



**SENATE  
APPROVED MINUTES**

Friday, December 2, 2025  
1:30 p.m., AH100 & Zoom

- Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair), S. Acharya, F. Baskerville, M. Booyens (virtual), V. Boras, N. Buis-Deering, M. Campmans, C. Crane (virtual), S. Darain (virtual), J. Dempsey (virtual), J. Doan, R. Doria, J. Dubiel, A. Figueroa, B. Galts, K. Godfrey, K. Greenwood, T. Grindle, M. Helstein, C. Irakoze, D. Jayas, O. Legg, D. Lucas, G. Mankee, K. Massey, D. McMartin, S. Mintz, E. Mundell, R. Myndio, M. Neumeier, S. Pahulje, D. Piper, J. Prus, K. Rabbit-Young Pine, T. Rempel, T. Saunders, L. Spadavecchia, S. Whimster-Collier, P. Warris, L. Wyton (virtual), D. Yellow Horn
- Regrets:** A. Boras, T. Boulet, A. Cormican, A. Day Chief, R. DeGagne, L. Kolk, S. Koppe, O. Kovalchuk, L. Neufeld, H. Ortega Arango, S. Parmar, U. Patel, B. Pike, M. Qazi, B. Scott, J. Shriner, S. Sjovold, J. Steed, MD. Tareque, B. Tucker
- Other:** J. Gallais, A. Mohamed, H. Jansen, E. Scott

*The Chancellor opened with the territorial statement.*

*Moment of silence was held for Dr. Dennis Connolly, retired mathematics professor, and 2017 Honorary Degree Recipient and Robert Comstock, former Vice-President of Campus Development.*

*Presentation by Dr. Harold Jansen, University Librarian and Dean of the School of Liberal Education.*

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**1. CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVAL**

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – December 5, 2025  
1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2025

MOTION: sen.2025.12.01

Piper/Wyton

*That the Senate approve the Consent Agenda for December 5, 2025.*

Motion: Carried

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**2. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

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

He highlighted the following:

UofL Jazz ensemble, Academic all Canadian dinner, & Chess for Life he is attending at Lethbridge Correctional Centre.

### 3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

D. Jayas presented the President's Report as enclosed and highlighted the following:

- Rhodes Scholar – being awarded to Sydney Whiting, institutions 4<sup>th</sup> ever and she receives full ride to Oxford.
- Mintz panel submitted report but province will reach out with more information in new year.
- Brand Launch and Strategic Plan – continue to receive lots of positive feedback.
- Great news in the Buy a Student Breakfast Campaign – largest donation year ever!
- A question arose on engineering and great news on university rankings moving up from 11<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. **REPORTS**

#### 4.1. Senate Endowment Presentation Update

E. Scott Director of Philanthropy & Donor Relations shared the endowment impacts for the students at the University of Lethbridge due to the work of Senate.

#### 4.2. Senate Committees

- Executive Committee  
T. Whitehead noted the report is enclosed. No questions.
- Engagement Committee  
T. Saunders/R. Myndio presented the enclosed Engagement Committee report.
- Honorary Degree Committee  
B. Galts presented the enclosed Honorary Degree Committee report. Deadline is Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> for all nominations.
- Volunteer Award Committee  
T. Whitehead noted the nomination deadline of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4.3. Other Member Reports

- Board of Governors  
No questions arose on the submitted report.
- General Faculties Council  
K. Massey presented the enclosed General Faculties Council Report. Highlighted some of the work being done.
- Alumni Association  
C. Crane verbally noted the great news again about the Buy a Student Breakfast campaign in doubling the previous year and now this year being the highest donations ever.
- Graduate Students' Association  
J. Dubiel gave a verbal update and highlighted the following:

Meeting of the minds date coming soon, breakfast drive, meet alumni event, career night and working on funding graduate student travel for research.

- Students' Union
  - A. Figueroa provided a verbal update and highlighted the following:
    - Advocacy week, meeting with deputy minister, working with city of Lethbridge GSA and Polytechnic, Career bridge, buy a student breakfast – thanks, arts and science jeopardy night, work with RBC, undergraduate initiatives program and great gingerbread house competition was held too!
- ULSU Pass the Hat
  - Members were encouraged to donate and it was indicated that Knud Petersen kickstarted the program for Senators with a \$500 donation! Please give.

## 5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 5.1. Senate Engagement Schedule

R. Myndio and T. Saunders reminded members to let the engagement committee know how they can better keep everyone engaged. The updated Senate Engagement schedule was presented. It was also noted there a suggestion for Senator snippets to share information amongst senate members on the events they attended and if they are going.

### 5.2. Senate & Senate Alumni Night – Pronghorns Shoot for the Cure Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

T. Saunders/R. Myndio encouraged individuals to attend and wear pink.

### 5.3. PUBLIC Professor Sponsorship

T. Saunders/R. Myndio highlighted the great initiative of sponsoring this event and the upcoming schedule was included in the agenda.

## 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 6.1. Senate Moments

T. Saunders and R. Myndio led Senate Moments, and the following moments were shared:

#### **14 Senate moments were shared.**

- T. Saunders – came across high school students visiting campus along with the Indigenous recruiters it is great to see prospective students on campus.
- R. Doria – Congratulations were expressed to R. Doria by the Chancellor on her election to City Council. Rufa in appreciation provided \$1,000 to Senate Endowment in addition to a donation to ULSU pass the hat fundraiser!
- L. Wyton – appreciation was given for Dr. Jansen's presentation today and the value of liberal education throughout tourism and education.
- B. Tucker – 3 moments – PUBLIC professor was great; Midsummer Nights Dream was incredible – best theatre in years and it was so great to be accommodated in meeting Alumni with Grad students.
- M. Booyens – Fall convocation with Boulet's address was AMAZING – she has a typed copy for anyone who would like to see; and the Alumni night in Medicine Hat was thankful to attend and she has someone who is interested in Senate too.
- D. Tailfeathers – 3 moments – Iikaisskini Halloween and Christmas amazing events held, the elder facepainting is next week and helps relieve exam stress and thanks to Mastercard foundation the midsummer nights dream had 2 sessions for Kainai and Pikani with 197 students being able to attend.

- D. Piper – a few moments with Sydney Whiting Rhodes Scholar being a Chinook High School grad and being able to share with the students that those staying in Lethbridge, can accomplish amazing things. Also knowing a student who is wanting to stay here and set a goal to do SAMP program is inspiring to see.
- J. Doan – celebration of Jim Steacy being inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame.
- N. Buis-Deering – Encourage students to apply by December 15<sup>th</sup> for they can have early admission scholarships.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Dena McMartin reminded members tickets to International Women’s Day on March 11<sup>th</sup> go on sale Monday and there are some great speakers!

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: sen.2025.10.02

Massey/Doan

*That the Senate be adjourned for December 5, 2025.*

Motion: Carried

*Celebration of Life for Dr. Dennis Connolly*