



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Friday, October 4, 2019  
1:30 p.m., Kainai High School

- Present:** C. Weaselhead (Chair), D. Best, D. Boras, M. Clewes, K. Colwell, S. Davis, M. Day, L. Ehler, L. Elias, J. Elliott, A. Follinglo, A. Gammack, C. Gillespie, C. Goodreau, A. Hakin, B. Harray, A. Hlady, C. Horbachewski, T. Ivie, K. Johnson, S. Johnsrude, H. Kletke, S. Kovach, T. Legge, C. Loewen, H. MacBeath, M. Mahon, A. Mardon, J. Miles, J. Miller, R. Munn, T. North, T. Page, L. Peterson, T. Petriw, M. Qazi, I. Russell, J. Shriner, B. Spenceley, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. VandenHoek, M. Watson
- Regrets:** A. Ansah, Y. Belanger, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, L. Harasem, J. Milner, T. Tallow, C. Vos, N. Walker, M. Warkentin, M. Whipple, R. Wood
- Others:** J. Gallais, S. Olson
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Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by Ramona Big Head, Principal of Kainai High School. Welcome was given by Kainai Board of Education Chair Mike Bruised Head.

**1. WELCOME**

*Oki, and welcome to the Senate meeting, being hosted at Kainai High School on the Blood Reserve. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University of Lethbridge acknowledges and deeply appreciates the Siksikaitapii peoples' connection to their traditional territory. We, as people living and benefitting from Blackfoot Confederacy traditional territory, honour the traditions of people who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We recognize the diverse population of Aboriginal peoples who attend the University of Lethbridge and the contributions these Aboriginal peoples have made in shaping and strengthening the University community in the past, present, and in the future.*

Chancellor Weaselhead introduced new members.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2019.10.01

Loewen/Gammack

*That the agenda for the meeting of October 4, 2019 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: sen.2019.10.02

Kovach/Gammack

*That the minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2019 be approved as amended.*

Motion: Carried

A typo was noted within the President's Report.

### **4. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **4.1 Senate Appointments**

MOTION: sen.2019.10.03

VandenHoek/Miles

*That Senate approve the appointments of Tevi Legge, Jim Miller, and Teresa Petriw as Representative members for an initial three-year term effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. VandenHoek gave short bios on each of the individuals and noted that each was unanimously approved by Senate Executive Committee.

### **5. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

C. Weaselhead reported on participating in the activities on September 13 during Big Bang Weekend, the grand opening of Science Commons, as well as the launch of the Indigenous Space in the Library 'Our Stories' on September 25. Encouragement was given to members of Senate to attend or volunteer at Fall Convocation on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

### **6. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported:

- Had a wonderful gathering this morning with faculty, staff and students at Kainai High School. Along with the Chancellor, gave a presentation about the symbols we have developed as part of convocation to be welcoming of our indigenous students as they graduate. New Chief Marshal N. Piquette also participated in the presentation and brought along the Convocation mace;
- Big Bang Weekend, the grand opening of Science Commons September 13-14 was a very successful event, with over 3,000 people participating over the two days. It was great to also welcome the Premier and Minister of Advanced Education on campus as well;
- Enrolment has hit record number this year, with a strong growth in both indigenous and international students;

- Hosted our largest new student orientation ever this fall, with over 2000 students (85% of new students) participating;
- Spending much time over the last few months meeting with government with regards to maintaining support for post-secondary institutions within the province in anticipation of the provincial budget being released on October 24. There is speculation that the announcement will result in significant operating grant reductions for post-secondary institutions, especially in light of the MacKinnon report (Blue Ribbon Panel report o Alberta's Finances). We are also awaiting the results of the October 21 federal election;
- Government has indicated that each post-secondary institution is required to adopt a policy around free speech, which needs to be in place before the end of the calendar year. The Provost is leading that process and consultation will begin shortly. An overview will be given at the next Senate meeting;
- In addition to Fall Convocation and Let There be Light Night, Senators are also invited to the Friends of Health Sciences Dinner on October 10 and the Faculty of Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner on October 17.

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 Board of Governors

A. Hlady highlighted the presentations at the April and June Board meeting and gave thanks to the presenters and organizers of the Board retreat.

### 7.2 General Faculties Council

There were no questions or comments.

### 7.3 Alumni Association

On behalf of the Alumni Association, J. Elliott highlighted the upcoming Let There be Light Night on October 18, prior to Fall Convocation. Senators are encouraged to attend.

### 7.4 Graduate Students' Association

There were no questions or comments related to the report. M. Mahon noted that he, along with the Vice-Presidents, met with the GSA yesterday, and the new executive has lots of interesting ideas, including ways to collaborate with the Students' Union. Kudos was given to both the student groups at looking for those opportunities.

### 7.5 Students' Union

In addition to the report, A. Gammack commented that the four Students' Union Executive members are looking forward to working with fellow Senators this upcoming year.

### 7.6 Executive Committee

There were no questions or comments.

### 7.7 Engagement/Outreach Committee

K. Johnson reported:

- As a follow-up to our April Senate meeting where we received a copy of the book *The Education of Augie Merasty*, as well as had a presentation by Dean Shelly Wismath on the Common Book Project, we are still looking to host a book-club

type event;

- The Get-to-Know-You questionnaire was sent to members this summer and we have received a 50% response rate so far. S. Olson will resend the information, as this will be a great way to find out more information on who are Senators are and the connections outside of the UofL;
- Keep an eye out for information which will be sent out regarding a volunteer opportunity with Operation Red Nose in the lead up to the Christmas holidays;
- We will look at getting a group of Senators together to attend an upcoming Pronghorn event, possibly after the February Senate meeting. More information to come.

#### 7.8 Honorary Degree Committee

J. VandenHoek noted that this committee meets on November 26, 2019 to short list honorary degree nominations.

#### 7.9 Volunteer Award Committee

C. Weaselhead gave encouragement to members to start thinking about deserving volunteers to nominate for this award. The committee meets next on November 26, 2019.

#### 7.10 Other Member Reports/Inquiries

There were no additional reports.

### 8. **BREAK**

The annual Senate photograph was taken by Chris Yauck Photography.

### 9. **ITEMS FOR ACTION (con't)**

#### 9.1 Senate Committee Membership 2019/20

MOTION: sen.2019.10.04

VandenHoek/Colwell

*That Senate approve the below noted appointments to the Senate Standing Committee membership for 2019/20:*

*Executive Committee –*

*One (1) GFC representative to Senate, appointed by Senate  
Leanne Elias*

*Volunteer Award Committee –*

*One (1) member of the Alumni Association*

*Bill Spenceley*

*One (1) member of the General Faculties Council*

*Holly Kletke*

*One (1) member of the Graduate Students' Association*

*Annabella Ansah*

*One (1) member of the Students' Union*

*Kate Potts.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

## 9.2 Engagement/Outreach Committee Amalgamation

MOTION: sen.2019.10.05

Johnson/Elias

*That Senate approve the permanent amalgamation of the Engagement Committee and the Outreach Committee.*

Motion: Carried

K. Johnson gave the background on the two committees and explained the reason for the permanent amalgamation. There were no questions.

## 9.3 Senate Bylaws - Revisions

MOTION: sen.2019.10.06

Johnson/Starzyk-Frey

*That Senate approve revised Senate Bylaws.*

Motion: Carried (2/3 approval)

There were no questions or comments.

# 10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

## 10.1 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:

- D. Boras shared on his experience bringing his Rotary club in for a tour in Science Commons.
- T. Petriw spoke about her experience working the information desk during Big Bang Weekend, the grand opening of Science Commons. The event was very well attended by the community and there were so many WOW moments.

## 10.2 Convocation Volunteers – Oct. 19/19

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.

## 10.3 Honorary Degree Nominations

J. VandenHoek spoke about the honorary degree nomination process and selection by Senate and gave encouragement to members to think of individuals worthy of an honorary degree from the University of Lethbridge. The form is in the agenda package and nomination deadline is November 1.

10.4 Application to Senate

C. Weaselhead noted that there are currently five vacancies for representative members of Senate. The Application form is within the agenda package, and completed applications can be submitted to the Senate Office.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 United Way – Chillin’ for Charity

A. Gammack spoke about annual Management Students Society event which raises funds for United Way of Southern Alberta. Last year \$7,000 was raised and a goal of \$10,000 has been set for this year. Any participation from members of Senate is appreciated.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Thanks was given to Kainai High School for hosting our meeting today. The next meeting of Senate is Friday, December 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: sen.2019.10.07

Munn/Miles

*That the Senate meeting be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried