



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Friday, October 13, 2017  
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** J. Varzari (Chair), M. Abubakari, R. Adkin, H. Babb, D. Best, D. Boras, F. Bradley, K. Brown, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, L. Cooper, S. Davis, M. Day, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, C. Goodreau, L. Harasem, M. Helstein, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, S. Kennedy, S. Kovach, M. Mahon, R. McKay, J. Milner, W. Osborn, T. Perlich, C. Peta, K. Petersen, L. Peterson, D. Randell, C. Roberts, B. Scott, C. Starzyk-Frey, S. Stocker, J. Tailfeathers, B. Tait, H. Tams, J. VandenHoek, N. Walker
- Regrets:** M. Dececco-Kolebaba, A. Hakin, G. Knitel, B. Lyons, C. Northcott, T. Page, R. Pogorzelski, A. Siaroff, M. Whipple
- Others:** C. Bester, S. Olson, T. Tallow
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**1. WELCOME**

*Oki, ni kso koo wa wa:* Welcome to all our relatives and friends. J. Varzari welcomed members to the first Senate meeting of the academic year. Introductions were made of new members of Senate.

A moment of silence was held in honour of Dr. Van Christou, founding member of the University of Lethbridge, former Chancellor and Honorary Degree Recipient.

**2. SENATE PHOTOGRAPH**

The annual Senate photograph was taken by Chris Yauck Photography.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2017.10.01

Starzyk/Adkin

*That the agenda for the meeting of October 13, 2017 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: sen.2017.10.02

Petersen/Johnson

*That the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2017 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1 Senate Appointments

C. Bester and T. Tallow left the room.

Short biographies were given on each of the candidates and T. Perlich noted that Senate, under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, has the power to appoint 30 members.

MOTION: sen.2017.10.03

Perlich/Davis

*That Senate approve the appointment of Cyndi Bester and Treena Tallow as Representative members for an initial three-year term effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

C. Bester and T. Tallow returned to the room and were congratulated and welcomed as the newest members of Senate.

### 5.2 Senate Committees – Engagement/Outreach

MOTION: sen.2017.10.04

Perlich/Johnson

*That Senate approve the amalgamation of the Outreach and Engagement Committees on a trial basis, with the intent of re-evaluating in two years.*

Motion: Carried

T. Perlich explained that much of the work of both committees has overlapped the last couple of years. We are hoping that my combining the two, working groups will be established, which will be more efficient and help Senators feel engaged. T. Perlich noted that if anyone has any further ideas on efficiencies, to contact her.

## 6. PRESENTATION

M. Letts, Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Science gave an update on the progress of the Destination Project.

## 7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 7.1 Fall Convocation Update

Fall 2017 Convocation will take place tomorrow at 10 a.m., and an honorary degree will be conferred upon Buffy Sainte-Marie. J. Varzari gave encouragement to Senators to attend as it is such a rewarding experience to celebrate with the students.

### 7.2 Senate Moments

Last year the Engagement Committee introduced a strategy to have a few Senators at each

meeting share their experience volunteering in their roles as Senators and the impact that it has had on them.

- K. Petersen spoke to his experience guiding campus tours during Homecoming Weekend. He added that it was great to hear stories from former students during their time at the UofL.
- K. Johnson also spoke to her experience guiding campus tours during Homecoming weekend. Further to the Chancellor's remarks, K. Johnson noted that members of the Executive Committee are able to sit on the platform during Convocation.
- C. Goodreau acted as a moderator for an AlumX lecture during Homecoming weekend. She added that there is such a sense of community at the University of Lethbridge.

## 8. **REPORTS**

### 7.1 Chancellor

Reported on attending:

- May 16 meeting of Alberta Chancellors, the purpose of which was to compare, problem solve, shared strategies that the Senates at each institution are utilizing. We plan to meet again in spring 2018;
- Annual Senate Recognition Dinner on June 22;
- Participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden on July 14 with Japanese Princess Ayako Takamado attending. I was also able to host the delegation during a visit to campus the following day;
- Homecoming Weekend, including the Shine On music festival and the final John Gill Memorial Golf Tournament. Thanks to all Senators who volunteered that weekend;
- Was honoured to receive a Blackfoot name during Homecoming Weekend, along with Kurt Schlachter, Van Christou, Andy Hakin and Dennis Connolly;
- Mental health funding announcement made by Minister Schmidt at Lethbridge College as well as the opening of the new trades and technologies building at that institution;
- Cavendish sod turning and meeting with the Premier at the University later that day;
- September 19 kick-off for Truth and Reconciliation at City Hall. Dr. and Mrs. Janes and the UofL announced the creation of four new student awards for Blackfoot students;
- Welcome Back BBQ for students;
- First PUBLIC Professor Lecture Series event of the year, which was well attended. Senators have the opportunity to help host and it is a great way to connect with the greater community;
- Will be attending the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association Let Their Be Light Night tonight and Convocation tomorrow.

### 7.2 President & Vice-Chancellor

M. Mahon reported on:

- Fall 2017 enrolment update as of September 19, 2017:
  - Enrolment is up this year by 1.1%, 8724 students across two campuses
  - Calgary campus enrolment declined from 795 students in Fall 2016 to 753 students in Fall 2017

- Graduate student enrolment is up 3.7% from 575 to 596 students
- Undergraduate student enrolment increased 0.9%
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit student population increased by 2.5% from 480 to 492 students
- International student population decreased by 8.0% from 550 to 506 students;
- Annual McLean's University Ranking was announced yesterday, and the UofL maintained its top-five ranking in the Primarily Undergraduate category, dropping from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place. Of the 14 individual ranking markers, the UofL maintained or improved in 10 classifications, including a first-place ranking in the percentage of the total operating budget devoted to student services;
- Spent lots of time in discussion with government recently regarding budget, tuition and funding model review;
- Premier visited campus and we spent time talking about the UofL in terms of Campus Alberta;
- The Board just approved the inaugural Dean of Liberal Education and we are in the process of a search for the Dean of Management;
- New appointment for Leroy Little Bear as Distinguished Niitsitapi Scholar, previously he served as Special Advisor to the President;
- Attended Kainai Chieftainship special meeting in Standoff to begin planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- Welcome reception for visiting professor from Hokkai Gakuen in Japan;
- The UofL was gifted a ceremonial pipe, which is now housed in the Hall of Honour. J. Varzari had the opportunity to use the pipe during her naming ceremony in September;
- Welcome Back BBQs, both here and, for the first time, at the Calgary campus. We are committed to emulate the same experience for our Calgary students that our Lethbridge students receive;
- Launch of Centre for Financial Market Research and Training trading room at our Calgary campus at Bow Valley College;
- Upcoming, we are hosting Women's Rugby Nationals November 2-5, Team Lethbridge mission to Edmonton November 6-10 (which we do every three years), Universities Canada Mission to Israel December 8-15;
- Thanks was given to J. Varzari for her contribution to the Senate Fund.

#### 4.3 Board of Governors

There were no questions regarding the report. B. Tait noted that the Board met yesterday and will be reported on at the next Senate meeting, and the field station by Westcastle, which the Board toured in June as part of the retreat, was untouched by the recent fires in that area.

#### 4.4 General Faculties Council

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.5 Alumni Association

M. Gabriel highlighted the Let There Be Light Night, which is taking place tonight in the Students' Union Ballrooms.

#### 4.6 Graduate Students' Association

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.7 Students' Union

H. Babb reported that the University of Lethbridge Students' Union had a resignation of an executive member over the summer and by-election results will be announced later today. Transit is a very prominent issue with this council, and the proposed student transit UPASS will go to a referendum for approval in the spring. H. Babb added that with the upcoming civic election, extra efforts have been made to chat with all of the candidates regarding transit issues;

#### 4.8 Executive Committee

There were no questions regarding the report.

#### 4.9 Engagement/Outreach Committees

Further to the motion previously approved, K. Johnson noted that by amalgamating the two committees, there is potential for many other opportunities. The reliance of much of the work falling to the chair will shift to the various working groups. Thanks was given to K. Gunn for her work as Chair of the Engagement Committee the last few years. Encouragement was given to attend the Senate Pronghorn night on Thursday, November 2 during Women's Rugby Nationals.

#### 4.10 Honorary Degrees Committee

J. VandenHoek noted that the committee hasn't met yet but the November 1 deadline for nominations is fast approaching. The nomination form was emailed out and if anyone has questions, they were encouraged to contact S. Olson.

#### 4.11 Volunteer Award Committee

Although the committee has not yet met, J. Varzari encouraged Senators to start thinking about names. The nomination deadline is January 15 and the nomination form will be included in the December 1 agenda package.

#### 4.12 Other

C. Horbachewski provided an update on the Senate Fund. Established in our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Senate recommitted to the fund in December 2016 to raise an additional \$37,500 during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Senators took to the phones at the student-led call centre in March, and were so successful that the original fundraising goal was doubled. Because only a fraction of past Senators were contacted that evening, the consensus at the April Senate meeting was to have another night at the call centre. S. Olson will send more information on this in the coming weeks.

D. Randell reported that Gary Bowie, Honorary Degree Recipient and former faculty member, has recently received the Alberta Order of Excellence.

### 9. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9.1 Honorary Degree Nomination Form

As previously noted, the nomination form was emailed and the nomination deadline is November 1.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

J. Varzari gave a reminder about the campus tours after the meeting led by K. Peterson and K. Johnson.

MOTION: sen.2017.10.05

Perlich/Johnson

*That the Senate meeting be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried