



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
Approved Minutes

Friday, October 13, 2023
9:00 a.m., Senate Meeting, AH100

- Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair), B. Allen, F. Baskerville, M. Booyens, R. Doria, J. Dubiel, C. Gillespie, K. Greenwood, K. Colwell, D. Colwell, M. Campmans, R. Doria, J. Dempsey, A. Ebenmelu, M. Helstein, D. Jayas, G. Mankee, D. McKenna, A. Mercader, S. Mintz, H. Ortega Arango, T. Rempel, K. Rabbit-Young Pine, J. Shriner, K. Greenwood, K. Godfrey, T. Petriw, M. Qazi, T. Saunders, B. Hughes, S. Sjovold, L. Spadavecchia, M. Thomas, N. Walker, D. Yellow Horn
- Regrets:** A. Boras, V. Boras, T. Boulet, N. Buis-Deering, R. DeGagne, J. Doan, S. Parmar, B. Spenceley, I. Russell, B. Galts, T. Grindle, T. Ghouri, M. Gettman, T. Panczak, H. MacBeath, B. Simpson, L. Kolk, D. Piper, A. Mardon, B. Spenceley, B. Tucker, M. Watson, L. Wyton, S. Koppe, U. Patel
- Others:** G. DeSteur, J. Gallais

The Chair open with the territorial acknowledgement and Senate and formally welcomed the new members of Senate to their first Senate Meeting.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL

- 1.1 Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – October 13, 2023
1.2 Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2023

MOTION: sen.2023.10.01

Preston/Baskerville

That the Consent Agenda for the meeting of October 13, 2023 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. STUDENT FOOD SECURITY PRESENTATION

M. Thomas and J. Dubiel presented to the Senate about the rising Food Insecurity that students are currently facing.

3. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

T. Whitehead reported the following:

- On June 1st & 2nd T. Whitehead attended his Installation as the 15th Chancellor and hosted his first Chancellors Dinner during the Spring 2023 Convocation.
- T. Whitehead was gifted with the Blackfoot name *Ksikkikhkini*, meaning Bald Eagle, by Elder Francis First-Charger at the Chancellors Dinner.
- A memorandum of understanding was developed with the Lethbridge Food Bank and the University to support student food security.
- In June there was a meeting of the Senate Food Sovereignty Ad Hoc Committee.

- A \$100.00 donation will be made to the ULSU Foodbank by Senate, on behalf of each PUBLIC Professor presenter.
- T. Whitehead highlighted the Senate Retreat held on September 22, 2023.
- T. Whitehead highlighted Let There Be Light Night and thanked the Alumni Association for their hard work.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

D. Jayas spoke on briefly on his submitted report and asked for questions.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1. Board of Governors
Report Stands as is.

5.2. General Faculties Council
Report Stands as is.

5.3. Alumni Association

D. McKenna reported on the recent activities of the Alumni Association.

- It was emphasised to Let there be Light Night is an annual event and in the spring of every year is when the ULAA looks at nominations. Senate is encouraged to nominate.
- The ULAA elected a new Vice-President Brady Simpson who will be taking over as chair in July and August.
- There is one more Alumni position on Senate and this will be advertised.

5.4. Graduate Students' Association

J. Dubiel gave the GSA report verbally and highlighted some recent GSA events.

- In September the GSA hosted a Graduate Student Orientation and it was very well attended.
- The GSA also restated the GSA Cafes and provided Grad students with lunch and a presentation from a variety of speakers.
- The GSA will be paying for the regalia rentals as congratulations to the graduands for their hard work.

5.5. Students' Union

M. Thomas highlighted some of the recent ULSU events.

- The ULSU hosted the largest Fresh Fest in ULSU history with roughly 2,500 students in attendance.
- The ULSU participated in welcome week events.
- The ULSU attended the student leader orientation, hosted by the Minister of Advanced Education.
- It was highlighted that Mental Health Week and Cultural week are two upcoming events the ULSU is very excited about.
- The Student Health and Dental Plan has seen increases in coverage for students.
- The ULSU is also working on textbook affordability campaign.
- The ULSU will also be looking to send out a survey to gauge housing insecurity.

- 5.6. Executive Committee
Report stands as is.
- 5.7. Engagement Committee
Report stands as is.
- 5.8. Honorary Degree Committee
Report stands as is.
- 5.9. Volunteer Awards Committee
Report stands as is.
- 5.10. Other Reports
There were no other reports.

6. BREAKOUT SESSION

D. Jayas and M. Whipple hosted an engagement/breakout session to get Senate's feedback on developing the next Strategic Plan for the Institution.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1. Senate Moments

Senate talked about some of the biggest highlights as Senators since the previous meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, December 1, 2023 at 1:30pm.

MOTION: sen.2023.10.01

Colwell/Allen

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried