



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2011
1:30 p.m. in W646

Present: B. Turner (Chair), J. Berezan, B. Brown, A. Escher, P. Forrest, G. Jong, B. Kunz, K. Lewis, M. Mahon, S. McClellan, H. MacDonald, D. McArthur, Z. Moline (via phone), K. Nugent, M. Smith, J. Varzari, P. Walz, T. Waters, K. Willms

Regrets: E. Good Striker, E. Karbashewski

Other: J. Black (recording secretary), B. Boudreau, L. Corbiere, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, S. Sproule, N. Walker, D. Weeks, R. Westlund

Prior to the Board Meeting N. Walker called upon Sandy Slavin, Executive Director Sport and Recreation Services who introduced the University of Lethbridge Women's Rugby team and allowed the Board to congratulate them on their sixth straight year as the Canada West Champions. They played hard at nationals and finished 4th.

A. Hakin then introduced H. J. Wieden, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry who introduced the iGEM team who recently placed in the top 16 at the international competition, and were the only Canadian team to make the top 16. They presented to the Board on their work and B. Turner and M. Mahon presented all the students their achievement certificates they won.

M. Mahon introduced B. Boudreau, AVP (Academic), and S. Sproule, the in-house legal counsel to their first meeting.

A. Hakin is participating at the pronghorn game on Saturday night by shooting pucks for prostate cancer. Donations were welcomed for this cause.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1. Approval of the November 17, 2011 Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the October 13, 2011 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2011.11.01

MacDonald /Escher

That the Board of Governors approve the November 17, 2011 Consent Agenda.

A correction to Larry Pollock's name will be made.

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

B. Turner congratulated P. Walz on his recent success on his oral thesis presentation. A reminder was given that at the next Board Meeting there will be a photograph taken and the Board Christmas dinner that evening.

Fall convocation went well, and a thank you was given to those who were on the platform. On October 14th B. Turner attended the Hall of Fame dinner in Calgary. November 4th Mount Royal installed their first University president, and B. Turner brought greetings on our behalf.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon attended AUCC in late October at McGill. It was the 100th Anniversary of that organization. The Macleans and Globe and Mail rankings were released. We did well ending up 4th in Macleans out of the primarily undergraduate institutions. The Globe and Mail does their rankings in grades, and we were mainly A's.

The president again highlighted the tremendous accomplishments of our iGEM team. There have been numerous meetings with government officials. He met with the Minister this morning, has met with Bill Werry and Peter Watson. A trip to Ottawa is slated for meetings on the federal front.

This Fall a full review of the GFC bylaws was completed. These bylaws have only been amended slightly since introduction in 2001, so this has been a tremendous achievement. It is important to highlight that the mid-term review of senior administrators has been removed due to redundancy because there are already annual reviews. There is also new language relative to the number of terms that a senior administrator should have. The recommended length is two five-year terms. If there are three terms it will be within an open search. In the end these are all recommendations as the board has final decisions on appointments.

M. Mahon attended an alumni event in Vancouver and Victoria. He has also been invited to travel to Israel as there is significant work there in water and aerospace. A decision has not yet been made regarding this trip.

M. Mahon is also on a committee regarding the Canadian Interuniversity Sport to examine the CIS and NCAA system.

The process of planning the next Strategic Plan is starting with the Strategic Planning Committee. They have currently revised the terms of reference to provide further clarification for the structure of the committee.

4. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

S. McClellan reported that Fall Convocation was successful.

There was a senate retirement dinner a week ago to thank the retiring senators and to try and keep them connected. There was also a convocation pizza thank you lunch in appreciation of all the individuals who make Convocation happen.

The Chancellor also attended the convocation and installation of the new president at Grant MacEwan, Dr. David Atkinson, who was at the UofL for 15 years. He was pleased

we attended. S. McClellan also has an opportunity to join A. Hakin and the iGEM group when they come to Edmonton to be introduced to the Minister.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1 Emeritus Appointment Policy Revision

MOTION: opn.2011.11.02

Mahon/Jong

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Emeritus Appointments Policy, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

N. Walker indicated it is a friendly amendment to assist in clarifying the Emeritus title to be granted.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Sustainability

L. Corbiere had nothing to add to the enclosed report. B. Turner emphasized the importance of having this report at our Board Meetings.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

A. Hakin's report was circulated and again he noted the revised GFC Bylaws and the work gone into those changes. Other items to note was Dean's Council has been very active on the budget, at joint council there was a Recruitment and Retention project presentation update, and an examination on surveys and outcomes is being worked on within the VPA office.

8. VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION)

N. Walker had nothing to add to the enclosed report.

9. VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

D. Weeks added that one of the most important research ranking is the Research Information Source, and the UofL moved up in the rankings two spots to 35th in the nation. We were the only comprehensive institution in Alberta to move up. A year ago D. Weeks was in China and now recently an MOU has been signed with an organization in China from that visit in regards to earth imaging and remote sensing. The organization has committed a ¼ million dollars to the UofL to support a government project around food security. More details will be within the report next month on this. Also the iGEM group is hosting a dinner tomorrow evening with proceeds to the MS Society, so they are also very civic minded as well. The water hub has also been named by Water Canada as an innovative new technology around water.

10. VICE-PRESIDENT (ADVANCEMENT)

C. Horbachewski added that in relation to the sustainability report they are working as well to increase awareness on campus. The first piece on sustainability was in the Legend and on the This is my U website. The comment was also give that our president's breaking ground for the new residence, that occurred just hours ago, by driving the backhoe is already appearing on social media.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. Escher reported that the SU annual academic speaker is Bill Nye and he is scheduled to speak in January. Our Chemistry professors Wayne Lippa and John Engg will be the opening act. Tickets are \$3, and it benefits the Food Bank and is hosted in conjunction with the GSA.

P. Walz announced the GSA has a new website that was recently launched. There is also the upcoming interdisciplinary conference they are planning and they are opening it up to the community to come and attend. The GSA is also taking an active role with the UofC association regarding a graduate representative group in Western Canada.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2011.11.03

McArthur/Brown

That the Board of Governors open session meeting of November 17, 2011 be adjourned.

Motion: Carried