



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025

1:00 p.m., W646

- Present:** D. Gallimore (Chair), T. Boulet, B. Burton (virtually), R. Casson, B. Chapman, C. Coburn, S. Davis, Y. Dixit (virtually), A. Dymond, D. Gonci, D. Jayas, M. Kawchuk, M. Lockett, A. Mercader, J. Reiter, M. Thomas, N. Van Mulligen, D. Westwood, T. Whitehead, S. Zielke
- Regrets:** C. Crane, T. Fox, D. Johnson
- 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.*

### PRESENTATION – *Improving Quality of Life Through Metabolomic Biomarkers*

*M. Helstein introduced the Presentation by Dr. G. Metz and Mr. T. Montana, who presented on their research followed by a short question and answer period.*

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#### 1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the February 13, 2025 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the December 12, 2024 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2025.02.01

Coburn/Kawchuk

*That the Board of Governors approve the February 13, 2025 Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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#### 2. **BOARD CHAIR REMARKS**

D. Gallimore reported that:

- Attended a visioning session for DPII project to develop the project charter. He had a one-on-one session with the architects in the morning with a larger group

session in the afternoon.

- Plug for the Public Professor – it was well done with over 300 participants.
- Welcome back to D. Jayas after his leave.

### 3. **PRESIDENT REMARKS**

D. Jayas highlighted from his attached report:

- Three members of UofL community received the King Charles III medal – L. Little Bear, T. Patel and T Whitehead
- Provincial government – Advanced Education has created an expert panel in funding for post-secondary – members are being led by Jack Mintz from the University of Calgary. The panel is looking at post-secondary funding and competitiveness. The timing is that the report is expected in the fall (they are meeting until July). The UofL is trying to arrange a presentation to the panel.

### 4. **CHANCELLOR REMARKS**

T. Whitehead reported:

- He attended the International dinner which was a wonderful celebration.
- Plug for the Dhillon School of Business dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the AgriFood Hub - celebrating our Elders as well as looking to fund an endowment for Indigenous students.
- Highlighted Abbondanza and Vibe Fest with a new format on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### 5.1. 2025-26 Interim Budget

MOTION: opn.2025.02.02

Kawchuk/Chapman

*That the Board of Governors approve the 2025-2026 Interim Budget.*

Motion: Carried

Overall, the budget is as presented. The Government grant is expected to be flat. D. Lucas added that this is to facilitate spending until we get the final budget. The government will present their budget on February 27<sup>th</sup> and we will work on finalizing our budget after that. This is based on the 2024-25 budget with whatever budget assumptions we were able to make.

#### 5.2. 2025-26 Fees and Rates – International Graduate Tuition Deposit

MOTION: opn.2025.02.03

Kawchuk/van Mulligen

*That the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees and rates for the International Graduate Tuition Deposit for 2025-2026, with*

*the fees and rates for 2026-2027 to 2028-2029 be approved in principle.*

Motion: Carried

This is to increase the graduate rate to match the undergraduate rate. It was missed when the fees were approved last meeting. It was noted that the deposit is comparable to other institutions.

### 5.3. Investment Management Document and Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2025.02.04

Kawchuk/Zielke

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

Motion: Carried

We have worked with Telus Health to change the asset mix. We have reviewed the changes and will follow up with a search for new managers. The Governance Document will be reviewed and brought back to an upcoming meeting.

### 5.4. Vice-President (Research) Search & Review Committee - Appointment

[D. McMartin, due to conflict of interest, was not present for this item].

MOTION: opn.2025.02.05

Casson/Coburn

*That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Anne Dymond to the Vice-President (Research) Search & Review Committee.*

Motion: Carried

This is to add a representative to the Search and Review Committee selected by the Board.

### 5.5. Delegation of Authority, Senior Executives Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2025.02.06

Casson/Thomas

*That the Board of Governors approve of the Delegation of Authority, Senior Executives Policy (Revised), effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

## 5.6. Emeriti Appointment Policy (Revised)

MOTION: opn.2025.02.07

Casson/Reiter

*That the Board of Governors approve the Emeriti Appointments Policy (Revised), effective immediately with friendly amendment 3.1.1.1. to say be retiring or have retired.*

Motion: Carried

M. Helstein reported that there are two distinct philosophies with regards to emeriti appointments – one is about the relationship and the other is prestige based. Previously it was prestige based. This was discussed at GFC and they felt that this was the way to proceed. It opens up the Policy and is less work in operationalizing. It was noted that the in 3.1.1.1. – the timing to submit before retiring lacked clarity. M. Helstein stated that the intent was to not have a timeline. There was a friendly amendment to say retiring or have retired with the rank of.

## 6. REPORTS

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

M. Helstein let the report stand.

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

K. Greenwood encouraged participation in the upcoming listed events in the report. The Brainstorm campus event is tonight. The movie is also being shown on Telus on Demand.

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 on the bottom of page two – 3 chairs in the spring and 3 chairs open in the fall. They have split the competition in half and will be back with an amended terms of reference.

### 6.5. Board Member Reports

M. Thomas spoke to Pass the Hat Foodbank Fundraiser. Almost \$4000 was raised. It has allowed the SU to increase the gift card amounts along with the Community Foundation grant. The Senate was the winner this year. The SU was grateful for all the donations received.

J. Reiter reported on the Meeting of the Minds Conference. It has been expanded to be

multidisciplinary to project-based work, poster, talks, etc. This will take place March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Science Commons with the poster section and the presentations on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are looking for judges for poster and oral sessions. Contact J. Reiter for information.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2025.02.08

Gonci/Thomas

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of  
February 13, 2025 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried