



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m., videoconference**

**Present:** K. Schlachter (Chair), Y. Belanger, R. Casson, J. Diaz, J. Elliott, D. Gallimore, D. Gonci, K. Gunn, D. Johnson, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, J. Merkl, K. Philipp, E. Pullan, K. Reid, J. Sheriff, S. Stocker, T. Whitehead, L. Zink

**Regrets:** T. Legge, C. Weaselhead

**Other:** J. Gallais, M. Helstein, E. Okine, S. Olson, N. Walker, R. Westlund, M. Whipple, R. Wood

*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.*

A presentation was given by Dr. Trushar Patel, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry.

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA**  
**APPROVAL**

- 1.1. Approval of the February 11, 2021 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the December 17, 2020 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2021.02.01

Pullan/Whitehead

*That the Board of Governors approve the February 11, 2021 Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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**2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

K. Schlachter reported on being busy with work on the government level.

**3. PRESIDENT REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported:

- Further to the announcement earlier this week, we are excited to have Dr. McMartin join the University of Lethbridge as the Vice-President (Research) later this year;
- An announcement was made recently with regard to Fall 2021 being as much in-person as restriction will allow, which was done purposefully in an effort to help prospective students make decisions about enrolment;
- Lots of work continues with government relations;
- Next week marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Play Day at the UofL on Family Day; and

- We look forward to the virtual Open House on March 6.

#### 4. CHANCELLOR REPORT

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

#### 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

##### 5.1. Interim 2021-2022 Budget

MOTION: opn.2021.02.02

Gallimore/Labuhn

*That the Board of Governors approve the 2021-2022 Interim Budget.*

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the provincial budget is expected to come down on February 25, and this interim budget will allow spending to proceed after March 31, 2021 at 2020/21 amounts until the 2021/22 budget is approved by the Board.

##### 5.2. Board of Governors Bylaws (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2021.02.03

Stocker/Casson

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Board of Governors Bylaws, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried (2/3 approval)

There was a question related to breaking a tie vote and J. Gallais clarified that according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, the vote of the Chair is reserved for when a difference can be made.

##### 5.3. Position Description: Governor

MOTION: opn.2021.02.04

Stocker/Whitehead

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Position Description: Governor, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

There were no questions or comments.

#### 6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

##### 6.1. 2021-2022 Fees and Rates Change

There were no questions or comments.

- 6.2. Audited Student Associations' 2019-2020 Financial Statements  
There were no questions or comments.

**7. REPORTS**

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

E. Okine highlighted that spring enrolment is up slightly and we continue to watch that number as even a 1% change could be \$300,000 change in revenue. We are pleased that Professor Lars Hallström is the new Director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy and is the newest member of the Department of Political Science.

7.2. Advancement

There were no questions or comments.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker noted that work continues on many fronts in terms of the budget, as well as helping students and employees navigate the challenges associated with COVID.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

R. Wood reported that staff are pleased to hear about the appointment of Dr. McMartin and will ensure that Dr. McMartin is prepared for a July 1 start. Additionally, highlights include Grant applications and successes including our first SSHRC-funded Postdoctoral Fellow, funding from Mitacs to support Business Student Internship, and the addition of a new Grants Facilitator within the office.

7.5. Board Member Reports

On behalf of the University of Lethbridge Graduate Students' Association, L. Zink reported that the GSA is continuing to offer the working from home bursary to support graduate students and work is being done to increase community engagement around the upcoming Meeting of the Minds conference.

J. Diaz reported the election period for the University of Lethbridge Students' Union has just kicked off and much work is being done to ready the organization for the transition of council. Thanks was given to the Board for their contributions to the Pass the Hat fundraiser in support of the Students' Union Foodbank, in which almost \$11,000 was raised.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2021.02.05

Pullan/Elliott

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of February 11, 2021 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried