

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008
IN THE BOARDROOM (W646)

Present: Robert Turner (Chair), Richard Davidson, Bill Cade, Sheila McHugh, Leah Fowler, Adam Vossepoel, Jeremiah Merkl, Susan Lea, Kevin Nugent, Claudia Malacrida, Doug McArthur, Myles Bourke, Karen Bartsch, Guy McNab, Gordon Jong, Grant Pisko, Art Bonertz, Richard Westlund and Rita Law (Secretary)

Regrets: Shannon Digweed, Kim Kultgen, Jeremy Girard, Dean Setoguchi

Others: Nancy Walker, Vice-President (Finance & Administration)
Chris Horbachewski, Vice-President (Advancement)
Dennis Fitzpatrick, Vice-President (Research)

RECOGNITION

1. **Dr. Rick Mrazek, Board of Governors Teaching Chair**

Leah Fowler introduced Dr. Rick Mrazek, an internationally recognized leading science, technology and environmental educator who joined the U of L Faculty in 1985. Chair Robert Turner presented Rick Mrazek with the 2008 Board of Governors Teaching Chair Award certificate. Dr. Mrazek remarked that it was a thrill and an honour to accept this award. The “Water Under Fire” commercial segment co produced with the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) has been used for public service announcements in three languages. CWF distributed 5,000 DVDs in English French and Spanish at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain. The IUCN is the body responsible for the policing of resources throughout the world, both human and natural resources. The Environment Canada public service announcements amount to over \$1million in free advertising for the University of Lethbridge. This is truly evidence of collaborative relationships at work.

2. **Mr. Auke Elzinga, FCA**

Nancy Walker introduced Auke Elzinga and recognized his long service to the Board as Chair of the Finance & Audit Committees, UAPP Board, and UAPP Audit Committee. Vice-President Walker stated that Auke Elzinga always served the University well, keeping in mind fiscal responsibility. Mr. Elzinga responded that he was humbled by the introduction and said he has enjoyed the opportunity to serve the community and the U of L and has truly enjoyed the contact with the people he has met. Nancy Walker presented Auke with a gift in appreciation. Bob Turner and Bill Cade also thanked Auke Elzinga for his service on behalf of the Board.

PRESENTATION

1. Dr. Jack Mintz, Palmer Professor and Chair, School of Policy Studies, University of Calgary

Robert Turner introduced Dr. Jack Mintz, who was recently appointed as Palmer Chair of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary. Dr. Mintz is the Past President of the CD Howe Institute, is widely published in the field of economics and is known as one of the world's influential tax experts.

Dr. Mintz mentioned that the School of Policy Studies is essentially divided into three important parts, with the first being the Degree Programs which consist of an Undergraduate Degree, Master's Degree and Ph.D in Public Policy. The University of Calgary is currently putting together a template for government funding. The second is in Executive Programs that could be taught in a wide variety of areas such as administrative tax, investments and World Bank issues. The third area is in Research and would include publications and conferences. Publications have started and the first one is out as of yesterday.

Dr. Mintz highlighted three research areas of specialization: energy and environment, international policy and economic and social Policy. Some research of international policy could include international trade with Middle Eastern countries. Dr. Mintz would like to explore ways to look at the Middle East but not in the typical way, but rather on international trade policy issues.

Areas of research in the economic and social policy, would include infrastructure, health care, political databases and economic and social policy of taxation.

Bob Turner thanked Dr. Mintz for his presentation and noted that he looked forward to Dr. Mintz's presentation this evening. Dr. Mintz was excused to attend Dr. Hale's Public Administration class.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.1 Approval of the October 16, 2008 Open Session Agenda

1.2 Approval of the June 26, 2008 Open Session Minutes

MOTION: cls.2008.10.01

McArthur/Nugent

That the Consent Agenda for the October 16, 2008 Open Session be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

2.1 Welcome Back

Robert Turner and Bill Cade welcomed Board Members back to the Board table after the summer break.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Enrollment

Bill Cade noted that enrolments are down slightly from last year, as anticipated, but still healthy. The President also reported the launch of the Bachelor of Public Health Degree.

3.2 National Vice-Presidents Meeting

Bill Cade reported that Andrew Hakin is away today attending the National Vice-President's meeting in Calgary.

3.3 2008 Beijing Olympics

Bill Cade reported that Jim Steacy, a U of L student, placed 10th in the world in the hammer throw at the Beijing Olympics. Larry Steinke, Jim Steacy's coach, also participated in the Beijing Olympics this summer. Jim Steacy's brother and sister are also champion hammer throwers at the University. The Senate will host a reception to honour Jim Steacy and Larry Steinke in the near future.

3.4 Canadian Idol

U of L Student Theo Tams has been crowned the "Canadian Idol" this summer. President Cade remarked that it was most exciting to be in the crowd of approximately 1,500 in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness when the Canadian Idol was announced. President Cade remarked that even with the incredible talent that Theo Tam has, it certainly helped to be trained at the U of L by one of the best in the world, Professor George Evelyn.

3.5 Sea to Sea Bicycle Trip

The Sea to Sea ride was successful as Kelly Kennedy, the past Students' Union President and two of his colleagues, Brett Holmes and Vanessa Esau, rode bicycles across Canada this summer, hosting Alumni receptions along the way. Allan Hall drove the support vehicle.

3.6 Polaris Award

The Polaris Award has been finalized and will be presented on October 23, 2008 at the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience (CCBN) to Dr. Bruce McNaughton. Premier Stelmach and Minister Doug Horner will attend as well as

representatives from Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR).

3.7 Southern Alberta Premier's Dinner

The Southern Alberta Premier's Dinner will be held on the evening of October 23, 2008 at the Lethbridge Lodge.

3.8 Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building

The Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building official opening will be November 13, 2008. President Cade said that Principal Investigator's (PI's) moves will be staggered as the building is completed to address any problems as they arise. The big challenge is with fish stocks in the laboratories.

3.9 Construction Projects

Markin Hall is rising and is still on schedule to open in 2010.

The Stadium Project has been delayed by rain. The surface of the track is quite a complicated and precision pour and the window of opportunity was lost due to heavy rain. The anticipated completion is by late summer 2009.

The Penny Building will be occupied by the 55 Plus Winter Games on the top floor and the Southern Alberta Art Gallery will occupy the main floor, while their building is being renovated.

The forty year old temporary buildings are being removed. Only one has not been sold as it would not survive a move.

3.10 Canada Day

On Canada Day a torrential rainstorm halted the Canada Celebrations at Henderson Park that the U of L was participating in. The 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness suffered extensive water damage to the walls and gymnasium floors. President Cade mentioned that there was worry as to where the Pronghorns were going to play, but centre court is usable for now although the floor will be replaced at a later time. President Cade thanked Nancy Walker and all the staff who worked tirelessly to mop water and lessen the water damage.

3.11 Faculty Changes

President Cade welcomed the Dean of Fine Arts, Desmond Rochfort and Alison Nussbaumer, the new University Librarian, to campus. Faculty of Education Dean O'Dea has made it known that she plans to step down as Dean this year. The search is underway, chaired by Andrew Hakin, and assisted by a consultant. Dr. Fitzpatrick will not seek an additional term as Vice-President (Research). President Cade stated that Dr. Fitzpatrick is leaving at the top of his game with the Polaris Award being his crowning achievement. There will be a national/international search chaired by President Cade and assisted by Colleen Keenan from Janet Wright and Associates search firm.

3.12 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is progressing well. Bill Cade remarked that the plan is to have it approved at the December Board Meeting.

3.13 Economic Development and Team Lethbridge

President Cade reported that the University is taking part in Economic Development Team Lethbridge. A group of five leading Lethbridge employers are going to Edmonton to visit with as many Provincial Government Ministers and Deputy Ministers as possible. Richard Westlund and Chris Horbachewski have helped organize the trip, with Cheryl Dyck, the CEO of Economic Development Lethbridge.

3.14 Hong Kong Trip

Bill Cade reported that he and President Weingarten from the University of Calgary and President Samarasekera from the University of Alberta will be heading to Hong Kong with Minister Doug Horner. There will be engagements with the Minister as well as Alumni Receptions.

3.15 First Nations, Metis and Inuit Chapter

Friday, October 18, 2008 is the launch of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Chapter of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association. The guest speaker will be Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band.

4. ITEMS FOR ACTION

4.1 Faculty Status for School of Health Sciences

MOTION: cls.2008.10.02

Cade/Davidson

That the Board of Governors approve Faculty status for the School of Health Sciences, effective May 1, 2010.

Motion: Carried

4.2 Rescind Obsolete Board Policies

MOTION: cls.2008.10.03

Cade/Lea

That the Board of Governors rescind the Guaranteed Housing Loan Policy, the Retirement Age Policy, Copyrights and Patents Policy, and the Employee Assistance Program Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

It was explained that the Guaranteed Housing Policy needs to be rescinded since it requires an Order in Council for the University to offer guaranteed loans. This provision has been removed from the Faculty Handbook. The Copyrights and Patent policy has been negotiated into the Faculty Handbook, making that policy redundant. The retirement age policy has been negotiated with AUPE and ULFA. The Employee Assistance Program Policy being rescinded is a procedure and not a policy.

4.3 Volunteers in Lab Policy

MOTION: exe.2008.10.04

Cade/McHugh

That the Board of Governors approve the Volunteers in Research and Creative Activities Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

Nancy Walker said this policy came about in order for students volunteering in labs to ensure that health and safety issues were addressed. The Volunteers in Lab Policy has been approved at GFC and all the faculty councils.

This is not an insurance policy, but speaks to supervision matters and who has to complete the training.

It was noted that this policy does not apply to students in labs working for course credit or paid people in labs.

4.4 Student Housing Policy

MOTION: exe.2008.10.05

Cade/McNab

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Student Housing Policy effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

The Student Housing Policy was last updated in 1990. The revisions are minor changes that are consistent with the strategic plan. The Organization of Residence Students was consulted.

5. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

Written report received for information.

6. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)

Written report received for information.

7. **VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)**

The Vice-President (Research) deferred his report to the closed session.

8. **VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)**

Chris Horbachewski noted that there will be over 240 people attending the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Dinner in the Atrium.

October 18 the Alumnus of Year will be presented at Convocation.

October 19 will be the Ben Heppner concert and proceeds will go towards an endowed student award. There have been 485 tickets sold.

Chris Horbachewski added that three political science professors, Harold Jansen, Peter McCormick and Geoffrey Hale have been very active this year. There has been 119 media mentions related to the national election attributed to these three professors.

9. **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Davidson reported that he was on GLOBAL noon hour on October 15, 2008 talking about the Honorary Degree process. Richard Davidson also reminded Board Members that Fall Convocation will be Saturday, October 18, 2008.

10. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Leah Fowler reminded the Board of the Grand Opening of Turcotte Hall at 2:30 pm on Friday, October 17, 2008.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: cls.2008.10.06

McNab/Davidson

That the Closed Session of the October 16, 2008 meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

Motion: Carried