

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

- Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Richard Davidson, Bill Cade, Sheila McHugh, Kevin Nugent (by phone), Leah Fowler, Adam Vossepoel, Shannon Digweed, Jeremiah Merkl, Susan Lea, Doug McArthur, Myles Bourke, Karen Bartsch, Dean Setoguchi, Guy McNab, Grant Pisko, and Rita Law (Secretary)
- Regrets: Art Bonertz, Kim Kultgen, Jeremy Girard, Claudia Malacrida and Gordon Jong
- Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Andrew Hakin, Vice-President (Academic)
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Richard Westlund, Director of Government Relations
Bob Cooney, Director, Communications
Gloria Roth, Recording Secretary

Bob Turner presented Kelly Kennedy a letter of thanks from the Minister of Advanced Education, Doug Horner, as well as a certificate from the Government of Alberta. Bob Turner commented on how much the Board appreciated Kelly Kennedy's contribution and remarked that he has been a distinguished Governor. Bill Cade thanked Kelly Kennedy for his service to the University and commented on what a mainstay of the John Gill Memorial Walk/Run Kelly was by running 150 laps. Chair Turner and President Cade welcomed two new Governors: Adam Vossepoel and Shannon Digweed. Adam Vossepoel was nominated by the Students' Union and Shannon Digweed by the Graduate students. Both were presented with a briefcase and pin. Chair Turner introduced and welcomed Marilyn Coley, his assistant at Fraser Milner Casgrain in Edmonton, remarking that she is an outstanding person and a delight to work with. President Cade also welcomed Marilyn to the University.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Approval of the May 22, 2008 Open Session Agenda**
1.2 Approval of the March 19, 2008 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2008.05.01

McNab/Fowler

That the Consent Agenda for the May 22, 2008 Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. PRESENTATION - Blackfoot Digital Library MOU Signing Ceremony

Chair Robert Turner informed the Board that today's Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony for the Blackfoot Digital Library marks the first centralization of Blackfoot specific records anywhere, at any time.

Chair Robert Turner introduced and welcomed Andy Blackwater, Chair, Red Crow College and asked University Librarian Marinus Swanepoel to introduce the other special guests as follows: Marie Smallface-Marule, President of Red Crow College; Ryan and Adrienne Heavy Head, project workers; Michael Warf, U of L Information Technology Web Team Leader; and Narcisse Blood, Elder from Red Crow College. Marinus Swanepoel recognized and thanked the Alberta Government, Campus Alberta and the Alberta Library for making the project possible. The University Research Alliance, also provided funding. Marinus Swanepoel remarked that Ryan and Adrienne Heavy Head had made it their life task to collect material about the Blood Nation for the Blackfoot Digital Library. Ryan Heavy Head spoke about the beginning of the project. In 1995, when repatriation began, Ryan and Adrienne Heavy Head started their detective mission to pursue Blackfoot records, photos, and inventories to have them transferred back to the Blackfoot community. In 2002 Red Crow College received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant to study Blackfoot narratives and at the same time the University of Lethbridge received a Community University Research Alliance (CURA) grant. The U of L was interested in pursuing those records that were in museums and so a collaboration began to build the digital library. Michael Warf, the IT Team Leader, gave a video demonstration of the concept of the digital library and how important "place" is in the Blackfoot culture. Michael Warf then demonstrated some points and highlights of the prototype website. Narcisse Blood added that this project has been in development for a long time. The purpose of Native American Studies was to try and introduce to the academic world another body of knowledge that has been here for a long time. Using technology as a tool to maintain a culture with a global identity is a very exciting process that will benefit everyone. Narcisee Blood stated that this is a great day and an impressive collaboration that is important to the Blackfoot Community. The official signing ceremony took place with Bill Cade, Bob Turner, Andy Blackwater, and Marie Smallface-Marule as signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding.

3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

3.1 John Gill Scholarship

The Board Chair reported that he, Bill Cade and Chris Horbachewski met with Tanya Gill to discuss the John Gill Endowment. It was Tanya Gill's wish that the endowment be accessible to all students.

3.2 Canada School of Energy & Environment (CSEE)

University of Alberta, University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge President's, Board Chairs and Provosts met to discuss CSEE, a Government of Canada initiative. It is in the initial stages of incorporation for the purpose of

pursuing studies in energy and environment. More information will be forthcoming.

3.3 Hokkai-Gakuen

President Cade, Chair Turner, Rita Law and their spouses made a trip to Japan in April at the invitation of Chairman Morimoto from Hokkai-Gakuen University. Chair Turner commented that the University should be very proud of the partnership and relationship that has been maintained for twenty-seven years. Under Premier Lougheed, the province of Alberta was twinned with Hokkaido Province in Japan, the island on which Sapporo is located. Trade and institutional partnerships have flourished under this program. The U of L took up the challenge and began an exchange for both faculty and students. Bob Turner was taken by the level of understanding that has been achieved by the two schools that has served the province well. Rita Law has had a long relationship with Hokkai-Gakuen and their staff and was an integral part of the trip. She was thanked for her work in arranging the trip to Japan. Bob Turner remarked that the hosts were very gracious and it was a wonderful trip. Bill Cade mentioned that it is a privilege and an honour to be able to visit Hokkai-Gakuen and was glad that the U of L could continue in the tradition of having the Board Chairs meet.

3.4 National Association of Board Chairs and Secretaries (NAUBCS)

NAUBCS met in Fredericton April 24-27. Chair Turner commented that the relationship building with other universities that takes place at this annual conference is important. One of the subjects that was discussed was the participation of the university community in the broader community.

3.5 Government Relations

Chair Turner mentioned the numerous meetings that have been held in Edmonton recently with new Members of the Legislative Assembly. Richard Westlund has done an outstanding job arranging these meetings to make sure that the elected officials are aware of the University's programs and initiatives. A meeting with the Edmonton City Council was held as well and that was well received. Bob Turner noted that it is important to continue to raise the profile of the University in Edmonton and Calgary. In the spirit of increasing the profile of the University, President Cade has been busy addressing many Rotary Clubs in Edmonton and Fort McMurray. President Cade added that he felt the meetings have been beneficial and that the University has been very well received.

3.6 Telus World of Science

Chair Turner stated that each year someone from the University is chosen to make a presentation at the Telus World of Science. Members of the Telus World of Science are invited, along with Alumni and other friends of the University. This

has proven to be a very popular event. This year Jennifer Copeland gave an excellent presentation on aging well called, “Use it or Lose it”. President Cade thought that this year’s Telus World of Science was the best yet, adding the counsel to the Board to “never let the sun set on an inactive day”.

3.7 Prentice Institute

Bob Turner reported that the Prentice Institute Board met a couple weeks ago. He said that Board is still in the organization stage but he is pleased with the progress being made. Another meeting will be held in Edmonton next week.

3.8 Alberta Advanced Education & Technology Meeting

Guy McNab attended a meeting April 30, on behalf of the Board Chair, with the Board Chairs of all Alberta post-secondary learning institutions. The meeting was at the call of the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

4.1 Bee Heart Smart

The 7th Floor Striders are working to outlast and outwalk other groups in the Bee Heart Smart initiative for Health and Wellness.

4.2 Convocation

Convocation ceremonies will be held May 29 and 30. More than 1,000 graduands will cross the stage to be awarded degrees. The Chancellor’s dinner is May 29 and President Cade hoped to see many Board members there.

4.3 Faculty of Fine Arts Book

President Cade brought attention to the book from the Faculty of Fine Arts that Dean Ches Skinner had asked be distributed to Board members. Bill Cade mentioned that the book is a very good presentation of the faculty members in the Faculty of Fine Arts. Leslie Robinson-Greene will make a presentation to the Board in the fall.

4.4 Water Initiatives

Bill Cade highlighted the handouts from Dennis Fitzpatrick, one being a news article from today’s Lethbridge Herald relating to a computer program to manage water and the other a Policy Research Report from the University of Texas at Austin from a graduate student course. These graduate students came to southern Alberta and worked in collaboration with the University of Lethbridge, the Alberta Irrigation Projects Association of Lethbridge and Hydrologics of Columbia, MD. David Eaton from the University of Texas at Austin was the project director.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1 Smoking Policy

MOTION: opn.2008.05.02

Cade/Lea

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Smoking Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker remarked that this policy has been approved through many groups on campus. Susan Lea commented that smoking is a serious health issue and there may also be issues related to prairie grass fires caused by smoking.

5.2 Department of Physics Name Change

MOTION: opn.2008.05.03

Cade/Fowler

That the Board of Governors approve the name of the *Department of Physics* be changed to the *Department of Physics and Astronomy*, effective July 1, 2008, with a calendar implementation date of May 1, 2009.

Motion: Carried

Andrew Hakin commented that this name change reflects the actual research and teaching that is being done in the department.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

Andrew Hakin reviewed the written report which was distributed and is filed with these minutes.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

A report was included in agenda package. Nancy Walker added that the University is very involved in the community. The U of L will have a tent with displays and give-aways at the July 1 Canada Day Celebrations. There are plans to have two dragon boat teams this year and University personnel are also participating in the Relay for Life. Susan Lea suggested that the Board members form a dragon boat team for next year and consider being part of the Health and Wellness Challenge next year. Nancy Walker noted that student Jim Steacy, brother to the two athlete of the year winners, has qualified for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

The report is filed with these minutes.

8.1 John Gill Endowment

The John Gill Endowment was established by the Board at the last Board meeting. Chris Horbachewski has since met with Tanya Gill to establish the terms of the award. In respect of Tanya Gill's wish that the award to be available to all students it will be a citizenship award and recipients will need to be nominated by a member of the University community. Additional funds for the endowment will be raised through the John Gill Memorial Walk/Run that was organized by Kelly Kennedy and the Students' Union. Terms of the endowment will go to the GFC Student Awards Committee for approval.

8.2 Alumni Event May 28, 2008

Nancy Walker and Dean Setoguchi are among this year's Alumni Association Honour Society inductees. The induction will be on Wednesday May 28 in the Students' Union Ballroom. Sheila McHugh added that the Alumni Association has had a strategic planning meeting and one of the outcomes was an initiative to develop a volunteer list. A script has been developed to use in contacting Alberta alumni to see if they are interested in volunteering. Sheila McHugh also added that work has begun on an Alumni Association logo to be displayed in University Hall. Sheila McHugh reported that the Convocation Committee has decided that the photo line would be discontinued but a photo opportunity space will be established outside the tea area. Robert Turner encouraged Board members to attend convocation if at all possible as it is a wonderful celebration. Bill Cade mentioned that Elliot Wheeler will receive his degree posthumously.

9. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chancellor's Report was received as information.

9.1 Convocation

Chancellor Davidson commented that 1009 graduands will cross the stage next week during convocation out of 1606 eligible. Approximately 48 volunteers are needed for various duties associated with convocation. In past years, Senate was able to staff those positions, however, this year members of the University of Lethbridge community have filled the requirements that Senate was unable to meet. Attendance for the Chancellor's dinner is somewhat lower this year than last year.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

10.1 John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament

Doug McArthur reported that there are still a few spots available for the John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament. Part of the proceeds go to the student bursary fund. Doug McArthur encouraged Board members to participate or spread the word to

others. It was reported that the Lethbridge Bar Association had sent an email to their members. Andrew Hakin thanked Doug McArthur for organizing the Scotch tasting event that raised about \$1,000 for the Alumni bursary fund.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2008.05.04

McNab/Pisko

That the May 22, 2008 open session meeting of The University of Lethbridge Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried

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