



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE  
Approved Minutes

Friday, February 7, 2020  
1:30 p.m., AH100

- Present:** C. Weaselhead (Chair), Y. Belanger, D. Best, D. Boras, M. Clewes, K. Colwell, S. Davis, M. Day, M. DeCecco-Kolebaba, H. Doeve, J. Dormaar, L. Ehler, J. Elliott, A. Follinglo, E. Foster, K. Gallucci, A. Gammack, C. Gillespie, C. Goodreau, A. Hakin, L. Harasem, B. Harray, T. Ivie (phone), K. Johnson, S. Johnsrude, H. Kletke, T. Legge, H. MacBeath, M. Mahon, J. Miles, J. Miller, J. Milner, R. Munn, T. North, T. Page, L. Peterson, T. Petriw, M. Qazi, J. Shriner, B. Spenceley, J. VandenHoek, M. Whipple, L. Zink (phone)
- Regrets:** L. Elias, A. Hlady, T. Jacobson-Gundlock, S. Kovach, C. Loewen, A. Mardon, C. Rowntree, I. Russell, C. Starzyk-Frey, T. Tallow, C. Vos, M. Warkentin, N. Walker, M. Watson, R. Wood
- Others:** S. Olson
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A moment of silence was held for the Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 that went down on January 8.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by Jackson Leween, 2bears, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Fine Arts.

**1. WELCOME**

*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.*

New members were introduced.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: sen.2020.02.01

Gammack/Day

*That the agenda for the meeting of February 7, 2020 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2020.02.02

Colwell/Shriner

*That the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2019 be approved.*

Motion: Carried

### 4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

C. Weaselhead reported on:

- Has successfully contacted all of the approved Honorary Degree Recipients and all five have accepted and will have their degree conferred at a convocation ceremony in either 2020 or 2021;
- Attended the funding announcement in Brocket on December 18 marking the unique and innovative partnership between the Blackfoot Confederacy, the UofL and the Mastercard Foundation;
- Recently met with the Chancellor of the University of Manitoba Anne Mahon and discussed Senate outreach and engagement;
- Was honoured to attend and speak at the Elder Carolla “Napiakii” Calf Robe ceremony room dedication on January 27; and
- Upcoming - will be speaking at a rural mental health conference in Brooks in April.

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- On December 18, we announced a unique and innovative partnership between the Blackfoot Confederacy, the University of Lethbridge and the Mastercard Foundation, which will support and enable indigenous youth to achieve their goals and become leaders in their communities. The Mastercard Foundation is investing \$15 million to the project over the next five years, with the possibility of an additional five-year commitment;
- Dr. Jackie Rice has been appointed Associate Vice-President (Research) and Dean of School of Graduate Studies for a term beginning March 1;
- Continuing to search for a lead position with equity, diversity and inclusion on campus. These are highly sought-after positions across the country;
- The Government of Alberta just announced the post-secondary funding model and three-year Investment Management Agreements. To our understanding, 15-40% of funding will now be tied to performance metrics, but further information will be known once we meet with government, prior to implementation beginning fiscal year April 2020;
- Mandated by the Government of Alberta, a Statement of Free Expression was approved by the Board of Governors in December. The process, led by Provost A. Hakin, unfolded over the fall and included engagement from across the campus community. The statement is available on the UofL Policy website;
- Past Vice-President (Advancement) C. Horbachewski has gone on to a position at University of Victoria and we are currently reviewing that department, with the goal

- of filling a lead position in the near future;
- Power Corporation of Canada, together with Canada Life, recently announced a \$400,000 donation to the UofL for scientific research within Science Commons;
- Thanks to a \$250,000 gift, the CIBC Navigator Program will support the development of co-operative education placement positions for students with disabilities over the next five years;
- The School of Liberal Education at the UofL is home to The Bridge Prize, a new creative writing competition open to post-secondary students from across Canada. The founder and lead donor of The Bridge Prize is alum and member of the Board of Governors Terry Whitehead, who has pledged to fund this bi-annual competition for ten years. Over 300 submissions were received;
- Hosted our first TEDx talk themed *I Am Still Learning* on campus January 25. The event was a great success and we look forward at expanding it in the future; and
- Upcoming, we are looking forward to the Donor Gala on February 13, opening the doors to the community on PlayDay February 17, and the International Dinner on February 25.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1 Board of Governors

There were no questions or comments.

### 6.2 General Faculties Council

There were no questions or comments.

### 6.3 Alumni Association

J. Elliot highlighted the Dinner for Six program with the PACT Club and gave encouragement to Senators to participate.

### 6.4 Graduate Students' Association

Further to the submitted report, L. Zink noted that the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Meeting of the Minds Conference will take place on March 28 and invited Senators to attend and support graduate student research on campus.

### 6.5 Students' Union

A. Gammack gave thanks to Senate for donating \$1701.25 to the Pass the Hat fundraiser benefiting the Nourish Program and the Students' Union Foodbank. Combined with donations from General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors, over \$3500 was raised.

There was a question related to uptake with UPass on campus. Although they continue to receive questions about opt-out, A. Gammack reported that all feedback received through the Students' Union has been positive. M. Mahon noted that UPass is now available to faculty and staff and also through the Graduate Students' Association.

### 6.6 Executive Committee

There were no questions or comments.

#### 6.7 Engagement Committee

K. Johnson introduced Committee co-chair C. Goodreau and highlighted the volunteer opportunities noted within the committee report. She also noted that a campus tour is being offered to members following the meeting.

#### 6.8 Honorary Degree Committee

J. VandenHoek reported on the Honorary Degree recipients scheduled for Spring 2020 conferral, noting that the information is confidential until an announcement by the University in the Spring. Many volunteer positions are available for Convocation May 28 – 29, 2020, and interested members can contact S. Olson.

#### 6.9 Volunteer Award Committee

C. Weaselhead reported that the committee met earlier today and selected the recipient for 2020. We are still waiting to connect with that person and will report back to Senate at the April meeting. The Volunteer Award will be given at the Chancellor's Dinner on May 28.

#### 6.10 Other Member Reports/Inquiries

L. Harasem gave thanks to those who brought food for the on-campus pantry program, as well as gave encouragement to members to attend the February 25 International Dinner taking place in Science Commons.

### 7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### 7.1 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:

- M. Day spoke about the Get-to-Know-You Senate survey results and continued engagement with current and former Senators.
- K. Johnson shared a story about a student at Rotary Club meeting and noted how impactful scholarships can be to students.

#### 7.2 Senate Award Update

C. Weaselhead reported that the endowment balance of the Senate fund is almost \$396,000, which allowed eight students to receive \$1700 this academic year. Thanks to the contributions for current and former members, 55 students have received a scholarship from the fund. We look forward to invited the 2019/20 recipients to the Chancellor's Dinner on May 28.

#### 7.3 Senate Application

As of July 1, we will have at least four vacancies for representative members on Senate. Encouragement was given to members to think of those that would make a good fit with Senate.

### 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, April 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. with the Senate Recognition event to follow.

MOTION: sen.2020.02.03

Page/Miles

*That the Senate meeting be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried