



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, October 5, 2018
1:30 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

Present: J. Varzari (Chair), D. Best, B. Black, D. Boras, L. Bryan, M. Clewes, L. Colburn-Swartz, S. Davis, A. Follinglo, M. Gabriel, C. Goodreau, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, K. Johnson, E. Jurkowski, B. Lyons, M. Mahon, R. McKay, J. Milner, C. Northcott, T. Page, K. Petersen, D. Randell, V. Schindler, C. Starzyk-Frey, S. Stocker, T. Tallow, C. Vos, N. Walker, M. Whipple
Regrets: C. Cooper, L. Cooper, M. Day, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, J. Jones, S. Kennedy, S. Kovach, M. McHugh, L. Peterson, R. Pogorzelski, C. Roberts, A. Siaroff, D. Smit, J. VandenHoek
Others: C. Jaffray, S. Olson, I. Russell

1. WELCOME

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

A moment of silence was held in honour of a few members from the University of Lethbridge community – Johnel Tailfeathers, Nuzhat Jerin, Shamria Latif, Mark Sandilands, and Earle Zeigler.

A presentation was given regarding the United Way event ‘*Chillin’ for Charity*’.

2. PHOTOGRAPH

The annual Senate photograph was taken by Chris Yauck Photography.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2018.10.01

Gabriel/Northcott

That the agenda for the meeting of October 5, 2018 be approved.

Motion: Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2018.10.02

Jurkowski/Stocker

That the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2018 be approved with amendment.

Motion: Carried

A minor change was noted within the Chancellor's Remarks.

5. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

J. Varzari reported:

- Hosted the new Consul General of Japan in Calgary for a meeting on campus near the beginning of September. The Consul General was recently appointed for three-year term and was interested in hearing about our exchange program with Japan, as well as tourism, and economic and educational interests;
- Attended the Maple Leaf reception at Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden a few weeks ago;
- Participated in the Welcome Back BBQ, Blackfoot flag raising, and campaign launch;
- Attended the Senate event at the Pronghorn Girls Rugby game, as well as a few other events on campus. Encouragement was given to members to attend the next Senate Pronghorn event; and
- Looking forward to Fall Convocation next weekend.

J. Varzari noted that part of being a Senator is to be aware of the activities going on at the University, including attending, and inviting others to attend University-related events.

6. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- We just hit a record enrolment of 8767 students;
- Largest new student orientation to-date;
- Welcome back BBQ's both at our Lethbridge and Calgary campuses;
- Blackfoot flag raising during reconciliation week in the city of Lethbridge;
- Launch of Shine, capital campaign for the University of Lethbridge;
- Announcement of the gift of art and naming of the Hess Art Gallery;
- Dhillon School of Business received AACSB accreditation;
- Spoke on the importance of providing as much information about the University and post-secondary education to all those who will be seeking public office in the 2019 election; and
- M. Whipple was congratulated on his new role at the University as Director, Office of the President.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Board of Governors

A. Hlady clarified that the Coutts property was a gift from Jim Coutts, and the presentation at the Board retreat was given by E. Jurkowski and J. Stoll. Thanks was given to those who organized the retreat. There were no questions.

7.2. General Faculties Council

B. Black went through the GFC report, noting that the policy changes regarding senior administration appointments will better align with the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*. There were no questions.

7.3. Alumni Association

On behalf of the Alumni Association, M. Gabriel highlighted the Let There Be Light Night awards evening next Friday, October 12. He reported that current ULAA Vice-President B. Scott has transitioned to a new position within the ULAA, and will now lead the newly created GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Chapter. M. McHugh has

stepped into the role of Vice-President, and subsequently will also be a member of Senate.

7.4. Graduate Students' Association

B. Wanjiru noted the passing of two graduate students in July and gave thanks for the support offered to the families by the University.

The GSA Executive was able to have a one-day teambuilding retreat at the Coutts property, which rarely happens due to one-year terms. Each March the GSA hosts the 3MT (3-Minutes Thesis) Competition, which is a great way for students to share their research. As there are many students who are unable to participate at that time, the GSA is looking to partner with the on-campus radio station CKXU, which would allow students the opportunity to share amongst the Lethbridge Community the research work of graduate students.

7.5. Students' Union

Further to her report, L. Bryan added that the City of Lethbridge has recently announced upcoming changes to the city transit routes, which come in response to the influx of UofL student users thanks to implementation of the universal transit pass (UPass) this fall.

7.6. Executive Committee

J. Varzari commented on the robust discussion regarding Senate Executive acting as the nominating committee, which will enable us to effectively recruit new Senators. The committee took very seriously the evaluation results and tried to respond to some of the suggestions made.

7.7. Engagement/Outreach Committee

K. Johnson noted that this time of year is a little less busy for the committee, but work will be ramping up for the new year.

7.8. Chancellor Search Committee

The Committee met for the first time in June to discuss process and timelines. A few revisions were made to the advertisement, which has been included in the agenda and will be circulated through internal communications, social media, as well as many southern Alberta newspapers. The nomination form has also been included in the agenda package, and deadline for nomination is October 31. Encouragement was given to Senators to connect with M. Mahon in order to provide their input on priorities or individuals they feel would make a good fit for the position. This committee will bring a recommendation (be it one or a slate of candidates) forward at the January 2019 Senate meeting. It was noted that Senate controls the entire chancellor selection process from start to finish, with no approvals needed from government.

7.9. Honorary Degree Committee

J. Varzari reported that although the committee has not met yet, the nomination process is well underway. The nomination form is within the agenda package and deadline for submission is November 1. As this is one of the duties of Senate, as outlined in the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, J. Varzari stressed the importance of Senators taking action and participating in the nomination process. There was a question on whether the University has to give an honorary degree at each convocation ceremony. J. Varzari responded that

the last few years we have not always had an honorary degree recipient at each ceremony, and that the degrees are granted by Senate on a merit-basis.

7.10. Volunteer Award Committee

Recognizing the work of volunteers at the UofL and for the work in the community is another important role of Senate. This award, which is given at the Chancellor's Dinner in the spring, brings significant recognition to volunteerism. Encouragement was given to Senators to participate in the nomination process. Nominations will be accepted until January 15, 2019.

7.11. Other Member Reports/Inquiries

There was a question about the student parking pass process this year. N. Walker reported that the permits were sold via a lottery system this year, and overall was fairer and clearer in regards to communication over last year. This will continue to be a work in progress. Thanks was given to the Students' Union and their work on UPass, as this has drastically increased mobility to campus.

C. Vos reported that she currently working on a project related to cancer research and she will connect with Vice-President (Research) E. Okine on a possible funding opportunity.

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION

8.1. Senate Bylaws - Revisions

MOTION: sen.2018.10.03

Mahon/Gabriel

That Senate approve the noted changes to the Senate Bylaws, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

It was highlighted that there are a number of changes were brought forward to ensure that our three governance bodies are aligned and consistent. There were no questions.

8.2. Senate Appointments

C. Jaffray and I. Russell left the room.

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

MOTION: sen.2018.10.04

Mahon/Petersen

That Senate approve the appointment of Keri Colwell, Cathy Jaffray, and Isabel Russell as Representative members for an initial three-year term effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

C. Jaffray and I. Russell returned to the room and were congratulated and welcomed as the newest members of Senate.

8.3. Standing Committee Membership 2018/19

MOTION: sen.2018.10.05

Mahon/Lyons

That Senate approve the appointment of Sue Kovach and Keri Colwell to the Volunteer Award Committee and Cathy Jaffray and Isabel Russell to the Outreach Committee for 2018-2019.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

9. PRESENTATION

A campaign update was given by Vice-President (Advancement) C. Horbachewski.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1. Convocation Update

J. Varzari gave a reminder of Convocation next Saturday, October 13, and noted that our Honorary Degree recipient will be Arlene Dickinson. Thanks was given to all Senators who will be volunteering during the ceremony, and it was noted that a few more volunteers are needed that day.

10.2. Senate Moments

K. Johnson opened the floor to Senators who would like to share their experiences in the various ways or activities they participate in at the UofL:

- C. Staryzyk-Frey recently gave a keynote address at a Graduate Students' Association event and spoke about balancing academics and wellness and the importance of maintaining a connection to the community;
- K. Peterson spoke about the Faculty of Arts and Science PUBLIC Professor Series lectures and members were encouraged to attend the next event on October 25 at the Sandman Signature;
- D. Randell spoke about the difference that volunteers make to the student experience and how impactful this can be; and
- K. Johnson spoke about her experience volunteering at the recent career fair on campus.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

C. Vos volunteered for to represent Senate and raise funds for the United Way at the Chillin' for Charity event on October 22. More information will be circulated.

B. Black spoke about an upcoming concert in support of Syrian Refugee resettlement, which will take place on Saturday, October 13 at 7:30pm.

It was noted that the Wilma Winter Hall naming ceremony will take place next Friday, October 12.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Thanks and congratulations was given to E. Jurkowski as he will be leaving the UofL at the end of the year to accept a position at the University of Manitoba. Thanks was also given to S. Olson for her contributions to Senate.

MOTION: sen.2018.10.06

Bryan/Petersen

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried