



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

Approved Minutes

Friday, April 9, 2021
1:30 p.m., videoconference

Present: C. Weaselhead (Chair), Y. Belanger, D. Best, D. Boras, K. Colwell, B. Cummins, A. Darda, M. Day, J. Diaz, C. Drenth, L. Ehler, L. Elias, J. Elliott, A. Follinglo, K. Gallucci, C. Gillespie, C. Goodreau, L. Harasem, M. Ing, T. Ivie, T. Legge, C. Loewen, H. MacBeath, M. Mahon, J. Miller, J. Milner, T. North, E. Okine, T. Page, T. Petriw, I. Pohl, M. Qazi, K. Rabbit-Young Pine, C. Rowntree, I. Russell, D. Saunders, B. Spenceley, C. Starzyk-Frey, B. Tucker, J. VandenHoek, C. Vos, N. Walker, M. Watson

Regrets: S. Davis, H. Doeve, J. Dormaar, E. Foster, A. Fox-BruisedHead, R. Lee-Thai, A. Mardon, T. Oosterbroek, L. Peterson, E. Pullan, J. Shriner, S. Spenceley, M. Warkentin

Others: J. Gallais, S. Nieboer

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was given by Dr. Robbin Gibb, Professor, Department of Neuroscience.

A moment of silence was held for former Senator L. Hickman and past Honorary Degree Recipient D. Schindler.

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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2021.04.01

Starzyk-Frey/Elliott

That the agenda for the meeting of April 9, 2021 be approved as amended.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that the presentation under the President's Report will be given after approval of the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2020.04.02

MacBeath/Colwell

That the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2021 be approved.

Motion: Carried

4. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

C. Weaselhead reported that work with the Mastercard Foundation continues forward, with much excitement.

5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon reported on:

- Work continues on Fall 2021 planning, with summer 2021 remaining much the same as the spring. Encouragement is being given to students to be back in Lethbridge and on campus this fall. The Calgary Campus is working with Bow Valley College in terms of what the fall semester will look like for our Calgary students;
- COVID Update - Work from home still in place; remember Covid protocols, health check when on campus
- Lots of work continues on the University budget, with tough decisions to be made;
- Continued work with government as we help them understand the intricacies of the post-secondary system and recovery post-COVID. We continue to look for Senate support as we advocate for the post-secondary sector in our province;
- Green Shirt Day took place April 7 and the Pronghorn Athletics Blue and Gold Banquet is upcoming;
- Funding updates: Mental Health Grant, Students with Disabilities Grant, Health Workforce Grant are frozen and the Infrastructure Maintenance Grant will be increased to \$7 million;
- Anti-racism messaging – equity, diversity and inclusion is key priority for UofL;
- Recent employee announcements: Dena McMartin, Vice-President (Research), Kathy Greenwood, Vice-President (Development & Alumni Relations), Natasha Buis-Deering, Executive Director (Strategic Enrolment Management) & Registrar;
- UofL community members who have recently been recognized: YWCA Women of Distinction awards Associate Vice-President Carrie Takeyasu (Leadership & Management), and Rachel Nicol (Young Woman of Promise) and Lyndsay Montana, CCAE Rising Star award (Canadian Council for Advancement of Education); and
- New digital sign on University Drive was installed with no cost to the University and will be used for revenue generating. The UofL has veto power on the content;

A presentation was given by J. Ellis-Toddington, Manager, Counselling Services on the Student Wellness Ambassador Program.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Board of Governors

There were no questions or comments.

6.2. General Faculties Council

Further to the report, B. Cummins noted the importance for Senate to see some of the discussions taking place during the GFC ad hoc Committee of the Whole meetings regarding the budget. There were no questions.

6.3. Alumni Association

It was highlighted the upcoming annual general meeting in which there will be new members elected to the ULAA Executive. J. Elliott noted his appreciation for the experience on Senate during his time as President of the Alumni Association

6.4. Graduate Students' Association

A. Darda highlighted the upcoming changes to GSA council members and structure and gave thanks to Senate for the experience this past year. There were no questions.

6.5. Students' Union

J. Diaz noted that ULSU elections have finished and incoming council members take office May 1. Thanks was given to Senate for their support of students.

6.6. Executive Committee

C. Weaselhead gave encouragement to members to consider potential individuals for Senate. Higher number of vacancies happens every few years and any interested parties should connect with S. Nieboer. There were no questions.

6.7. Engagement Committee

C. Goodreau noted that there are so many different ways members of Senate can continue to be engaged with the University and thanks was given to all those who organize these opportunities.

6.8. Honorary Degree Committee

J. VandenHoek gave encouragement to members to consider making an honorary degree nomination. Deadline is November 1 and nomination information can be found online or by contacting the Senate Office.

6.9. Volunteer Award Committee

The Chancellor reported that he is happy to announce that the University of Lethbridge Bookstore will be the 2021 recipient of the University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award for their contributions to the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation's Annual Christmas Tree Festival for 15 years, raising over \$31,000 for the Foundation. The information is to remain confidential until an official announcement is made by the University. He spoke with the staff already. Release to come shortly.

6.10. Other Member Reports/Inquiries

There were no additional reports.

7. BREAKOUT SESSION

8. ITEMS FOR ACTION

8.1 Senate Appointment

MOTION: sen.2020.04.03

VandenHoek/Colwell

That Senate approve the appointment of Douglas Colwell, James Frey, and Duane Piper as Representative members for a three-year term effective July 1, 2021.

Motion: Carried

J. VandenHoek gave short biographies on each candidate. There were no questions.

8.2 Senate Reappointment

MOTION: sen.2020.04.04

VandenHoek/Ing

That Senate approve the reappointment of Keri Colwell, Cathy Gillespie, and Isabel Russell as Representative members to serve a second three-year term effective July 1, 2021.

Motion: Carried (3 abstained)

There were no questions.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 Senate Moments

C. Goodreau opened the floor to Senators who would like to share their experiences in the various ways or activities they participate in at the UofL:

- C. Goodreau attended the March 26 PUBLIC Professor series lecture and was blown away by the level of research taking place at the UofL. M Mahon added that this reinforces the importance of supporting research as that is where we are getting answers to the problems facing our world.

9.2 2021/22 – 2022/23 Senate Meeting Schedule

As noted within the agenda package, all Committee meetings have been moved to Wednesdays moving forward. S. Nieboer will be in touch towards the end of the summer regarding whether we anticipate our fall meetings to be in-person or virtually. Calendar invites will come at that time as well.

9.3 2021 Chancellor's Dinner

C. Weaselhead reported that June 3-4, 2021 is the official conferral dates for Spring 2021 graduates, with the Chancellor's Dinner originally scheduled for the evening of June 3. The Convocation Committee has proposed that a celebration date take place on Saturday, June 12, 2021, which would keep the celebration close to the original dates schedule for convocation and allow time for convocation-in-a-box mail out to students.

In order to keep with tradition, and ensure we are not missing opportunities to highlight the UofL, it is proposed that the Chancellor's Reception take place on the evening of

Thursday, June 10, 2021. This would allow for content from the dinner to be highlighted during the social media Convocation campaign over the course of the following week. We anticipate conferring Honorary Degrees on five very worthy individuals, as well as presenting our University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award to the 2021 recipient. S. Nieboer will send a calendar invite, with official invitations forth coming.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Senate Recognition

C. Weaselhead gave thanks to outgoing members of Senate for their contributions to Senate: S. Davis, H. Doeve, A. Follinglo, C. Goodreau, L. Harasem, T. Page, C. Starzyk-Frey, J. VandenHoek, E. Pullan, J. Diaz, J. Milner, R. Lee-Thai, M. Ing, L. Elias, A. Darda, B. Cummins, and Y. Belanger.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, October 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: sen.2021.04.05

Diaz/Legge

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried