

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007 AT 1:30 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM (W646)

- Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Myles Bourke, Kevin Nugent,
Sheila McHugh, Dean Setoguchi, Doug McArthur, Nafisa Jadavji,
Leah Fowler, Linda Anderson, Guy McNab, Karen Bartsch, Gordon Jong,
Susan Lea, Rita Law (Secretary)
- Regrets: Richard Davidson, Grant Pisko, Kelly Kennedy, Kim Kultgen, Claudia Malacrida
- Others: Jeremy Girard, Students Union Representative
Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
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
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Chair Robert Turner welcomed a number of special guests to the Board Meeting, including six Millennium Scholarship Winners and the University of Lethbridge Women's Rugby Team and Coaches. The Millennium Excellence Award Program Laureates recognizes post-secondary students on the basis of four criteria: positive and verifiable service to the community, academic excellence, leadership, and interest in innovation. Robert Turner commended the scholarship winners on their dedication and expressed the Board's pride in the students' achievements. In-Course Millennium Excellence Award Program Laureate certificates were presented to the following students: David Bryant, Laura Hagstrom, Rachael Harder, Lindsey Peters, Kristen Skura and Logan Steed.

Chair Turner remarked on the outstanding success of the women's rugby team who won the gold medal at CIS Nationals. He introduced Sandy Slavin, Executive Director Sport and Recreation Services who commented on the incredible success of the women's rugby program since its beginning a short eight years ago. The team is very competitive and is a great feeder program to the National Rugby Team and a great recruiting tool for the University. Sandy Slavin added that this team truly looks at this win as a wonderful opportunity to represent the University of Lethbridge. The team members wear their Pronghorn colours with pride, class and enthusiasm. While a slide show of pictures from the tournament played in the background, Sandy Slavin introduced each team member and coach and presented them with a 2007 CIS National Championship hoodie.

Team members are: Nicole Van Eck, Rikki Lee Brown, Roxanne Kelly, Tiffany Dautremont, Amanda Richardson, Genna Davidge, Ashley Zaremba, Ashley Patzer, Katelyn Jonsson, Allie Laurent, Regina MacKenzie, Shannon Court, Kendra Gavelin, Courtney Armstrong, Quinn Gillett, Kim Leavitt, Brittany Orr, Christie Pierson, Heather Robinson, Kim Stewart, Rachael Brown, Chantel Koring, Genevieve Ahart, Brittany Zoeteman, Janice Cogle, Bernadette LaRose, Kessie Stefanyk, Lynn Suttie and Jena Murray.

Coaches are: Head Coach - Neil Langevin; Assistant Coaches - Rob Kossuth, JJ Ondrus and Norm McDougall; Manager -Toby Boulet; Trainers - Michelle McIndoe and Kim Frohlick
Head Coach Neil Langevin commented that the Canadian Olympic Association has a phrase, “gold medals don’t just happen--they take about 10 years”. He was pleased that this gold medal was received two years earlier than the 10-year benchmark. He thanked the administration and the Board for allocating funding for athletics.

Head Coach Neil Langevin presented Bob Turner and Bill Cade with Horns Womens Rugby Championship Hoodies. Chair Turner thanked the team and staff for bringing honour to the University of Lethbridge and expressed the pride of the entire Board. Bill Cade added his congratulations.

The scholarship winners and the rugby team were excused from the meeting.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the November 15, 2007 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the October 18, 2007 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2007.11.01

McNab/Jong

That the Consent Agenda for the November 15, 2007 Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. PRESENTATION

Philippe Teillet, Ph.D. Geostrategic Technologies for Integrated Earth Sensing

Chair Turner introduced Professor Phil Teillet who gave a presentation on his work titled “Integrated Earth Sensing”, that is filed with these minutes. The four main topics were Remote Sensing Physics, Global Instrumented and Automated Network of Test Sites, Spectral Response Impacts on Vegetation Indices from Multiple Satellite Sensors and Vegetation Reflectance Anisotropy. The presentation highlighted the great need for imaging specialists and the importance of developing an Imaging Science Degree at the University of Lethbridge, which would build on the U of L strengths in geomatics, astronomy and neuroscience. There is no such program anywhere else in Canada.

Andrew Hakin remarked that we are honoured to have Dr. Philippe Teillet, a world

leader in his field, at the University and thanked Professor Teillet for his presentation. Chair Turner also thanked Dr. Teillet for his most interesting presentation on behalf of the Board.

3. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

3.1 The Report of the Board Governance Review Task Force

The report of the board governance review task force is now available at <http://alberta.ca/home/602.cfm>. Board members were encouraged to view the report on the web page or ask Rita Law for a copy. The Governance committee will be asked to review the document and do a report card of how the University of Lethbridge Board compares to the report recommendations. Board members were also invited to do the same.

3.2 The Prentice Institute

The Prentice Institute will have their first board meeting December 14, after which Bob Turner will report to the Board. Work has been underway on the Institute but not at the board level. Seamus O'Shea and Heather Prentice are in Vienna attending the conference, "*Global Development: Science and Policies for the Future*".

3.3 NAUBCS

Bob Turner attended the NAUBCS (North American Board Chairs and Secretaries) Conference planning meetings in Fredericton, NB. Chair Turner remarked that it is always interesting to meet with board chairs from other universities.

3.4 Alberta Ingenuity

Chair Turner reported that he represents U of L on the Alberta Ingenuity Board. That board meets regularly and often hears interesting presentations. The most recent presentation was by physicians operating on a patient from a remote location using robotics.

3.5 Parkway Service Complex

The grand opening of the Parkway Service Complex was held earlier in the day. Chair Turner commented this is another very important addition to the campus and it was wonderful to replace the 40-year old temporary buildings. President Cade commented that the winning of the CIS National Championship and the opening of the Parkway Service Complex are both wonderful additions to the 40th Anniversary Celebration. President Cade congratulated Nancy and her team.

3.6 Key to the University

The Government of Alberta announcement of \$50 million for Markin Hall was held on campus October 25, 2007. A plaque with the key to the university acknowledging the premier's strong support for the U of L will be presented by Bob Turner on behalf of the Board next Wednesday. When Ministers Horner and Snelgrove were here for the Markin Hall announcement they joined Bob Turner on a tour of the CCBN. The Ministers seemed very impressed.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT

4.1 Stacy Wetmore

Two articles speaking of Dr. Wetmore's work with Canada's newest and fastest computer were distributed and are filed with these minutes. Dr. Stacy Wetmore is a Canada Research Chair. She will be invited to make a present to the board on her research at some later date.

4.2 Mumps

There has been a mumps outbreak in the city and as a result, vaccination clinics were held on campus which saw more than 3,000 students taking advantage of the program.

4.3 Arthur Erickson

President Cade reported that he met with Arthur Erickson at The Arthur Erickson Conservancy reception in Vancouver to honour him on receiving a Royal Architectural Institute of Canada award. Van Christou, Senator Joyce Fairburn, Hiroshi Shimazaki, and Chris Horbachewski also attended. Dr. Van Christou was instrumental in the development of the building program over 40 years ago. Arthur Erickson has been invited to the campus in the new year. On Thursday, November 22 the first public screening of a documentary about Arthur Erickson will be shown in Vancouver.

4.4 Donor Recognition Gala

A donor recognition evening is scheduled for Thursday, November 22. The event will be held on the track of the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness and will include some important campaign announcements. Board members received an invitation.

4.5 Board Photo and Christmas Party

The annual Board Christmas party will be hosted by the Cades at their home following the December Board meeting. The annual Board photo will also be taken December 20.

4.6 Howard Forsyth

Bill Cade, Rita Law and Chris Horbachewski met with Howard Forsyth, a generous and close friend of the University, and visited one of his properties near Leavitt. Dr. Forsyth has funded scholarships for first nations students.

4.7 Alex Johnston Lecture Series

The Alex Johnston lecture tonight will be delivered by Dr. Sheila McManus, a U of L professor of history. Her lecture, entitled “Crossing the Line: Images of the Canada-U.S. Border in the Early 20th Century Advertising”, will be held at the Galt Museum.

4.8 National Philanthropy Day

Chris Horbachewski took a group to National Philanthropy Day at the Hyatt in Calgary on November 13th. Dean Setoguchi and Kevin Nugent both attended as well as another alums and supporters of the University. Nexen brought four University of Lethbridge graduates who are their employees. President Cade thanked those who attended.

4.9 CIFAR Dinner

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) dinner in Calgary was attended by Bill Cade, Dan Laplante and others. To celebrate its 25th Anniversary, the Institute hosted a series of public and private events this fall to get Canadians talking about what they think is “The Next Big Question”. Bryan Kolb was a presenter and was extremely well received at both Vancouver and Edmonton dinners. Bryan Kolb’s question, “How do nature and nurture consort?” won at the Edmonton event.

4.10 MACLEANS

President Cade commented on how pleased he was that the University of Lethbridge’s MACLEANS rankings moved from 14 to 6. Some of the differences were attributed to an investment in library holdings and that the data used was public information available on web sites and from Statistics Canada.

4.11 Alberta Venture

A plaque was received today that recognizes the University as #21 of the top 50 public sector organizations in Alberta, as awarded by ALBERTA VENTURE Magazine.

4.12 Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building

Ministers Horner, Oullette and Oberg were here on October 31 to announce \$10 million for the Alberta Water and Environmental Science building. Bill Cade mentioned that he had a good meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure prior to the water building funding announcement.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) REPORT

The Vice-President's report was distributed and is filed with the minutes. Andy Hakin remarked on the success of the Department of Biochemistry and Chemistry in the iGEM competition. The group won a gold medal at the international competition at MIT for engineering a bio-prospector.

The International Centre for Students will receive an award of distinction from Advanced Education and Technology for international teaching and learning, based on the long-standing relationship with Hokkai-Gakuen.

This is International Week and Sally Armstrong was the guest speaker at a very engaging reception last night. Various local restaurants provided an array of international food and Hiroshi Shimazaki water colours were displayed.

Chair Turner congratulated Andy Hakin and Bill Cade on the selection of people who have presented to the Board. They have been outstanding and the thought that has gone into choosing them is appreciated.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION) REPORT

Nancy Walker reported that the mumps campaign targets employees and students ages 17-37. There are 7,000 students and 420 staff. As of today 38% have received the free immunization. There are thirteen confirmed and four unconfirmed cases of mumps in Lethbridge. Nancy Walker thanked University health centre staff and Chinook Health for undertaking this huge task, in addition to regular responsibilities.

Nancy Walker reported that yesterday the CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) honoured the Academic All-Canadians (AAC) student athletes who excelled in sport at the University level while maintaining an 80% average in academics. This is an outstanding accomplishment considering the amount of time student-athletes commit to training. Routinely, Pronghorn Athletics receives an above average number of AAC awards, when considering the number of athletes at each school.

The University of Lethbridge is pleased to recognize the achievement of 33 of our outstanding student-athletes, who achieved AAC honours. This number represents over 15% of our student-athlete body, a remarkable number that reflects the importance placed on academics by the U of L athletics program. The winners list is posted at:
<http://horns.uleth.ca/headlines/story.cfm?autoStoryID=555>

Nancy Walker informed the Board that the University community will honor the women's rugby team at half time of the Men's and Women's Basketball games on Friday.

The Executive Director, Financial Services position has been posted. Applications close November 30.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT) REPORT

Bill Cade spoke to the downtown Calgary Rotary Club on October 23. Chris Horbachewski reported that Dr. Cade has spoken to about eight clubs. Kevin Nugent remarked that Bill Cade does an excellent job of representing the university.

Sodexo will be hosting a lunchtime barbecue on December 7 for the 40th Anniversary wind up and their 25th Anniversary.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Derek Redman, a member of the U of L Senate, has been appointed to the provincial court bench. A letter of congratulations has been sent. He was scheduled to speak to the Board on conflict of interest at the December meeting but it is now unlikely that he will be able to do that.

Bob Turner received a letter from Minister Horner announcing approval of the Public Health major in the School of Health Sciences. Andy Hakin explained that although the program is approved, there has been no announcement of government funding to support the new major. It would need about \$500,000 per year. There may be an opportunity for funding through the enrolment planning envelope; however, public health was not an area that is being funded at this time. An approach for funding will possibly be made in collaboration with the University of Calgary.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2007.11.03

McNab/Nugent

That the Open Session of the November 15, 2007 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried