

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009 AT 1:30 P.M.
IN THE UNIVERSITY DAYCARE

Present: Bob Turner (Chair), Bill Cade, Art Bonertz, Kevin Nugent, Richard Davidson, Leah Fowler, Jenn Prosser, Blaine Kunz, James Berezan, Jeremy Girard, Don Chandler, Myles Bourke, Karen Bartsch, Richard Querel, Gordon Jong, Doug McArthur, Dean Setoguchi, Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Evelyn Good Striker, Heidi MacDonald, Jeremiah Merkl

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Richard Westlund, Director, Government Relations
Karen Clearwater, Associate Vice-President (Financial Planning)

Mr. Turner introduced Mr. Jim Carter, who will be the guest speaker at a dinner following the Board Meeting. Mr. Carter is Chairman of the Alberta Carbon Capture and Storage Development Council and former CEO of Syncrude.

Canada Millennium Scholarship in-course award winners were introduced and presented with a certificate recognizing their achievement. In attendance were: Samantha Gilbert, Chelsey Gorety, Alisha Janiga, and Bethany Schmidt. Thomas Fox was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Mr. John O’Keeffe, the new University of Lethbridge Director, Security was introduced to the Board by Nancy Walker. Before coming to the University of Lethbridge, Mr. O’Keeffe was with the British Military Police for 23 years, most recently stationed at Suffield.

New Board Members Blaine Kunz and Don Chandler were introduced and welcomed to the Board. Each was presented with a briefcase and a Board of Governors pin.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the October 15, 2009 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the June 25, 2009 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: opn.2009.10.01

Fowler/McArthur

That the Consent Agenda of the October 15, 2009 Open session of the University of Lethbridge Board of Governors meeting be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

2.1 Prentice Institute

Bob Turner reported that Dr. Susan McDaniel, recently named Executive Director of the Prentice Institute, was introduced to the Prentice Institute Board of Directors at their September 29 meeting. Dr. McDaniel is the first endowed chair at the University of Lethbridge and the Board of the Prentice Institute is very pleased with her appointment as Executive Director of the Institute. Trevor Harrison was thanked for his work with the Institute in its formative days. Dr. Harrison has agreed to stay on with the Institute for a year. Bob Turner said he is looking forward to an opportunity for Dr. McDaniel to meet with the U of L Board of Governors. President Cade added that Dr. McDaniel is a great hire. She is the fourth member of the Royal Society on campus.

2.2 Edmonton Alumni Chapter

The Board Chair reported attending the inaugural meeting of the Edmonton Chapter of the Alumni Association. He indicated he was pleased with the turnout and opportunity to meet with some very interesting graduates. Board Member and Alumni Association Chair, Don Chandler, also attended. The importance of having an Edmonton Alumni Chapter up and running was noted. Bob Turner remarked that the event was well organized under the leadership of Chris Horbachewski and Kelly Kennedy. Kelly Kennedy is the elected Chapter President.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Enrolment

Since Andrew Hakin was away attending the national Vice-Presidents' meeting, the President reported that Fall enrolment is at 8,240, the highest ever. This announcement was met with applause from the Board. Bill Cade added that this was a year that taught us much about recruitment. There has been a review of recruitment activities and changes will be implanted. The Board Chair complimented Senior Administration on the strong enrolment numbers. Senior Administration was credited with developing well thought out and executed strategies to achieve the necessary results.

3.2 Sports Stadium Opening

The University of Lethbridge Sports Stadium opened two weeks ago on September 25 and 26. The President was proud to report that the field is professional football standard. About 3,000 people attended high school football and University soccer events taking place at the Stadium over the opening weekend. The President noted that the Stadium attracts a different group to campus, including a large number of high school students.

3.3 Allied Arts Council Award

The University was the recipient of the Award of Excellence from the Allied Arts Council as the institution that enhanced the arts in Lethbridge the most over the last year. The award recognized the U of L providing space in the Penny Building to the Southern Alberta Art Gallery during their renovations.

3.4 Citizenship Court

President *Emeritus* Howard Tennant presided over a Citizenship Court on campus which saw 119 individuals awarded Canadian citizenship.

3.5 SAM Publication

The President drew the Board's attention to the new publication SAM, which was recently mailed. Chris Horbachewski and his staff were congratulated on this spectacular magazine.

3.6 Kay Kerr

The President reported that he attended the 90th birthday in the Crowsnest Pass of former University of Lethbridge Senator Kay Kerr.

3.7 Town Hall Meeting Re Budget

A second town hall meeting to inform the University community about budget preparations was held in the University Theatre on October 9. He felt the meeting went well and there were a number of good, thoughtful questions.

3.8 Kim Kultgen Resignation

It was reported that Kim Kultgen has resigned from both the Board and Senate.

3.9 Nancy Walker CAUBO Award

The Board congratulated Nancy Walker on receiving the Outstanding Contribution Award from the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO).

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 H1N1 Update Report

Nancy Walker referred to the written report included with the Agenda materials. She added that the U of L is one of the institutions across Canada that is well prepared. Strategies are in place for affected individuals to self declare online. Those who have declared have been phoned every day by the Manager of the Health Centre to check on their progress. About 50 individuals have self declared up to this time.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

The written report of the Vice-President (Academic) was received for information.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)

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

6.1 Sustainability Report

Nancy Walker indicated it is an elaborate process to develop a sustainability report and it includes many factors. Every month a report will be provided on some element of sustainability. This month's report is about the Community

Garden, which has been a positive addition to the campus. Board members were invited to indicate a specific area of interest on which they would like a report at the Board meeting. The Governance Committee will have the concept of Institutional sustainability on its agenda. Comments can be directed to Nancy Walker or Kevin Nugent, Chair of the Governance Committee. This exercise provides an opportunity to take an inventory and see areas for improvement as part of the five-year plan. Nancy Walker noted that the University does a lot in the area of social responsibility and it will be good to have it reported.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)

Chris Horbachewski reported that about 100 thank you cards have been received from students who were awarded a Board of Governors Scholarship.

The new magazine SAM is an homage to the first U of L President, Dr. Sam Smith. Dr. Smith called and said he was incredibly touched and proud of the University. This publication replaces the Alumni magazine and the Community Report. Chris Horbachewski indicated he was pleased with the feedback received on the magazine.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

The written report of the Vice-President (Research) was received for information. Jeremy Girard had a question about technology transfer and was encouraged to speak to Dr. Weeks to discuss the matter.

9. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chancellor remarked that a highlight is the upcoming Fall Convocation, October 17. Honorary Degrees will be awarded to Paul Brandt, a performer and humanitarian, and Son Soubert, a humanitarian from Cambodia who established and operates orphanages. Both recipients will be attending the Graduate Studies 25th Anniversary dinner and speak at Convocation.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2009.10.02

Bartsch/Jong

That the October 15, 2009 Open session meeting of
The University of Lethbridge Board of Governors
be adjourned.

Motion: Carried