



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, April 5, 2019
2:15 PM in AH100, Anderson Hall

- Present:** C. Weaselhead (Chair), B. Black, D. Boras, L. Bryan, M. Clewes, K. Colwell, L. Cooper, L. Ehler, A. Follinglo, C. Goodreau, L. Harasem, A. Hlady, T. Ivie, K. Johnson, H. MacBeath, M. Mahon, A. Mardon, R. McKay, J. Merkl, J. Milner, T. North, T. Page, K. Petersen, L. Peterson, M. Qazi, D. Randell, V. Schindler, A. Siaroff, S. Stocker, J. VandenHoek, C. Vos, N. Walker, B. Wanjiru, , M. Watson, M. Whipple
- Regrets:** D. Best, L. Colburn-Swartz, C. Cooper, S. Davis, M. Day, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, M. Gabriel, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, C. Jaffray, J. Jones, S. Kennedy, S. Kovach, B. Lyons, M. McHugh, C. Northcott, R. Pogorzelski, I. Russell, D. Smit, C. Starzyk-Frey, T. Tallow, R. Wood
- Others:** A. Gammack, S. Olson
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1. ORIENTATION

An orientation was held prior to the meeting.

2. DESTINATION PROJECT TOUR

A tour of the new Science and Academic Building (Destination Project) was given to members prior to the meeting.

3. WELCOME

M. Mahon introduced the 14th Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge, Charles Weaselhead.

Oki, ni kso koo wa wa: Welcome to all our relatives and friends.

A moment of silence was held in honour of a member from the University of Lethbridge community – Howard Kaupp. New members were welcomed and introduced.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2019.04.01

McKay/Petersen

That the agenda for the meeting of April 5, 2019 be approved.

Motion: Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2019.04.02

Boras/Colwell

That the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2019 be

approved as amended.

Motion: Carried

A minor change was noted under the Alumni Association report.

6. PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by Shelly Wismath, Dean, School of Liberal Education on the Common Book Project “*The Education of Augie Merasty*”.

7. CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

C. Weaselhead reported on:

- The exciting journey he’s had so far since his election as Chancellor by Senate in January. He added that this a great learning experience and he has a great team supporting him here at the UofL. He is looking forward to the next four years;
- During the transition and start of his term, C. Weaselhead has been busy attending orientations, Senate committee meetings, Pronghorn Blue and Gold Gala, as well as dropping the puck during the bronze medal game of University Cup in March;
- Working with M. Mahon and a number of others on a potential partnership arrangement.

8. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported

- On receiving the final report from the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee, which includes 19 recommendations. We hope to have a presentation and update on activities at an upcoming Senate meeting;
- Work being done to restructure student mental health services as we recently received a severe reduction in government funding. Great work is going on to integrate services – trying to maintain as many as we can for our students;
- Dean update – the two on-going searches (Fine Arts and Health Sciences) are progressing and we hope to have a recommendation for both positions in the next few months. The Dean of Arts & Science has stepped down and Associate Dean M. Letts will serve as Interim Dean for a period of one-year, which will allow for a review of the faculty and initiate the search process;
- Was in the UK and London last week and participated in panel on what Canadian implications of BREXIT would be;
- We are in the midst of the provincial election and we are waiting to find out who we will work with moving forward. We hope Senate will be keen to help us as things unfold over the next few months;
- Federal election later this year which will have implications at the UofL as we do receive federal research funding;
- Upcoming – Dhillon School of Business dinner April 12, Cancerblast benefit concert on April 13, Calgary Campus Innovation Dinner on April 27, and Nursing Gala is May 3.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Board of Governors

There were no questions or comments.

9.2 General Faculties Council

There were no questions or comments.

9.3 Alumni Association

On behalf of the Alumni Association, J. Milner reported that the Association is currently looking for members who are interested in serving on the Executive, as quite a few of their directors are retiring.

9.4 Graduate Students' Association

B. Wanjiru reported that the GSA held the annual 3MT and Meeting of the Minds Conference March 22-23 and would like to extend gratitude on behalf of the GSA to the University of Lethbridge for contributing to the success of the event. Elections for incoming council took place April 1-4, and new members will take their positions on May 1.

9.5 Students' Union

L. Bryan expressed her gratitude to members of Senate for the support and encouragement over the past year. She introduced incoming ULSU President A. Gammack.

9.6 Executive Committee

There were no questions or comments.

9.7 Engagement/Outreach Committee

There were no questions or comments.

9.8 Honorary Degree Committee

There were no questions or comments.

9.9 Volunteer Award Committee

As reported at the last Senate meeting, the 2019 Volunteer Award recipient is Anne Dymond, who is being recognized for her work with Syrian Refugees. Anne is participating in a faculty exchange in Japan for the next few months so will be unable to attend the Chancellor's Dinner. M. Mahon and C. Weaselhead presented her with an award a couple of weeks ago, and we will still recognize her during the dinner on May 30.

9.10 Other Member Reports/Inquiries

There were no additional reports.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION

10.1 Honorary Degree Procedures

MOTION: sen.2019.04.03

VandenHoek/Randell

That Senate approve the revised Honorary Degree Procedures, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

10.2 Senate Appointments

MOTION: sen.2019.04.04

VandenHoek/Milner

That Senate approve the appointment of Michael Warkentin to Senate for an initial three-year term, effective July 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried

A short biography was given on the candidate and it was noted that the Executive Committee unanimously brings this name forward.

MOTION: sen.2019.04.05

VandenHoek/Colwell

That Senate approve the reappointment of Deb Best to Senate for a second three-year term, effective July 1, 2019.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions.

10.3 Senate Committee Membership 2019/20

MOTION: sen.2019.04.06

VandenHoek/Vos

That Senate approve the proposed Senate Standing Committee membership for 2019/20.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions. A confirmed list of standing committee membership will be sent to members before fall.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 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:

- T. Page spoke about an arrangement that he made to have the Shine On video played at each showing at the Lethbridge International Film Festival earlier this month. It was

well-received and was a great opportunity to connect with the community. He also explained an initiative that has been made through the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association in order to bring small family groups of immigrant families to the University. It is hoped that by giving tours and answering questions in smaller settings, it makes the University more accessible to this group. Feedback received thus far has been positive.

- K. Colwell spoke about her positive experience volunteering for UCup in March and looks forward to volunteering for similar events in the future.
- D. Boras spoke about a letter he has from more than 50 years ago regarding an invite to a sod-turning for the UofL.

11.2 Convocation Volunteers

K. Johnson encouraged members to volunteer for Convocation, as it is a really great experience connecting with students and their families. Please contact S. Olson if you're interested in helping.

11.3 Chancellor's Dinner

C. Goodreau spoke to the volunteer opportunities at the May 30 Chancellor's Dinner, and gave encouragement to Senators to not only attend the event, but to get involved as well. This will be C. Weaselhead's inaugural dinner as Chancellor and it is a great opportunity to introduce or reintroduce the UofL to the community.

11.4 Senate 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

There were no questions.

11.5 Nominations to Senate

As of July 1, we will have vacancies for two government appointed members and seven representative members of Senate. The application to Senate is included in the agenda package and encouragement was given to members to think of those in their communities and social circles that have an interest in the University and would make a great addition to Senate. For more information, please contact S. Olson.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 CancerBlast in support of UofL Research

C. Vos spoke about the upcoming CancerBlast fundraising event on April 13, in which it is anticipated that over \$52,000 will be donated back to cancer researchers here at the UofL.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Thanks was given to those members who will finish their terms on Senate later this Spring: M. Gabriel, C. Cooper, A. Siaroff, D. Randell, L. Bryan, D. Smit, J. Jones, V. Schindler, B. Wanjiru, L. Colburn-Swartz, L. Cooper, B. Lyons, B. McKay, C. Northcott and K. Peterson. Their contributions will be officially recognized at the Senate Dinner in June.

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, October 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: sen.2019.04.06

Goodreau/Page

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried