



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019
1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), Y. Belanger, R. Casson, J. Elliott, J. Forrest (phone), D. Gallimore, A. Gammack, K. Gunn, A. Hlady, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, J. Merkl, J. Miles, K. Philipp, K. Reid, J. Sheriff, S. Stocker, T. Whitehead, L. Zink
- Regrets:** R. Masson, C. Weaselhead
- Other:** J. Gallais, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, R. Lee-Thai, E. Okine, S. Olson, M. Serebryansky, N. Walker

Oki, and welcome to the University of Lethbridge. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Aboriginal peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.

Prior to the start of the Open Session, a presentation was given by E. Phillips and A. Gammack on the campus-wide Nourish program.

Thanks was given to C. Horbachewski, departing Vice-President (Advancement) for his contributions and R. Casson and D. Gallimore were formally introduced and welcomed as new members of the Board.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the October 17, 2019 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2019.12.01

Whitehead/Gallimore

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 12, 2019
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter reported that Fall Convocation was successful and it was great to be able to meet with The Right Honourable Paul Martin, both at the Let There Be Light Night and the luncheon following the Convocation ceremony. Thanks was given to all those involved with planning the events.

3. CHANCELLOR REPORT

C. Weaselhead sent his regrets. There were no questions on the report.

4. PRESIDENT REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- On the successful Team Lethbridge trip to Edmonton November 5-7 in which meetings were held with various Ministers. Team Lethbridge continues to help position Lethbridge and community partners within the province;
- We held a budget townhall on November 28 in the University Theatre, which provided a good opportunity to update the community on the challenges we faced while balancing the budget and what it might look like as we move forward;
- Have met with President of Lethbridge College, City Manager, CEO of Economic Development Lethbridge, and the Executive Officer of Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce to have a leadership response within the city related to the safe consumption site;
- The UofL was named in the top three undergraduate research universities across the country by Research Infosource Inc;
- We are excited about our partnership/funding announcement on December 18 and encourage Board members to attend; and
- Operation Red Nose, which benefits Pronghorn Athletics, will be running most weekends until the end of the year, as well as New Years Eve. Board members can support this initiative by volunteering or using the services this holiday season.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Universal Bus Pass – Graduate Students' Association

MOTION: opn.2019.12.02

Labuhn/Miles

That the Board of Governors approve the updated University of Lethbridge Graduate Student UPass fee effective January 2020, subject to the successful voter response to the referendum held November 21 – December 5, 2019. The cost is equivalent to a Lethbridge Transit on-month adult pass (currently \$77.00) plus an applicable \$5.00 service fee per semester.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the Graduate Students' Association referendum was successful and a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the GSA and the UofL. L. Zink noted that there was a 25% voter turnout, 85% of which voted in favour of this change.

5.2. Revised Budget 2019-2020

MOTION: opn.2019.12.03

Labuhn/Philipp

That the Board of Governors approve the revised 2019/20 operating budget.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that it was very difficult to balance the budget and we want to ensure that we have consistent and clear messaging in this regard.

5.3. Contracts – Approval and Signing Authority Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.12.04

Labuhn/Reid

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Contracts – Approval and Signing Authority Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.4. Financial Approval Authority Policy

MOTION: opn.2019.12.05

Labuhn/Gunn

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Financial Approval Authority Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

5.5. Statement of Free Expression

MOTION: opn.2019.12.06

Forrest/Gammack

That the Board of Governors approve the Statement on Free Expression, effective December 15, 2019.

Motion: Carried

It was clarified that this document is a commitment by the UofL and that no changes were suggested by the Government.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Audited Student Financial Statements – Graduate Students' Association

There was a question related to emergency bursaries noted on the Statement of Operations on page 73. L. Zink clarified that funds are still available to students in need, but no applications were received in the 2019 fiscal year.

M. Mahon commended the GSA on the financial progress that has been made over the last few years and the leadership of the association.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

A. Hakin highlighted:

- The December 6 Signing ceremony with the President of Hokkai Gakuen University related to a double degree program in Humanities;
- Work continues on the possibility of starting a School of Indigenous Studies; and
- UofL continues to be a leader within the province in the area of dual credit. The recent Health Sciences course offered at Kainai High School was a success.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

C. Horbachewski highlighted:

- The UofL success at the recent Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) competition. To receive four awards in a field of approximately 11,000 other universities and colleges illustrates the great work we do;
- The December 18 partnership/funding announcement will take place in Brocket and Board members are encouraged to attend; and
- The annual Donor Gala will take place on Thursday, February 13, the evening of our next Board meeting. The event will take place in Science Commons and invites will be sent soon.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker highlighted the four good-news stories within her report: Bookstore donation to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation Christmas Tree Festival; Operation Red Nose begins its 25th campaign year; annual Life Balance Fair; and the recent donation of honey from local beekeeper.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

E. Okine noted that focus groups are being held today, tomorrow and into January as we commence work on the next Research Plan.

7.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA), J. Elliott highlighted the success on the Dinner for 6 program this fall. The Association will continue to partner with University Advancement to expand the program for spring 2020.

L. Zink reported that the Graduate Students' Association is looking at revamping and improving the study carrel space in the Library. There was a questions about available space in UHall, and N. Walker noted that demands for space are quite high and we are currently undergoing a space audit.

A. Gammack highlighted the Therapy Assistance Online program that was described within the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) report. Thanks was given to Board members for their donations to the Pass the Hat fundraiser, benefitting the UofL Students' Union Foodbank. It was clarified that our foodbank is separate from the Lethbridge Foodbank and Interfaith Foodbank and we do not receive the same funding that those organizations do.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2019.12.07

Stocker/Gammack

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of December 12, 2019 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried