



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, January 19, 2018
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

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

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends. J. Varzari welcomed members to the Senate meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by HJ Wieden and members of the current and former iGEM Team.

A moment of silence was held for Lottie Austin who, along with her husband George Evelyn, were the recipients of the 2012 UofL Volunteer Award; Dr. Bhagwan Dua, former Senator and former Dean of Faculty of Arts and Science at the UofL; and Jessie Snow founding member of the University of Lethbridge Senate.

J. Merkl was welcomed to Senate as a representative of the Board of Governors.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2018.01.01

Jurkowski/Lyons

That the agenda for the meeting of January 19, 2018 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2018.01.02

Davis/Perlich

That the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2017 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari gave congratulations to:

- Senator Andrea Hlady who was named one of the 50 Greatest Pronghorns; (M. Whipple explained the selection process and the celebratory event that was held during the 50th anniversary).
- Current Senators Andrew Hakin and Bob McKay were recently recognized as publishing an article within the field of Chemistry that is in the top 100 articles cited in the last 20 years
- In regards to the important task of selecting the institutions honorary degree recipients Thanks was given to J. VandenHoek for the work of the HDR Committee and to those senators for nominating some of the individuals before us today. The Chancellor has the honour of contacting the recipients that will be approved today and she looks forward to inviting them to campus.
- It was noted that the 50th anniversary push on the Senate Fund campaign has now wrapped up and thanks were given to those who participated in the call centre evenings. She is working with C. Horbachewski on sending a letter to those who donated.
- She attended:
 - o UofL Community Christmas party on December 7th
 - o M. Mahon's Fiat Lux address was yesterday and he did a great job on presenting some ideas on where we are heading over the next 50 years.
- Thanks was given to all Senators and those on committees for all the work they have done.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Went to Israel in December on a Universities Canada mission with 10 other University presidents. It was noted that Israel, in relation to iGEM presentation Senators just had, is very involved in innovation, entrepreneurship and start ups. There is lots to learn from other countries activities.
- Fiat Lux – The annual address was yesterday and was about looking forward to the next 50 years. Last year the Fiat Lux focussed on where we have been and this last year much discussion occurred in presenting some exciting visions for the next 50 years.
- He was in Montreal helping lead a session for new presidents.
- He will be leading a Universities Canada mission to Australia around indigenization and the role of higher education.

Some questions and discussion occurred on publically funded research in Israel being much higher than ours and the role of Universities Canada in encouraging federal funding of research.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Board of Governors

A question arose on parking and an all-encompassing solution is needed. The students are looking to have their referendum on the student bus pass and it was also noted that there are parking stalls available on campus but it may not be in a lot the students are hoping for.

5.2. General Faculties Council

W. Osborn noted that a full report will be provided at the next meeting. She noted that Native American Studies was recommended to change to Indigenous Studies and an inaugural Internationalization Plan was presented.

5.3. Alumni Association

B. Scott highlighted the creation of new committees and encouraged people to consider participating. They received over 2,000 responses to the alumni engagement survey so they want to keep that momentum going.

5.4. Graduate Students' Association

There were no questions regarding the submitted report.

5.5. Students' Union

H. Babb noted in regards to transit, they are hopeful to have the referendum before next meeting. New representatives will also be known at the next meeting.

R. Adkin announced that the December 'Pass the Hat' in support of the SU Foodbank raised over \$3000, and Senate was the winner of the friendly competition between the other bodies.

A question arose on the new cannabis legislation and the students' opinions. We are trying to be proactive. A. Hakin spoke on the current consultation process happening on campus.

5.6. Executive Committee

There were no questions regarding the submitted report.

5.7. Engagement/Outreach Committee

R. Pogorzelski reported that K. Johnson sent her regrets. Thanks was given to those who signed on for sub-committees but we still need more individuals, so Senators were encouraged to look at the committees and let them know if you are interested.

Discussion occurred on the details for the Senate night at the Pronghorn Women's Hockey this evening against UBC. There will be pizza, the puck dropped by our Chancellor and a chance to meet the players after the game.

5.8. Honorary Degree Committee

J. VandenHoek reported that the committee hasn't met since the last Senate meeting so there is nothing additional to report. Items related to our last meeting on November 28, 2017 will come forward later in the agenda.

5.9. Volunteer Award Committee

J. Varzari reported that the committee met prior to this meeting, and selected a recipient to receive the 2018 UofL Volunteer Award. She will be contacting this person in the coming weeks and will report back to Senate at the meeting in April. The award will be presented at the Chancellor's Dinner May 31, 2018. A formal announcement will be made earlier this year than in years past.

5.10. Other

There were no other reports.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1. Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: sen.2018.01.03

VandenHoek/Tait

That Senate approve the appointment of J. Gallais and S. Davis to the position of scrutineer.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that as indicated within the motion rationale, if a ballot is required, two returning officers shall be appointed, one who shall normally be the secretary. A request was made for a volunteer.

J. Varzari reported the meeting moved *in camera*. In-camera sessions are for voting members only and are not minuted for public distribution.

7. IN CAMERA

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION (con't)

8.1. Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

MOTION: sen.2018.01.04

VandenHoek/Carol

That Senate authorizes the awarding of Honorary Degrees as per the results of the January 19, 2018 confidential vote.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the names of the recipients must remain confidential until an announcement is made by the University. J. Varzari will immediately begin to contact the individuals.

8.2. Destruction of Election Ballots

MOTION: sen.2018.01.05

VandenHoek/Roberts

That Senate authorizes the destruction of the election ballots.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that any materials regarding the honorary degree recipients, including personal notes, should also be left in the room for shredding.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1. Senate Moments

Roy Pogorzelski introduced a Senator to share their experiences:

- M. Whipple – shared on Operation Red Nose. Senate and K. Petersen are great sponsors and supporters. There was a Senate team one night and as a summary the program offered 1,000 safe rides; 600 shifts of 100 volunteers and student athletes. It raised \$23,000 with \$15,000 in sponsorship and including party donations just under \$40,000 was raised. This money goes directly back to Pronghorn athletics. Please mark it in your calendar for next year as due to the timing of the holiday many students will be away so we will be relying on many community members.

9.2. Senate Scholarship Letter – Nov 29/17

J. Varzari noted that a letter regarding the senate scholarship fund and some thank-you notes from students were included in the agenda as information. Thanks again to those who contributed to make a difference for our students.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business arose.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2018.01.06

Lyons/Randell

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried