

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004
AT 1:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

Present: Terry Royer (Chair), Linda Anderson, Bill Cade, Derek Peddle, Robert Turner, Kevin Keith, Doug McArthur, Guy McNab, Preston Williams, Lorelee Edwards, Aaron Engen, Tom Robinson, Doug Stokes, Myles Bourke, Dan Laplante, David Green, Karen Bartsch, Rita Zaugg (Secretary)

Regrets: Sharon Holtman, Grant Pisko, Shirley DeBow

Others: Séamus O'Shea, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Tania Smith, University of Calgary researcher

Karen Bartsch was introduced as a new Board member and was presented with a University of Lethbridge pin.

Bill Cade introduced Betty Rice, Press and Cultural Affairs Officer from the U.S. Consulate office in Calgary.

Bill Cade announced the recipients of the Millennium Scholarship, an award recognizing student excellence. The following students were present to accept their award:

Millennium Scholarship Entrance Excellence Awards (\$4,000):

Chelsie Adams
Tara Daley
Curtis Matwychuk-Goodman

Not in attendance were Christa King, Amber Tiegen, Lisa Timmermans, and Christy Martens

Millennium Scholarship In-Course Excellence Awards:

Zan Gullickson
Robert McKay

Not in attendance were Doreen Dionne, Ryan Dueck, Jamey Kristian, Kathleen Leitch, Kathryn McKenzie, Michael Olsen, and Jay Peterson.

Terry Royer added that these students are an example of the reason people on the Board commit their personal time to be a part of the Board of Governors. This is a payback for all the hard work.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the November 18, 2004 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the October 14, 2004 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2004.11.01

Stokes/McNab

That the Consent Agenda for the November 18, 2004 Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

The Board Chair's written report was received for information.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Donor Recognition Wall Unveiling

Bill Cade reminded the Board of the Donor recognition wall unveiling to take place in the LINC foyer on November 26 at 7:30 p.m. Aside from the recognition of the numerous donors, one section has been set aside to recognize the great number of students who have contributed to the LINC campaign. Bill Cade encouraged all the Board members to attend the event.

3.2 News Articles

Bill Cade referred to the news articles included in the agenda that address the issues facing the University of Calgary and Mount Royal College.

3.3 University of Alberta

The University of Alberta has named their 12th President, Dr. Indira Samarasekera. A letter of congratulations has been sent to Dr. Samarasekera.

3.4 MACLEAN'S Magazine

Bill Cade reviewed the latest MACLEAN'S rankings, and mentioned that the University of Lethbridge did reasonably well. High scores were received in a number of categories, including a second place finish in the country for the scientific and medical research areas. The University improved in the class size ranking. One area that is still weak is alumni support, but there is anticipation that this will improve over time since being a young institution has an impact on

alumni support. A MACLEAN'S graduate survey was also completed in which the University of Lethbridge did exceptionally well. 70% of graduates said they had a very good overall graduate experience at the University of Lethbridge. Bill Cade mentioned that the University of Calgary was at the bottom of this list, although their President feels that their overall student satisfaction is higher than what shows in this survey. The Board was reminded that the differences in places is minuscule, and that all Canadian universities are good schools. Linda Anderson mentioned that she was a responder to the graduate survey.

Bob Turner referred to the article in the Globe on Tuesday concerning ranking of U.S. business schools. Some were dissatisfied with their ranking and have opted to not participate fully.

Bill Cade explained that entering grades continue to be an issue for us in Alberta. Over half of the students graduating in Ontario have averages of 80% or greater, as a result of grade inflation, which MACLEAN'S does not take into account. Bill Cade noted that one of the hallmarks of the University of Lethbridge is that we are an accessible university.

It was also mentioned that in the internationalization of universities article, it said to truly be great, universities have to reach out and have international students. The University of Lethbridge has jumped in its rating for percentage of international students. The Board authorized goal of 7% has been exceeded and is now at 9.4% of incoming students.

3.5 Canadian Millennium Scholarships Foundation News Release

The news release was included in the Agenda for information.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Impartiality and University Facility Utilization Policy

MOTION: opn.2004.11.02

Cade/McNab

That the Board of Governors approve the Impartiality and University Facility Utilization policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker explained that this is a key existing policy that is being updated. It was noted that the Students' Union, which is a separate incorporated body, has ratified faith-based clubs and space is made available to them.

4.2 Rescind Policies

MOTION: opn.2004.11.03

Cade/Stokes

That the Board of Governors rescind the following policies, effective immediately:

Motion: Carried

	POLICY	REASON
1	Approval of External Caterers	Policy replaced by Provision of Food & Alcohol (approved Dec 18/03)
2	Educational Courses for Non-Academic Employees	Covered in Employee Contracts and/or Employment Manuals
3	Employee Benefit Plan	Covered in Employee Contracts and/or Employment Manuals
4	Exempt Support Staff Employment Policies	Covered in Employee Contracts and/or Employment Manuals
5	Reduced Load	Covered in Faculty Handbook (Article 34)
6	Retirement Programs Payout Upon Death	Covered in Employee Contracts and/or Employment Manuals
7	Staff Training/Educational Financial Assistance	Covered in Employee Contracts and/or Employment Manuals
8	Termination of Senior Administrative Appointments	Covered in Employee Contracts and/or Employment Manuals
9	Senior Administrative Review Policy	Replaced by new policy, "Review of Senior Academic Administrators"
10	University Parking & Traffic Regulations	Procedures and guidelines, not policy
11	Planning, Construction & Operation of Buildings	Policy replaced by Selection of Architects Policy

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

5.1 General Liberal Education Requirement

Following a multi-year review by a cross-University committee of General Faculties Council (GFC), GFC approved in principle a new model for the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER) component of all 4-year degree

programs. Although it will take some time to adapt it for other models (combined degrees and post-diploma) and to work out implementation details, this represents a major step forward in the evolution of curriculum. Among the important new features are writing and numeracy requirements in all degree programs.

5.2 Registration

Registration for the Spring 2005 semester is under way, and full on-line registration is available to all students. More than 75% of all course registrations are being done through the Web.

5.3 Spring Enrolment

Applications and admissions activity suggests that the number of new students registering for January 2005 will be very close to the level of January 2004.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

The report of the Vice-President (Finance & Administration) was received for information.

Nancy Walker added that the various University trademarks were enclosed with the agenda for the information of the Board. These registered trademarks can also be found on the Canadian Trademarks website.

7. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chancellor's report was received for information.

Terry Royer commented that Shirley DeBow was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in her extended family, and he extended his condolences.

8. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

The campus radio station has gone to FM and is in the process of hiring a station manager.

The Students' Union, in conjunction with the University of Lethbridge, hosted guest speaker William Sampson on November 3. He spoke of his trials in a prison in Saudi Arabia. There was a large attendance, and it was a great success.

Maude Barlow, Chairperson for the Council of Canadians, will be speaking in the Students' Union ballrooms on November 29. The topics include the international movement of the Council of Canadians and water issues.

The online test bank is almost complete.

The Students' Union elections will be online in March 2005.

The Students' Union is currently working on the construction of a couch lounge in the old MacLennan's space in the Students' Union building.

The blood drive beat last years numbers and was a great success.

The Food Bank is going well so far.

A Warren Miller movie will be played in the Students' Union ballrooms tomorrow night. Everyone is welcome to come out for the show.

9. GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Graduate Students Association recently held a Social in the Paterson Centre. There was a good turnout, and all entry fees were donated to the food bank. Preston Williams noted that they plan to continue with this idea for future events.

A seminar for graduate students was held on Friday, November 12, followed by a Poster Fair allowing grad students to show the research they have completed. There was also a free public lecture in the Students' Union ballrooms. Preston Williams commented that they had a good attendance, and lots of positive feedback.

10. ALUMNI REPORT

Aaron Engen and Doug McArthur had no comments for the Open Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2004.11.04

Keith/Edwards

That the Open Session of the November 18, 2004 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried