



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, December 6, 2024
1:30 p.m., AH100 & Zoom

- Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair), H. Ortega Arango, F. Baskerville, M. Booyens, A. Cormican, C. Crane, A. Day Chief, R. DeGagne, J. Dempsey, J. Doan, R. Doria, A. Figueroa, B. Galts, T. Grindle, M. Helstein, D. Jayas, L. Kolk, G. Mankee, D. McMartin, S. Mintz, R. Myndio, M. Oladoye, D. Yellow Horn, T. Petriw, D. Piper, M. Campmans, T. Rempel, T. Saunders, B. Scott, J. Shriner, S. Sjovold, T. Thomas, L. Wyton, O. Kovalchuk, M. Mintz
- Regrets:** T. Panczak, A. Boras, S. Parmar, V. Boras, U. Patel, T. Boulet, K. Rabbit-Young Pine, L. Spadavecchia, B. Spenceley, J. Dubiel, J. Steed, B. Tucker, M. Watson, K. Greenwood, L. Wyton, C. Irakoze, D. Lucas, A. Mardon, L. Neufeld, J. Oldfield
- Other:** G. DeSteur, J. Gallais, L. Starr

The Chair opened with the Territorial Acknowledgement. Senate was provided with a Presentation titled “Education under siege, under fire, and on the frontlines” from Dr. Lisa Starr, Dean, Faculty of Education.

1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – December 6, 2024
- 1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2024

MOTION: sen.2024.12.01

Shriner/Cormican

That the Senate approve of the Consent Agenda for December 6, 2024.

Motion: Carried

2. ULSU PASS THE HAT

M. Thomas and M. Oladoye presented the annual Pass the Hat Fundraiser to Senate. Senate was highly encouraged to beat the Board of Governors this year.

3. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

T. Whitehead noted his report is enclosed but highlighted the Brainstorm premier on October 16th.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

D. Jayas noted that his report is enclosed and highlighted the Strategic Plan process.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Board of Governors

T. Boulet was not present, and T. Whitehead noted that the report is enclosed.

5.2. General Faculties Council

N. Buis Deering highlighted a few items within the enclosed report.

5.3. Alumni Association

C. Crane highlighted a few items from the enclosed report.

5.4. Graduate Students' Association

J. Dubiel was not present to provide the report.

5.5. Students' Union

M. Oladoye presented a verbal report for the ULSU:

- Culture Week in partnership the University took place.
- M. Thomas was at advocacy week in Ottawa and met with the Prime Minister and about 85 Members of Parliament where several student priorities were advocated for.
- Jingle Jangle Food Wrangle is taking place this month in partnership with student clubs.
- The ULSU General Assembly and discussed bill-3 at this meeting.

5.6. Executive Committee

T. Whitehead highlighted the enclosed report.

5.7. Engagement Committee*

T. Petriw noted that this committee has not met since the last meeting of Senate.

5.8. Honorary Degree Committee

B. Galts spoke on the enclosed report and highlighted the current slate of non-conferred recipients for 2025.

5.9. Volunteer Award Committee

T. Whitehead highlighted the enclosed report and noted that approval of the new Volunteer Award process.

5.10. Other Member Reports/Inquiries

- S. Mintz shared a report from the community centering around the Angel Tree initiative. It was highlighted that this initiative has been incredibly successful.

**This committee has not met since the last Senate meeting*

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Senate Engagement Schedule

T. Petriw shared the most up to date Senate Engagement schedule and noted that this is always available on SharePoint.

6.2. Updated Volunteer Award Process

D. Jayas highlighted the new Volunteer Award Guidelines and Nomination form that are enclosed in package.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1. Senate Committee Appointments

MOTION: sen.2024.12.02

Jayas/Scott

That the Senate approve of the additions to the undesignated Senate Standing Committee membership as follows for 2024/25, commencing December 6, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

Honorary Degree Committee: Nando Ortega Arango

Volunteer Award Committee: Deserae Yellow Horn

Motion: Carried

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1. Senate Moments (27 Senate Moments were shared):

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- T. Petriw attended the UofL Singers fundraiser at St. Andrews Church, attended the Wind Ensemble, and Global Drums. T. Petriw highlighted the immense talent within our Fine Arts Faculty.
 - S. Mintz attended the UofL Branding workshop and really appreciated it. It was highlighted that the Jahari window was a key take away for S. Mintz.
 - B. Scott highlighted that her and her partner attended the “In Tongues” performance and noted that it was an excellent production and date night.
 - G. Mankee attended all the recent basketball games and partnered at the student food bodega on three separate occasions. It was also highlighted that G. Mankee also visited the International Centre, the Iikaisskini Centre, and the Indigenous Studies office to learn about the Indigenous ways of Southern Alberta. G. Mankee also attended the Branding workshop.
 - J. Doan donated plasma yesterday and highlighted what an awesome experience it was and noted that ULEthbridge will be hosting the National Ringette Championship this December.
 - T. Saunders attended the Brainstorm premier and noted what a great engaging experience this was and attended the Peace Garden Dedication earlier this morning.
 - J. Shriner highlighted the branding workshop and what an awesome event that was. Also attended Friend of Fine Arts that’s now tied in with “Vibe Fest”. J. Shriner also noted: that he was appointed to the Universities Art Acquisitions Committee, Adjudicator in “Pasting the News”. J. Shriner also noted that the Food for Thought committee hasn’t met recently and highlighted that awareness is key as the holidays approach.
 - R. DeGagne highlighted that he had the opportunity to mentor an Indigenous student, and he brought him to visit with our Elders in Residence. R. DeGagne was gifted a Blackfoot name by Elder Cathy Hunt.
 - D. Piper shared that he is helping host a play and coincidently the Director was an Alumni of the UofL, and the many others also turned out to be UofL Alumni or Students.
 - K. Godfrey highlighted the PUBLIC Professor Series and the most recent one done by Dr. Sidney Shapiro on Generative A.I. K. Godfrey also noted that 2025 is the 50th anniversary of the start of Indigenous Education at the University of Lethbridge and 40th anniversary

for the Indigenous Governance and Business Management program and 50th anniversary for Business program. During the next Spring Semester, there will be a Scholarship Dinner hosting to commemorate a new Scholarship in honour of our Universities Elders. There will be a major fundraising program coming out around this new scholarship.

- M. Booyens thanked the ULAA for allowing Senators to attend the Lifelong Learning Webinars and noted how valuable those are for non-alumni Senators.
- D. McMartin highlighted the International Women's Day sponsorships are now available. The event is scheduled to take place on March 12, 2025, with the opening keynote from Dr. Jen Gunter. This year's theme is "Leaders who change the conversation".
- C. Crane highlighted Team Lethbridge trip to Edmonton and what a success that was.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

T. Whitehead shared details about Luxie Lifts. G. DeSteur thanked Senate for their hard work and amazing engagement in 2024 and wished everyone a great holiday break.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2024.12.03

Scott/Galts

That the Senate be adjourned for December 6, 2024.

Motion: Carried