



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022
1:00 p.m., videoconference

Present: K. Schlachter (Chair), R. Casson, J. Elliott, D. Gallimore, D. Gonci, K. Gunn, D. Johnson, H. Kletke, H. Labuhn, M. Mahon, J. Merkl, K. Philipp, K. Reid, M. Serebryansky, S. Stocker, T. Whitehead

Regrets: C. Coburn, P. Dutt, T. Legge, J. Sheriff, C. Weaselhead

Other: J. Gallais, K. Greenwood, V. Grisack, M. Helstein, D. McMartin, M. Mathurin-Moe, E. Okine, N. Walker, S. Weinkauff, R. Westlund, M. Whipple, (Student sit-in was held at meeting, faculty and community presence as well 129 Guests in total)

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.

The Board Chair gave some guidelines for all of the guests joining the open session meeting.

M. Mahon introduced M. Mathurin-Moe, Executive Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion who gave a presentation titled "Preliminary Environmental Scan of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on UofL Campus".

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the February 17, 2022 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the January 25, 2022 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2022.02.01

Whitehead/Phillip

That the Board of Governors approve the February 17, 2022 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

K. Schlachter did not have anything to report.

3. PRESIDENT REMARKS

M. Mahon reported:

- Farewell to Robert Wood, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, he is leaving to take Dean of Arts role at U of A. Thank you for his service and best wishes for his future endeavours.
- Labour Relations – February 10th ULFA withdrew services; Feb 11th University Board issued lockout. The Bargaining website is best location for up-to-date information as work continues to try return to the bargaining table.
- Return to Campus Update – Alberta Government restrictions are removed; Students back on campus on Feb 28th; mask mandate continues but many other restrictions will be lifted in time. Refer to the Covid website for up-to-date information.
- GFC Endorsement of Iniskim Governance Process and expected to be at Board in April for approval. It is a unique process across Canada.
- Budget Advisory Committee – new members added, one of each Academic staff, Non-Academic Staff, Undergraduate and Graduate student.
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – Diversity Metre survey launched Jan 25th; Feb 1st Kickoff to Black History Month and there have been wonderful events so far. EDI Scholars – Glenda Bonifacio, Roy Golsteyn, Sandra Dixon; the program was established in 2021 and is designed to acknowledge and support individuals involved in EDI work at the scholarly level.
- Blood Tribe Dept Health – discussion on community partnerships in health sciences continues.
- Science Commons – LEED Gold Status has been achieved with environmentally sustainable practices.
- Government has announced Reducing Sexual Violence on Campus and Harassment & Discrimination Initiatives – promise of funding opportunities but we haven't seen anything yet.
- Bob Dhillon (benefactor and HDR)– Officer to the Order of Canada
- Fine Arts introduces Spirit Award – Terry Whitehead, Indigenous Student art; \$2500
- Bridge Prize Short Story – received 186 entries from 49 institutions; encourages literary pursuits.
- S.W.A.P – Student Wellness Ambassador Program kicked off this January; donors Janice and Glenn Varzari;
- Two Canada Research Chairs – Jean-Denys Hamel in Chem/BioChem; Steve Wiseman in Biological sciences
- Congratulations to Master of Music Student – Sonny Ray Day Rider – featured composer in online series with Tom Jackson (former Honorary Degree Recipient) and Calgary Philharmonic – supervised under Arlan Schultz
- Feb 28th Kickoff Indigenous Awareness Week (UL)

4. CHANCELLOR REPORT

C. Weaselhead sent his regrets.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. Interim 2022-2023 Budget

MOTION:

opn.2022.02.02

Gallimore/Phillip

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

Motion: Carried

N. Walker stated that the provincial budget comes down at the end of the month. This interim budget allows us to continue with our work until we know what the funding will be and can finalize the budget for Board approval.

5.2. Endowment Management Policy

MOTION: opn.2022.02.03

Gallimore/Johnson

That the Board of Governors approve the revision of the Endowment Management Policy.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker highlighted some of the changes, such as currently we spend 4% and would like to up that to 4.75% to increase allocation to student scholarships.

5.3. Graduate Certificate in Data Science Fee Proposal

MOTION: opn.2022.02.04

Gallimore/Whitehead

That the Board of Governors approve the proposed 2022-23 tuition fee for the new Graduate Certificate in Data Science, with the fees and rates for 2023-2024 to 2024-2025 approved in principle, pending Ministerial approval.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker stated that the board is responsible for approving fees. This one is a little out of sync as we were still working with the ministry on the program when the others were approved.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

E. Okine highlighted the enrolment summary which has decreased 3.7%, the Elders have agreed to increase hours of support for our students and the student program SWAP run by students for the mental health wellbeing of students was also highlighted.

6.2. Advancement

K. Greenwood highlighted the wrap up of the shine campaign where we raised over \$100 million. We created 220 new student awards.

R. Westlund had nothing to add to his report.

6.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker noted that this is a busy time of year with year end, tax forms and interim audit.

6.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. McMartin highlighted that we continue to report on funding dollars and celebrate our successes in research and innovation work.

6.5. Board Member Reports

Alumni – J. Elliot had nothing to report.

ULSU – M. Serebryansky reported that it has been 1024 days since the current government took power and started cuts to post-secondary. It is one week of labour disruption that continues to fall on the shoulders of students. We are asking both parties to get back to the table. The 182 students that registered to attend today are a testament to what we have endured. What are we all going to do to ensure that the next 1024 days are better for students? M. Mahon stated that he appreciates the passion of all the students here today and acknowledges the challenges you are facing. You also endured the challenges of covid, budget cuts and a raise in tuition. The Board is committed to finding a resolution to the current situation. The work is continuing and we will try to find a resolution together as soon as we can.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2022.02.05

Casson/Reid

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of February 17, 2022 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried