafisa Jadavji, Linda Anderson, Myles Bourke, Grant Pisko, Guy McNab, Karen Bartsch, Dean Setoguchi, Gordon Jong, Susan Lea, Doug McArthur, Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Leah Fowler, Sheila McHugh, Claudia Malacrida

Others: Jeremiah Merkl, Non-academic staff nominee  
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)  
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)  
Andrew Hakin Vice-President (Academic)  
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)  
Karen Clearwater, Associate VP (Finance & Administration)  
Richard Westlund, Director of Government Relations  
Gloria Roth, recording secretary

Chair Robert Turner commented that Linda Anderson's term on the Board of Governors is coming to an end and the University has been well served by her membership. Linda has been the only person to represent the staff on the Board of Governors and has done an outstanding job. Robert Turner thanked Linda for her contributions and mentioned that a gift would be presented to her at the Board dinner. President Cade thanked Linda Anderson for her service to the Board and the University.

Robert Turner introduced Jeremiah Merkl, who has been elected by AUPE as the non-academic nominee to the Board of Governors. Robert Turner welcomed Jeremiah in an unofficial manner as the ministerial order has not yet been received. Jeremiah was presented with a Board of Governors pin and briefcase. President Cade also welcomed Jeremiah to the Board.

A moment of silence was observed to remember the life and contributions of John Gill, a good friend of the University, who recently passed away.

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1.1 Approval of the December 20, 2007 Open Session Agenda**

**1.2 Approval of the November 15, 2007 Open Session Minutes**

MOTION: opn.2007.12.01

McNab/McArthur

That the Consent Agenda for the December 20, 2007 Open Session be approved, with the addition of item 4.4, Naming of Stadium Road.

Motion: Carried

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## **2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

### **2.1 John Gill**

The University community lost a good friend with the recent passing of John Gill. A celebration of John's life was attended by many a few weeks ago. John Gill had made such a significant contribution to the University of Lethbridge as Alumni Association President, Senate Member, Board Member and loyal supporter. The University will be looking at ways to honour John's memory in a more formal way in the future. All ideas are welcome.

### **2.2 Prentice Institute**

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Prentice Institute took place on December 14 in Edmonton. The Board Members are Seamus O'Shea, Heather Prentice, Bob Turner, Stuart Thiessen and John Lawton. Stuart and John are friends of the Prentice family. Robert Turner informed the Board that the five Directors will look after the interests of the Prentice Institute which is embedded within the University of Lethbridge. The Board approved the appointment of Trevor Harrison, as Interim Director and Deirdre Coburn as Executive Officer. Robert Turner introduced Deirdre Coburn to the Board. Deirdre mentioned that she officially begins her duties after Christmas and that a lot of work is to be done developing governance documents and the budget.. Andrew Hakin added that Deirdre is currently the Principal Officer of the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research and directs and looks after 60 researchers. Andy Hakin noted that he is excited about Deirdre's involvement with the Prentice Institute. Robert Turner is also looking forward to his experience of working with the Prentice Institute. Board Chair Turner commented on how the Prentice Institute represents the largest single gift given to the University and is of great importance.

### **2.3 Governance Readings**

Robert Turner recommended the book, "The Imperfect Board Member" by Jim Brown for new and experienced Board members to read. It is a good read, written as a parable. A couple other good books relating to governance are: "Tougher Boards for Tougher Times: Corporate Governance in the Post Enron Era" by William Dimma and "Boards that Deliver" by Ram Charan.

**2.4 Meeting with Lethbridge College**

Robert Turner informed the Board that he and Bill Cade had breakfast with Keith Dys and Tracy Edwards, from Lethbridge College. Chair Turner felt that it was a positive meeting, following up on the joint board dinner meeting held earlier in the year. It was agreed that that more work needs to be done.

**2.5 Mayor Tarleck**

This morning, Nancy Walker, Bill Cade and Robert Turner had breakfast with Lethbridge Mayor Robert Tarleck. It was a very good meeting and a helpful to keep informed.

**3. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**3.1 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

President Cade mentioned that we are concluding the Universities 40<sup>th</sup> year celebrations and what a spectacular year it has been. The year with the excitement of the Prentice Family donation of \$8.25 million, and forwarded by the exciting government funding announcements through the year and the wonderful celebration events. President Cade thanked everyone for making the University's 40<sup>th</sup> year so outstanding. The challenge is not to rest on our laurels but to continue to develop and expand our horizons. Bob Turner remarked that the U of L really knows how to celebrate a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**4. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**4.1 Annual Report 2006-2007**

MOTION: opn.2007.12.02

Cade/Jong

That the Board of Governors approve the 2006-07 Annual Report to Alberta Advanced Education and Technology.

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker stated that the Annual Report and the Business Plan are annual requirements to Advanced Education both require Board approval and. The Annual report is primarily written by Paul Sparrow-Clarke and it has been reviewed by Deans, Executive Directors and Senior Management, as well as having been approved by the Finance Committee.





Chris Horbachewski distributed his report, which is filed with these minutes. Chris commented that the final event for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was the Sodexo BBQ in celebration of their 25 years on campus.

**8. CHANCELLORS REPORT**

The December 1 meeting of the Senate was cancelled to allow attendance at the memorial service for John Gill. The next Senate meeting will be February 2, 2008 and the primary business will be the selection of honorary degree recipients. Chancellor Davidson reported that he has been attending meetings and a number of Christmas celebrations.

**9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**9.1 Alumni**

Doug McArthur mentioned how saddened the Alumni Association was at the passing of John Gill and that they also are looking at several initiatives to honour John Gill's memory and contributions to the University.

The trust fund for John Gill's children has been very successful and is still accepting donations. The cheque should be made payable to CIBC Wood Gundy, noting John Gill's children trust on the front. It should be noted that this donation is not tax deductible.

**9.2 Jail'N Bail 2008**

January 16 and 17 will be the annual Canadian Cancer Society Jail'n Bail and Andy Hakin will be arrested. Andy asked the Board Members for their support in assisting with his bail monies. Every and any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2007.12.06

McNab/McArthur

That the Open Session of the December 20, 2007 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried