



**SENATE APPROVED MINUTES**

Friday, February 13, 2026  
1:20 p.m., AH100 & Zoom

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

The Chancellor opened with the territorial statement.  
Moment of silence was held for Dr. Bill Cade, former President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge from 2000 to 2010, and 2012 Honorary Degree Recipient and Joan Stebbins, 2009 Honorary Degree Recipient.

Presentation by Dr. Kerry Godfrey, Dean, Dhillon School of Business at Markin Hall Trading Room, and there was no Zoom attendance for this portion.

Acknowledgement that The University of Lethbridge has lowered its flags in recognition of the residents of Tumbler Ridge, B.C. and the tragic events they have experienced.

Justin Dubiel was thanked as an outgoing member and Jade Oldfield was welcomed as his replacement.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**  
APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – February 13, 2026
- 1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2025

MOTION: sen.2026.02.01

Scott/Mundell

*That the Senate approve the Consent Agenda for February 13, 2026.*

Motion: Carried

It was noted that J. Oldfield will address the GSA report.

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## 2. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

He highlighted the following:

- Attended an exciting weekend at the Senate Night and Shoot for the Cure at Pronghorn basketball, Upcoming events including *If Music Be the Food of Love* concert, serving as a judge for the 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) Showcase, and Attending the Abbondanza fundraiser.
- K. Greenwood shared that Playday event will take place on Family Day – Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at UofL
- Congratulations was also given to A. Figueroa for receiving the Alberta's top 30 under 30 award.

## 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- He is going to India in March with Universities Canada and there is hope that it will develop international student opportunities
- City Council came to campus as we continue to work on important partnerships with the City.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1. Senate Committees

- Executive Committee  
T. Whitehead noted the report is enclosed. Presented Senate Meeting Schedule 2026-2027. 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. The committee looks forward to the in camera discussion today.
- Volunteer Award Committee  
T. Whitehead noted the nomination deadline of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 4.2. 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.
  - G. Mankee asked a question about the agricultural study program and further information will be provided to him.
- Alumni Association  
C. Crane verbally noted seeing alumni engagement be embedded in student milestones, faculty celebrations, athletics, and various community events. 4313 alumni contributed nearly 3500 gifts to the university. C. Crane noted the importance of continuing to support the connection of alumni students to the university.

- Graduate Students' Association
  - J. Oldfield gave a verbal update and highlighted the following:
    - Recently held workshop with Cindy Crane and Brad Tucker to support graduate students in preparing for presentations to help elevate the work that they put together.
    - GSA Meeting of the Minds Conference coming up in March. 60 submissions and on track to match numbers of last year – more information will be sent to Senate.
    - Currently going through nominations and there will soon be elections for GSA positions
  
- Students' Union
  - A. Figueroa provided a verbal update and highlighted the following:
    - Currently away on federal advocacy work.
    - Formal invitation for the ULSU Transition Gala on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> will be sent out soon
    - Federally, through the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, outreach has supported efforts to protect Canada Student Grant funding, including successful engagement with a Member of Parliament to sponsor a federal e-petition now being signed by students across Canada
    - Provincially, he has led the transition of ULSU's representation to the Alberta Students' Executive Council following General Assembly approval. Municipally ULSU continues outreach in support of the U-Pass referendum through tabling, printed materials, and social media engagement
    - Development of the next five-year Strategic Plan is underway with an external facilitator and remains on track for an April launch
  
- ULSU Pass the Hat Results and Changeover Dinner
  - Senators were thanked by A. Figueroa for their donations. Pass the Hat campaign raised a total of \$3,525 with the Board of Governors raising \$1,625 and Senate raising \$1,525

## 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

### 5.1. Position Description: Chancellor

MOTION: sen.2026.02.02

Jayas/Buis-Deering

*That Senate approve the Position Description: Chancellor, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

D. Jayas noted that development of this document and no questions arose.

### 5.2. Chancellor Search Committee Guidelines

MOTION: sen.2026.02.03

Jayas/Mundell

*That Senate approve the Chancellor Search Committee Guidelines, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

D. Jayas noted that timelines and process. No questions arose.

5.3. Honorary Degree Recipients (in camera)

B. Galts led the Senate in the election of the Honorary Degree Recipients. The meeting was moved in camera for discussion and a separate set of in camera minutes were taken.

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1. Chancellor Search Timelines and Committee Expressions of Interest

J. Gallais shared the proposed timelines for the search along with the process for Senate Members to express interest in serving on the search committee. A reminder of this will be emailed to Senate Members.

6.2. Senate Engagement Schedule

R. Myndio shared the Public Professor schedule and encouraged Senators to get involved. Reminded Senators to purchase Chancellors Dinner tickets once they go live. The Shoot for the Cure event was well received, and the mentorship gala was also highlighted.

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

7.1. Senate Moments

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

- R. Doria – got an opportunity to be a judge at an Alberta Art & Research event and was impressed by how the students translated their research to the community
- T. Boulet – he was just in Kyoto Japan and shared how proud he is to share his roles and involvement in the UofL
- B. Tucker – highlighted the success of the *Inside the Score Card* workshop, which aimed at helping graduate students communicate their research clearly and confidently. He also expressed appreciation for collaborating with J. Oldfield.
- S. Pahulje – informed the Senators of events to attend and get involved with: VibeFest and Abbondanza fundraiser
- M. Booyens – Recently met a graduate of the UofL from nursing and they did their job with so much care – proud they were a grad.
- C. Crane – encouraged Senators to get involved at the Abbondanza fundraiser and expressed how much she enjoys and values the event
- E. Mundell – thanked Senators for their efforts in supporting the students and UofL community
- R. Myndio – reminded Senators to attend the International Women’s Day event on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- R. DeGagne– attended Sweetgrass Over Coals event and expressed how proud he is of the faculty and students who stood up and united against hate
- C. Crane – thanked K. Godfrey for all the work he has done in Indigenous Reconciliation support and their will be a dinner to recognize this.
- J. Prus – spoke about the importance of community engagement in Lethbridge, was happy by how kind the profs of UofL are, invited by 19 profs to attend classes on campus, sat in 8 lectures in 4 different faculties, extended invitation to Senators to join classes in campus with him, opportunity to see how profs engage with the students, took a few months off of work to attend a variety of classes on campus
- A. Figueroa thanked the Senators for their support and involvement

**8. 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!

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: sen.2026.02.06

Scott/Campmans

*That the Senate be adjourned for February 13, 2026.*

Motion: Carried