



**UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES**

Friday, April 11, 2025

11:00 a.m., Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (no virtual option)

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

***Senate Presentation from UofL Researchers Dr. Kevin McGeough &
Dr. Shawn Bubel on their Archaeological Research at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.***

**1. CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVAL**

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – April 11, 2025
- 1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Schedule – April 11, 2025
- 1.3. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2025

MOTION: sen.2025.04.01

Shriner/Dubiel

*That the Senate approve the Consent Agenda for
April 11, 2025.*

Motion: Carried

2. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

T. Whitehead presented the Chancellor's Report as enclosed.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas presented the President's Report as enclosed and highlighted the Strategic Plan roll out. D. Jayas also thanked the departing Senators for their service to Senate.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Board of Governors

T. Boulet presented the enclosed Board of Governors Report.

4.2. General Faculties Council

O. Kovalchuk presented the enclosed General Faculties Council Report.

4.3. Alumni Association

C. Crane was not present, and the chair noted the report is enclosed.

4.4. Graduate Students' Association

J. Dubiel gave a verbal update and highlighted the following:

- Meeting of the minds was a huge success, held on March 21st and 22nd with a record number of presentations from students. and Senators were thanked for volunteering.
- GSA Elections are underway.
- J. Dubiel thanked the departing Senators for their service.

4.5. Students' Union

M. Thomas provided a verbal update and highlighted the following:

- The ULSU has completed their annual election and some of the new council members in attendance were introduced.
- M. Thomas thanked Senate for the last few years noting that she will be leaving Senate as the outgoing ULSU President. The Chancellor was also thanked.

4.6. Executive Committee

T. Whitehead noted the report is enclosed and highlighted the Brent Butt Comedy show on May 25th at the Yates.

4.7. Engagement Committee

T. Petriw presented the enclosed Engagement Committee report and highlighted the upcoming Chancellors Dinner on May 29th and encourage Senators to get tickets to the Chancellors Dinner. T. Petriw also thanked Senate as a retiring Senator.

4.8. Honorary Degree Committee*

B. Galts noted that this committee has not met since the last meeting of Senate and noted that we have scheduled the next set of HDRs for 2025.

4.9. Volunteer Award Committee

T. Whitehead noted the report is enclosed and highlighted the new Volunteer Award Recipient to Senate.

4.10. Other Member Reports/Inquiries

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

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Senate Meeting Schedule 2025-2027

G. DeSteur presented the updated 2025-2027 Senate meeting schedule.

5.2. Senate Engagement Schedule

T. Petriw presented the Senate Engagement Schedule and highlighted a few opportunities for engagement from the schedule.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1. Senate Member Reappointments

MOTION:

sen.2025.04.02

Jayas/MacBeath

That the Senate Executive Committee recommends to Senate the reappointment of the following Representative Members for their second and final term ending on June 30, 2028.

- *Margie Booyens (Medicine Hat)*
- *Mashhood Qazi (Calgary)*
- *Suzanne Sjovold (Lethbridge)*

Motion: Carried

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Senator Engagement Award

T. Petriw

7.2. Senate Moments

T. Petriw led Senate Moments, and the following were shared:

19 Senate moments were shared.

- T. Petriw highlighted the Senate Mentorship events and how much fun that was engaging with students and how rewarding it was to give advice to students. It was noted that this is open to retired Senators as well.
- S. Mintz also noted the Senate Mentorship Events as a highlight and noted how rewarding the event.
- R. Doria really enjoyed judging the Meeting of the Minds event with the GSA. She noted that the research that is being done is so very impressive, and she highlighted how thankful she was to participate.
- H. MacBeath noted that her entire time on Senate was rewarding from her first Chancellor Dinner to this Senate Meeting at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump today. The Chancellor thanked H. MacBeath for her six years of service to Senate.
- J. Shriner highlighted a few events such as the Donor Gala, DSB Scholarship Dinner, and Chasing the Muse Part II and noted how impressive this event was.
- K. Rabbit-Young Pine invited to sit on a panel for the four-year celebration of the Dhillon School of Business, and she noted that it was incredible to share her perspective as a Senator and as community member.
- T. Saunders attended the year end mini presentation from the Indigenous Student Success Cohort, and it showed the work that they did and the experiential work they did that inspired them to continue their education.
- L. Kolk participated in Conversations in Agriculture with Dr. Danny Leroy from the Economics department. L. Kolk noted how it was great to get in depth with this small class and noted it was very inspirational.
- M. Booyens noted how grateful she is to be on Senate and how she is so grateful and proud to represent Medicine Hat Alberta for another 3-year term.
- O. Kovalchuk participated in the Luke Stebbins Undergraduate Memorial Symposium as a co-organizer and noted that there were 31 speakers and noted the depth and breadth was impressive and noted how incredible the work being done across the campus.
- J. Dubiel noted that he attended and enjoyed the Luke Stebbins Undergraduate Memorial Symposium and note that not only were there a lot of speakers but also a lot of attendees.
- R. DeGagne also noted how being on Senate and the work that Senate does is such an incredible opportunity and privilege.

- M. Booyens also thanked T. Petriw for being her Senate Mentor over the last three years.
- J. Shriner also highlighted the efforts of Food for Thought Committee and highlighted the work being done around campus by many different internal and external units on campus. J. Shriner noted how solution based all these groups have been and how rewarding this experience has been.
- T. Whitehead thanked the ULSU for their dedication and expertise in finding and supporting solutions for student food security on campus.
- S. Sjovald noted that she worked with a student to develop an app called Snack Radar that allows extra food at events to be shared with students reducing waste and food insecurity all in one.
- G. DeSteur noted that all leftover lunches will be provided to students, likely through Snack Radar.
- J. Gallais noted that we have set up a book reading with David Robertson at a local high school and how that makes a huge difference in the community. J. Gallais also highlighted Bernadine and Toby Boulet as the Fall 2025 HDRs.
- T. Boulet attended the Three Minute Thesis competition and noted how incredible that experience was.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

G. DeSteur highlighted a couple items for other business. The Senate Jackets are in progress, and sizes were collected from Senators in attendance. G. DeSteur also noted the forthcoming Senate Engagement Survey for the engagement tracking.

T. Whitehead shared that Abbondanza is upcoming, and tickets may be on sale. The new event attached to Abbondanza called Vibe Fest which is free and encouraged Senators to attend if they can. T. Whitehead also thanked G, DeSteur, J. Gallais, and M. Okeowo-Grant for their support in making today happened and for supporting Senate in general.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: sen.2025.04.04

Galts/Thomas

*That the Senate be adjourned
for April 11, 2025.*

Motion: Carried