



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024

1:30 p.m., W646

- Present:** D. Gallimore (Chair), T. Boulet, B. Burton (virtually), R. Casson, B. Chapman, C. Crane, S. Davis, Y. Dixit (virtually), A. Dymond, T. Fox (virtually), D. Gonci (virtually), D. Jayas, D. Johnson (virtually), M. Kawchuk, M. Lockett, A. Mercader, J. Reiter, M. Thomas, N. Van Mulligen, D. Westwood, T. Whitehead
- Regrets:** C. Coburn, S. Zielke
- Other:** J. Gallais, K. Greenwood, V. Grisack, M. Helstein, D. Lucas, D. McMartin, R. Westlund, M. Whipple, S. Fasunwon, J. Klym, J. Westers

*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.*

*There was a moment of silence for Murray Sinclair and Dr. John Woods, former president of the UofL.*

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the December 12, 2024 Open Agenda  
1.2. Approval of the October 18, 2024 & November 18, 2024 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2024.12.01

Casson/Kawchuk

*That the Board of Governors approve the December 12, 2024  
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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### 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

D. Gallimore reported:

- D. Jayas and D. Gallimore attended an Advanced Education reception that unfortunately the Minister was unable to attend.
- Reminder of the election in this riding, we have received a letter from the government directing us not to make any public pronouncements.

- He attended the branding session – was a great turnout and session.
- Participated in the plasma donation.
- Acknowledged Dr. Casson as a board member on the Lethbridge Community Foundation, who presented a gift to the SU Food Bank for \$10,000.
- Also, congratulations to Dr. Zielke, board member who was presented a key to the city for promoting cardiac health.

### 3. **PRESIDENT REMARKS**

D. Jayas highlighted from his attached report:

- Attended the talent symposium where he was asked to speak on role of post-secondary institutions on Canadian productivity.
- Attended a Deputy minister dinner where he made them aware of the projects that we are working on.

### 4. **CHANCELLOR REMARKS**

T. Whitehead reported:

- He attended the screening of Brainstorm.
- He participated in the plasma drive – 9 Senate members donated so they did well and beat the Board’s total of 4 members.

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

#### 5.1. Strategic Plan

MOTION: opn.2024.12.02

Van Mulligen/Reiter

*That the Board of Governors approve of the attached Strategic Plan, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

D. Jayas gave a quick overview of the process including the feedback and broad membership of the committee. The GFC Strategic Planning Committee unanimously passed the recommendation, and on December 9, GFC also unanimously voted to recommend the plan to the Board. He highlighted a few changes in the document from the last draft – removal of numbers as we don’t want to prioritize them, some additional qualifiers were added to the language, and the Calgary campus was specifically mentioned. As part of the agenda package, we had included a timeline of the launch and how elements may be highlighted with the launch expected to begin the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>. D. Jayas will go back to the community members to present the new plan and how we will implement the plan.

#### 5.2. 2025-26 Fees and Rates

MOTION: opn.2024.12.03

Kawchuk/van Mulligan

*That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for 2025-2026, with the fees and rates for 2026-2027 to 2028-2029 be approved in principle.*

Motion: Carried

D. Lucas noted that no new fees are imposed except for one new mandatory fee for graduate students. There were many conversations with students on how to improve the food services plan. The members discussed housing, dining plan models as well as student fee consultation. D. Lucas will be meeting with food services in the near future to discuss different models and any challenges. Transit fees and services were also discussed. D. Lucas reported that they are in negotiations with the city and we have a 2 year extension on the fees. These are separate from this process as this is between the city and the ULSU. The Students' Union appreciates the support of senior administration on this issue. D. Jayas emphasized the need of transit service to be improved so that the students can move easily throughout the city.

### 5.3.Naming Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2024.12.04

Casson/Thomas

*That the Board of Governors approve the Naming Policy (Revised), effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

K. Greenwood went over a couple of points to update the policy, including changing and revoking a name as well as having a clear path on how to name places in our institutions.

### 5.4.Donation and Sponsorship Policy (New)

MOTION: opn.2024.12.05

Casson/Lockett

*That the Board of Governors approve the Donation and Sponsorship Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

D. Jayas reviewed the updates included in the policy that weren't in the agenda materials:

- Section 4.2: Updated to specify designates within External Relations. This is still subject to the Contract Policy (Section M).
- Section 4.3: Revised to use "employees and volunteers" instead of "members of the university community" for added clarity.

- Section 4.1: Now includes a link to the External Relations guidelines for prospect management.
- Section 5.1.1.1: Adjusted to align with current procedures. “Employees are encouraged to contact Risk and Safety Services to arrange secure delivery to the donations clerk, which helps minimize risks and improve record-keeping.”

Several other topics were discussed including sponsorships and philanthropic donations.

#### 5.5. Contracts – Approval and Signing Authority Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2024.12.06

Kawchuk/Crane

*That the Board of Governors approve the Contracts – Approval and Signing Authority Policy (Revised), effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

D. Lucas gave some background on what has changed including delegations to qualified university employees.

#### 5.6. Animals on Campus Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2024.12.07

Casson/Reiter

*That the Board of Governors approve the Animals on Campus Policy (Revised), effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

There was a conversation surrounding the defined terms of pets/service animals/non-service animals and what policy would apply to students living in residence.

#### 5.7. Board of Governors Teaching Chair Guidelines (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2024.12.08

Casson/van Mulligen

*That the Board of Governors approve of the Board of Governors Teaching Chairs Guidelines (Revised).*

Motion: Carried

M. Helstein noted that the changes included streamlining to who is making the recommendations.

## 5.8. Human Resources & Compensation Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2024.12.09

Van Mulligen/Chapman

*That the Board of Governors approve the revised Human Resources & Compensation Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

J. Gallais noted that this should have been included on the last meeting. We are adding clarity to the terms of reference.

## 6. REPORTS

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

M. Helstein let the report stand but updated that Winter enrolment is now 7898.

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

K. Greenwood let the report stand.

R. Westlund let the report stand as is.

### 6.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

D. Lucas let the report stand.

### 6.4. Vice-President (Research)

D. McMartin highlighted that Sola Fasunwon is here and has a hand in all the applications included in the report. 75% of applications are from federal programming. The members discussed the effect on funding applications from the provincial government regulations for Bill 18. D. McMartin noted that we should be okay and mostly exempted. D. Jayas reported that the regulations have gone to cabinet and roughly ninety percent are exempted.

### 6.5. Board Member Reports

M. Thomas spoke to the Pass the Hat fundraiser. We want to raise money for the ULSU food bank. It is a friendly competition between the Board, Senate and GFC. There is a link included in the agenda package to donate as we are accepting online donations only. Please put the committee you are supporting on the form.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2024.12.10  
Whitehead/Kawchuk

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of  
December 12, 2024 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried