# MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010 AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Bob Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Richard Davidson, Kevin Nugent, Leah Fowler,

Myles Bourke, Jenn Prosser, Jeremiah Merkl, Evelyn Good-Striker, Dean Setoguchi,

Jeremy Girard, Gordon Jong, Don Chandler, Richard Querel, Karen Bartsch,

Heidi MacDonald (by phone), Blaine Kunz, Doug McArthur, Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Art Bonertz, Jim Berezan, Janice Vazari

Others: Andrew Hakin, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost

Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)

Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

Dan Weeks, Vice-President (Research)

Richard Westlund, Director of Government Relations

# 1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the February 25, 2010 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the December 17, 2009 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2010.01.01

Jong/Fowler That the Consent Agenda of the February 25, 2010

Open Session meeting of The University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be approved.

Motion: Carried

#### 2. PRESENTATION

#### 2.1 Rotaract – Alix Blackshaw, Samantha Gilbert, Kristina Larkin

Bob Turner welcomed the guests, all members of the University of Lethbridge's Rotaract Club, which is part of Rotary International. Rotary is a humanitarian, volunteering organization with the motto "Service above Self". The University's Rotaract Club has been in operation for six years and now has more than sixty active members. The Club works on projects in the community, internationally and on campus.

Kristina Larkin reported on the Rotaract Club's work with the Canadian Cancer Society annual Daffodil Days, the Children's Wish Foundation, YWCA pancake breakfast, Books for Babies Bowl-a-Thon, as well as assisting with projects undertaken by the four local Rotary Clubs. At the University of Lethbridge, the Club assists other University of Lethbridge organizations and helps with a spring clean up. The Club also engages and assists high school students involved in Interact, the Rotary-affiliated group for high school students.

Samantha Gilbert reported that there will be a fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction in January/February of 2011. Last year's fundraiser raised \$12,000.00 for Malawi Girls on the Move as well as for scholarships in Guatemala. In the past, the Club has supported wells in Africa, a Microcredit Program in Guatemala, and provided funds to the Flying Doctors of Canada. The Microcredit Program won an award for all of North America and the Caribbean. Samantha Gilbert and Alix Blackshaw were able to go to Costa Rica to see the benefits of the microcredit funds. They also attended a convention in Birmingham, England, and felt both experiences were amazing.

Alix Blackshaw reported that the Club has raised \$100,000.00 in the last six years. Currently they are raising funds for education in Nepal through a project called Uphill Both Ways, which was created by two students. Teams of three participants will climb the U of L climbing wall a distance equivalent of sea level to the top of Mount Everest, which is 15 times from the bottom to the top of the climbing wall. This weekend the Rotaract Club is participating with other organizations in a Risk Challenge, raising funds for Haiti. There is a film and silent auction on March 5. March 8 to 14 is world Rotaract Week, with the main project being a bonspiel to raise money and collect non-perishable food items.

# 2.2 <u>Board of Education: The Role of Senate and Chancellor</u> Chancellor Succession

Richard Davidson explained that Chancellor succession is dictated by the *Post-secondary Learning Act*. The Senate will strike a joint Search Committee consisting of three members of GFC, three Alumni Association members, three Senate members, a member of the Students' Association, and a Graduate Student. A series of criteria for candidates has been established by the Senate. The Board of Governors, the GFC and the public is solicited for nominations. The number of nominations by the joint committee is set by Senate.

Bill commented that the Chancellor selection is an extremely important process. The Chancellor is also a Board member. Board members were invited to give some thought to who might be sought for nomination.

# 3. **BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

Congratulations were extended to Nancy Walker on receiving the Fellow of Chartered Accountants (FCA) designation. Bill Cade added his congratulations on this well-deserved honour.

Richard Davidson was congratulated on the 125 year anniversary of his law firm, Davidson and Williams. Bill Cade also recognized Richard Davidson's contributions to the community.

Don Chandler's wife, Nadine, was congratulated for being honoured by the Lethbridge YWCA as a Woman of Distinction.

# 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### 4.1 <u>Daycare Opening</u>

The President reported that the Daycare opening held earlier today went very well.

#### 4.2 Native Awareness Week

Native Awareness Week will be held on campus March 1 to 5. A poster with the details had been provided to the Board. The President encouraged available Board members to attend. The week will celebrate First Nations, Metis and Inuit students and highlight the role they play on campus.

## **4.3 HAIR**

The musical HAIR was superbly presented on campus last week. The nude scene was tastefully done and there were no complaints.

# 4.4 Who Is Michael Nolan?

The video Bill Cade did to promote the Who Is Michael Nolan? scholarship raffle was shown to the Board. Chris Horbachewski introduced Stephanie Karsten, Rod Leland and Tanya Jacobson-Gundlock who worked on making the video. He gave credit to President Bill Cade for so generously donating his BMW for the raffle. Tickets are available to students, faculty, staff, as well as the community.

# 5. <u>ITEMS FOR ACTION</u>

# 5.1 <u>Capital Plan 2010-2014</u>

MOTION: opn.2010.02.02

Cade/McArthur That the Board of Governors approves the 2010-

2014 Capital Plan.

Motion: Carried

A revision was distributed and is filed with these minutes. Submission of a Capital Plan is not an Alberta Infrastructure requirement but capital projects are required to be submitted electronically in May. The preparation of a longer range Capital Plan is useful since it identifies deferred maintenance and draws attention to capital funding received last year.

The Finance Committee had reviewed and approved the Capital Plan and recommended it to the Board for approval. Nancy Walker explained that the science complex, which is the number one priority, is shown under Preservation Projects, on the advice of Advanced Education and Technology. It was noted that it is a replacement of an existing building. It was pointed out that one-time funding is used for capital projects and they are not funded from the operating budget.

## **5.2 Endowment Management Policy**

MOTION: opn.2010.02.03

Cade/Jong That the Board of Governors approves the

revisions to the Endowment Management Policy,

effective April 1, 2010.

Motion: Carried

The revised Endowment Management Policy was previously approved by the Finance Committee and recommended to the Board. Nancy Walker explained that last year, for a one-year period, there was a change in the Endowment Management Policy, to reduce the allocation to spending accounts from 5% to 3% due to the downturn in investment returns. This resulted in \$893,000.00 being borrowed internally to pay obligations, with all but \$99,000.00 of the internal loan now recovered. A significant change to the Policy is shown on page 9, item 3.6.1 to allocate 4% to spending accounts (consistent with other institutions) based on a four-year rolling market value average of the endowment as of the previous December 31. This should help smooth fluctuations within the market.

Chris Horbachewski spoke from the awarding of scholarships perspective. Student awards have been reviewed and if the scholarship was created in the last year, it will not have enough spending allocation. The Policy changes have been explained to the donors and some have provided additional funding to allow the awarding of the scholarship.

Jeremy Girard was concerned about the shortfall in scholarship funds and suggested the scholarship funds be augmented. Sixty-five scholarships had insufficient spending allocations, eight of which are endowments created within this past year, The remaining fifty-seven funds are being reviewed.

# **5.3** Advancement Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2010.02.04

Setoguchi/Nugent That the Terms of Reference of the Advancement

Committee of the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be revised to include in the membership

> up to eight (8) others who need not be Board Members and come from Calgary, Edmonton and/or any areas where there is a concentration of U of L Alumni or donors.

Motion: Carried

The Advancement Committee met in January and and recommended the Terms of Reference for the Committee be amended to increase active membership to support activities. Bob Turner added that bringing non-Board members onto committees is a great way to educate individuals on how the University functions and serves as a training ground for future Board Members.

# 5.4 Personal Security Policy Change

MOTION: opn.2010.02.05

Cade/Prosser That the Board of Governors approves the revision

to the Personal Security Policy to delete a Member

of the Board of Governors on the Advisory

Committee (7.1).

Motion: Carried

It was explained that this Policy has been in place for approximately 10 years and is fully operational.

## 6. <u>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION</u>

## 6.1 Sustainability Report

- Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building
- CAUBO Leading the Way to a Sustainable Future (Sept. 2009)

Nancy Walker spoke of the two document included in the sustainability report. Bob Turner added that the University has a sustainability web site and recommended it to the Board.

## 7. <u>VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) & PROVOST</u>

Andrew Hakin reviewed the Vice-President (Academic) report which was distributed to the Board and is filed with these minutes.

Dr. Hakin congratulated Laurel Corbiere for the work she has done in positioning the Saudi Arabia initiative.

Dr. Hakin remarked that Dr. Susan McDaniel, the first Prentice Research Chair and Director of the Prentice Institute, is an outstanding scholar and has done a great deal in research and outreach. Dr. Hakin anticipates the Prentice Institute will continue to build and be an important component of the Social Sciences at the University of Lethbridge.

Dr. Hakin reported that all students have their entry qualifications carefully looked at. Some countries have better reputations regarding educational qualifications but the International Centre and Admissions Office still work carefully with agreements from sending institutions.

Jenn Prosser asked if humanitarian issues were taken into account and unfortunately they are not considered in all cases.

## 8. <u>VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)</u>

- Financial Services Business Plan
- H1N1 Overview

The reports included with the Agenda materials were received for information.

Nancy Walker added that both the Men's and Women's Pronghorn basketball teams made the playoffs. The Men's team will be playing in Calgary this weekend with the Women's team playing in Regina. Jenn Prosser pointed out that the **Meliorist** ran a great article on the Men's Pronghorn team reaching the playoffs.

## 9. <u>VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)</u>

The report from the Vice-President (Advancement) was distributed by email and is filed with these minutes.

Chris Horbachewski drew attention to the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 annual Donor Gala and stated it is of great benefit to the University to be able to acknowledge donors. There are two major donors who have wanted their donations to remain anonymous. They were persuaded to allow the University of Lethbridge and the community to acknowledge their contributions of \$130,000.00. Those donors are Dr. Bill and Mrs. Elsa Cade. Richard Davidson recognized the generous contribution of the President and his wife, at the recent Donor Gala.

#### 10. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

The report from the Vice-President (Research) was distributed with the agenda and is filed with these minutes.

Dr. Weeks added that the office of Research Services continues to develop and move forward and he is very optimistic the University of Lethbridge will do well despite recent Government funding reductions.

# 11. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The focus of Senate has been on the Senate Volunteer Award and Honorary Degree selection. The Chancellor selection process is beginning. The installation of the new President will be a consideration in planning for Fall convocation.

# 12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

# 13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2010.02.06

Merkl/McArthur That the Open Session of the February 25, 2010

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meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

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