

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION Approved Minutes

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 1:00 p.m., W646

Present:	D. Gallimore (Chair), N. Bach, T. Boulet, B. Burton, R. Casson, C. Coburn, S. Davis, A. Dymond, K. Gunn, D. Johnson (virtual), M. Mahon, D. McKenna, R. Patel,		
	K. Philipp (virtual), K. Reid, J. Reiter, M. Thomas, N. Van Mulligen, T. Whitehead		
<b>Regrets:</b>	D. Gonci, M. Whipple		
<b>Others:</b>	J. Gallais, K. Greenwood, M. Helstein, D. McMartin (virtual), L. Neufeld,		
	E. Okine, N. Walker, R. Westlund, J. Westers, 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.

A moment of silence was held in honour of current employee Barb Geiger who recently passed away.

*M. Mahon, President & Vice-Chancellor was recognized for his 13 years of service and received a buffalo.* 

A presentation was given to the Board "University of Lethbridge Contributions to Landsat 9 Calibration and Validation: How good stories lead to interesting research." Dr. Craig Coburn, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography and Environment.

1.	CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL 1.1. Approval of the May 30, 2023 Open Agenda 1.2. Approval of the April 13, 2023 Open Minutes			
	MOTION:		opn.2023.05.01	
	Casson/Coburn	Governors approve the May 30, 2023 Consent Agenda.		
		Motion:	Carried	

## 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

D. Gallimore provided brief remarks in thanking the president.

## **3. PRESIDENT REMARKS**

M. Mahon reported he is looking forward to convocation and the Chancellor's installation. The Provost search is moving along, with preliminary work being done. D. Jayas is taking over as chair at the end June. The Dean searches are complete. M. Mahon acknowledged E. Okine for his hard work, and notes that leadership is moving in a positive direction. Other convocation awards to mention are the Excellence in Teaching Award, Speaker Research, and the Volunteer Award. He also mentioned that the Long Service Awards were spectacular. The EDI Scholars Forum has taken off to recognize lots of work going on in EDI.

## 4. CHANCELLOR REPORT

T. Whitehead highlighted from his attached report that he has met with 4 past chancellors and will be meeting with one more. He is excited about Convocation.

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. 2023/24 – 2025/26 Budget Plan

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.02

Philipp/Davis

*That the Board of Governors approve the 2023/24 budget and approve in principle the 2024/25 and 2025/26 budgets.* 

Motion:

Carried

Kelly Philipp reported on a deficit of \$6.9M with 65% recovered through budget savings. We can't continue to use one time funding. He highlighted the operating grant was held for 22/23, zero change for 23/24. 9% of tuition increase is going back into bursaries. For 23/24 there is a 2.5 % increase in enrolment. N. Walker shared that we went from \$15,000 spent per student to \$12,000 per student. We are still working through budget task forces. We need to increase enrolments and work towards a balanced budget. Inflation has been a factor and a concern.

5.2. 2022-23 Financial Statements MOTION:

opn.2023.05.03

Davis/Bach

That the Board of Governors approve the 2022-23 Financial Statements.

Motion:

Carried

S. Davis reported that we have large complex financial statements and it is a testament to our Financial Services department for assisting with keeping these accurate. N. Walker reported on the surplus and highlighted we are very conservative in expenditures.

5.3. Progress and Achievement Report 2022-2023, UofL Strategic Plan

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.04

Casson/Coburn

*That the Board of Governors endorse the attached Progress and Achievement Report 2022-2023, UofL Strategic Plan.* 

Motion: Carried

No comments or questions arose.

5.4.Annual Report 2022/23

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.05

Philipp/Bach

That the Board of Governors approve the 2022-23 Annual Report.

Motion: Carried

K. Philipp added that the report summarizes 5 strategic items. There were no other comments.

5.5. Sexual and Gender Based Violence Policy (revised)

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.06

Gunn/Coburn

That the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Policy.

Motion: Carried

Revisions from the government were requested. J. Gallais provided context regarding the title, in that the word "prevention" should be used, this was recommended by our committee not the government. Prevention includes the piece about training, not just a complaint process. All other revisions came from the government. It was requested that the next review of the policy should include academic freedom details and protections. N. Walker noted this is referenced in another policy and through the Collective Agreement. We can't deviate from the collective agreement and it does trump this policy. It was noted that the

review would be pulled together by the previous reviewer and does go to Statutory Deans Council for comment.

5.6.Board Vice-Chair Appointment 2023-2024

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.07

Gunn/Casson

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Karen Reid as Vice- Chair of the Board of Governors, effective September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2024.

Motion: Carried

It was noted that Karen Gunn, current Vice-Chair, is finishing her second term in the Fall.

5.7. Board Committee Appointments 2023-2024

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.08

Gunn/Whitehead

That the Board of Governors approve the undesignated committee membership as follows for the 2023-2024 year commencing September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2024:

Advancement Committee: Terry Whitehead (Chair), Toby Boulet, Rick Casson, Anne Dymond, Roland Labuhn, Duane Piper

Audit Committee: Darcy Gonci (Chair), Sherry Davis, Nikki van Mulligen, David Westwood (external)

Executive Committee: Sherry Davis, Craig Coburn

Finance Committee: Kelly Philipp (Chair), David Johnson, Rikin Patel, Michael Kawchuk (external)

Governance Committee: Rick Casson (Chair), David Johnson, Nicole Bach, Anne Dymond, Maleeka Thomas, Jaxon Reiter, Nikki van Mulligen

Human Resources and Compensation: Bev Burton, Rick Casson, Toby Boulet

Motion: Carried

It was explained by the chair that the Executive Committee does act as "nominating committee" per the Baord approved terms of reference.

## 6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. ULSU 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements K. Philipp reported that the statements are required per the PSLA to be presented for information. It was noted that the ULSU is reporting a cash surplus. No other questions/comments.

## 7. **REPORTS**

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

E. Okine highlighted that enrolment will be discussed during the closed session. He emphasized the good news regarding the appointment of three highly accomplished researchers on our campus who are appointed to drive agriculture research each for five-year terms.

#### 7.2. Advancement

K. Greenwood reported in the Open session report that the donor activities are included there. The Pride Flag raising is on June 19<sup>th</sup> - all are welcome to attend. Presidential Installation details will be discussed at a later date.

- R. Westlund had nothing to add to his report.
- 7.3.Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker stated her report stands as is.

7.4.Vice-President (Research)

D. McMartin highlighted the report on activities of grad students and the diversity of funding sources and opportunities. A strength of U of L is the amount of undergrad research being undertaken.

7.5.Board Member Reports There were no board member reports.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

opn.2023.05.09

Carried

Coburn/Burton

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of May 30, 2023 be adjourned.* 

Motion: