

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:00 p.m., W646

Present: D. Gallimore (Chair), N. Bach, K. Bhatt, T. Boulet, B. Burton, R. Casson (virtual),

C. Coburn, S. Davis, A. Dymond, D. Gonci, K. Gunn, D. Johnson (virtual), M. Mahon, D. McKenna, K. Philipp, K. Reid, C. Skiba, N. Van Mulligen,

T. Whitehead, L. Zink

Other: J. Gallais, K. Greenwood, M. Helstein, D. McMartin,

E. Okine, N. Walker, R. Westlund, L. Neufeld, A. Chubb

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 meeting a moment of silence was held for former president, H. Tennant due to his recent passing away.

T. Whitehead was acknowledged and welcomed at his first meeting as Chancellor, as he transitioned from a regular Baord member.

Outgoing students, L. Zink, K. Bhatt and C. Skiba were thanked at their last meeting.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the April 13, 2023 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the February 16, 2023 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2023.04.01

Coburn/Zink

That the Board of Governors approve the April 13, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

D. Gallimore reported an a brief few things: it was a good month with student led events such as the Blue and Gold Pronghorns night and the ULSU changeover dinner. He also attended the Donor Gala, participated in Chillin' for Charity, and was involved in some Navitas activities that will be noted elsewhere.

3. PRESIDENT REMARKS

M. Mahon started by noting the sad news of Dr. Howard Tennant, president emeritus passing, and N. Walker and him have both reached out to Sharon his wife and have offered space for a Celebration of Life.

The Provost search is now in full swing, committee has met twice and there has been lots of consultation on position profile, and the advertisement is now launched. One Dean search is now complete, Dr. Jon Doan, Dean Faculty of Health Sciences and the other three are complete and the announcements are expected soon - thanks to Dr. Okine for chairing. In regards to the provincial budget and others, there are more funds for retrofitting of University Hall; 3 new programs have been approved; the People Plan renewed and an advisory group established, there is renewed engagement after Labour Disruption; recently signed the Buffalo Treaty – we were the first PSI to sign; and approval for new Program Couples and Family counselling – it was noted that the challenge with new programs is no new funding is provided.

4. CHANCELLOR REPORT

T. Whitehead reported was enclosed in the agenda package. He highlighted the Donor Gala; Meeting of the Minds, and he sends his congratulations to the leadership on organizing all these. The David Johnston event in Calgary was met with good response and was helpful to engage with alumni; tomorrow's Senate meeting will be his first one.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1.	Charter of Expectation
	MOTION:

opn.2023.04.02

Van Mulligen/Coburn

That the Board of Governors approve the Charter of Expectation, revised effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

No questions or concerns arose.

5.2. Amalgamation Department of History and Religious Studies

MOTION: opn.2023.04.03

Gunn/Dymond

That the Board of Governors approve the amalgamation of the Department of History and Department of Religious Studies to the new Department of History and Religion.

Motion: Carried

No questions of concerns arose.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Board of Governors Meeting Schedule

Was presented for information and no questions or concerns arose.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

E. Okine highlighted enrolment is looking green for us; page 20 student affairs, lots of work to making sure enrolment is going up.

7.2. Advancement

K. Greenwood: thank you for kind words about Donor Gala; upcoming event Farewell Dinner for Mike M. is close to being sold out.

R. Westlund: nothing to add to his submitted report.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker noted that new club Disc Golf and won new club of the year at ULSU Dinner. There has been lots of discussion about Budget and there will be more info at May meeting.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. McMartin highlighted: good diversity in funding groups; partnerships for research; research students were thrilled to be a part of the Donor Gala and to share their work; ESAC has invited student groups to attend upcoming meeting and bring student voices in at the start. A suggestion was noted on bringing in some 3M Thesis students to a future board meeting.

7.5.Board Member Reports

L. Zink noted that the GSA has completed their election and Jaxon Reiter is incoming President with Katherine Anderson-Bain being the VP Academic.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2023.04.04

Gunn/Bhatt

That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of April 13, 2023 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried