



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Draft Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2023

1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** D. Gallimore (Chair), N. Bach, T. Boulet, B. Burton (virtually), R. Casson, C. Coburn, S. Davis, A. Dymond, D. Gonci, K. Gunn, D. Jayas, D. Johnson, D. McKenna, R. Patel, K. Philipp, K. Reid, J. Reiter, M. Thomas, N. Van Mulligen, T. Whitehead
- Other:** J. Gallais, K. Greenwood, V. Grisack, M. Helstein, C. Hosgood, D. McMartin, N. Walker, R. Westlund, M. Whipple, Aaron 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 Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.*

*M. Thomas introduced the Pass the Hat fundraising initiative for the Students' Union food bank. There was a huge increase in usage from September 2022 to September 2023 but now there is a slight decline as university programs are making a big difference. This is a friendly competition between the Board, Senate and GFC.*

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the December 7, 2023 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the October 12, 2023 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2023.12.01  
Coburn/Casson

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 7, 2023  
Consent Agenda with a small editorial edit to the minutes.*

Motion: Carried

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### 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

D. Gallimore reported:

- Attending meeting with city council and the mayor.
- Met with chair of Lethbridge College at the Tim Horton cooking decorating.
- Met with the minister last week in Edmonton for a reception and feels that we have

received consistent messages from the minister.

- The Pronghorn Academic all-star event. We are close to the top of the institutions for the percentage of academic all-stars.
- Attended the Lethbridge College Christmas event where Brad Donaldson received his Indigenous name.

### 3. **PRESIDENT REMARKS**

D. Jayas highlighted from his attached report:

- Gave a brief update on Advanced Education Minister meetings – we are advocating for sustainable predictable funding for Post-Secondary Education. Updated the Minister on the rural medicine program. This will help reduce shortage of medical doctors in rural areas.

### 4. **CHANCELLOR REMARKS**

T. Whitehead reported:

- He highlighted his tour of the Calgary campus on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### 5.1. 2024-25 Fees and Rates

MOTION: opn.2023.12.02  
Philipp/Johnson

*That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for 2024-2025, with fees and rates for 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 approved in principle with the following amendments.*

- *Amendment - recommendation 27 add after be approved in principle, "subject to the approval of the Multi-Sport Dome Project."*
- *Editorial Correction - recommendation 20 it is an International Graduate not Undergraduate Application fee.*

Motion: Carried (Opposed– M. Thomas; Abstain - J. Reiter)

K. Philipp reported on five cost recovery fees being proposed. We want to enhance the student experience vs the other non-added experiences. There was discussion on that we approve fees for the current year and the rest in principal with the possibility that those ones could be changed. The members also debated the amount for the convocation late fee with some feeling it was too high but others feeling that there is a lot of extra work for those who don't register for convocation. It was noted that we would rather not have to charge the fee and hope that it encourages students to register. This is meant to be preventative and not punitive. We often make exceptions to fees and if they have a good reasons for missing the deadline it could be waived. It was felt that communication is key in that the students are aware.

The members also discussed the fee for the proposed multi-sport dome project. It was clarified that this fee is approved in principle and the fee would not be implemented if the dome is not approved. There was further discussion on some of the larger increases for

Recommendations 10 and 11. It was noted that for the most part, they are righting fees for the programs to where they are in the market. In one case (data science) there was a mistake made in the fee that was approved so we had to charge the domestic rate but are now correcting that fee to reflect the rate for international. This is a lower increase as we just raised it to where it should to be and will only be charged to new students entering the program now. It was noted that on page 30 of 154 for recommendation 20, there is an error where the international fee should be undergraduate fee.

Finally it was noted that CPI is 6% at this time so it is more expensive as the inflation keeps going up. We can't leverage the economies of scale in a smaller location. That is the reality that everyone is dealing with. It was felt that if inflation drops, we can revisit the fees.

## 5.2. Institute for Geospatial Inquiry, Instruction, and Innovation

MOTION: opn.2022.12.03

Reid/Coburn

*That the Board of Governors approve the restructuring of the Alberta Terrestrial Imaging Centre (ATIC) into the Institute for Geospatial Inquiry, Instruction, and Innovation (i4Geo).*

Motion: Carried

D. McMartin noted that there has been a significant donation from Tecterra. The UofL is noted for terrestrial imaging and we don't want to lose the brand recognition. This is a new exciting initiative that is externally funded.

## 5.3. Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP) Board of Trustees Appointment

MOTION: opn.2022.12.04

Reid/Philipp

*That the Board of Governors approve the Vice-President (Finance & Administration) to serve as the University of Lethbridge Board representative to the Universities Academic Pension Plan Board for the period, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027.*

Motion: Carried

We are appointing the Vice-President (Finance & Admin) position and when the new person steps into that role, they will assume this representative role automatically.

## 6. REPORTS

### 6.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

M. Helstein let the report stand. There was some clarification on the Bangkok event for Navitas which K. Godfrey and D. Jayas attended. M. Helstein added that we sent Dean Godfrey there as he is working on the implementation of the program. This was put on by Navitas as their partners programs. This was a good opportunity for us to learn what other institutions are doing.

6.2. External Relations, Communications, Marketing & Govt. Relations

K. Greenwood sent her regrets. The Chair noted that Abbondanza will be postponed until January 2025.

6.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

N. Walker had nothing to add.

6.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. McMartin had nothing to add. It was noted that this was a great report.

6.5. Board member reports

There were no other reports.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2023.12.05

Reiter/Whitehead

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of  
December 7, 2023 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried