



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, October 18, 2024
1:30 p.m., AH100 & Zoom

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

Oki, chair opened with the Territorial Acknowledgment. Kathy Greenwood, Vice-President (External Relations), presented on the Senate Endowment fun with Brittany Allen, student recipient of a Senate Scholarship. The annual Senate photo was also taken during this meeting.

1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – October 18, 2024
- 1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2024

MOTION: sen.2024.10.01

Thomas/Shriner

That Senate approve the Consent Agenda for October 18, 2024.

Motion: Carried

2. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

T. Whitehead reported on the enclosed report and highlighted a few events:

- Let There be Light Night is happening tonight, this event celebrates our outstanding Alumni.
- Convocation tomorrow: Senators are encouraged to attend.
- Brainstorm documentary premier is happening on November 16 at 7pm. A flyer for registration will be sent out following the meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas reported on the enclosed reports and highlighted a few points:

- Bill-18: A question was raised last Senate meeting about the impact of Bill-18 on the University. Since the last meeting, the government has consulted with Post-secondary institutions. The province has signaled that they are moving forward with an exemption for research.
- Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan is in its final stages of development and a recap of the

consultation process was highlighted. The plan is in its final stages of consultation with community and governing bodies. The new plan is expected to be approved by the Board of Governors at their December meeting, with implementation in March 2025. More consultation sessions will take place following the launch in March.

- Key Messages Document: The 2024-2025 Key messages document was shared with Senate and a brief overview of the key messages was provided to Senate. Some questions arose on the recent Maclean's ranking, initiatives on increasing Indigenous students on campus as well as international and domestic student enrolment and concerns.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Board of Governors

T. Boulet highlighted the enclosed report.

4.2. General Faculties Council

T. Whitehead noted that the report is enclosed.

4.3. Alumni Association

C. Crane noted the report is enclosed and highlighted the following:

- Let the be Light Night: is happening tonight and it was highlighted that Senators are encouraged to attend.
- International Alumni Engagement: The Alumni Association is engaging with the international alumni to get their stories.
- Alumni Lifelong Learning Webinars: Alumni are encouraged to look at these and see what is available.

4.4. Graduate Students' Association

J. Dubiel presented a verbal report:

- Thanksgiving dinner for Graduate Students event with 113 registered students at this event. It was noted that Graduate Student involvement and engagement seem to be trending positively toward increased attendance and engagement.
- Creation of new travel and conference awards/grants that allow students to receive this multiple times through their time as a student.
- Meeting of the Minds: Dates to come soon, and details will be provided to Senate when then are available.

4.5. Students' Union

T. Whitehead noted that the report was included as a post-agenda item.

4.6. Executive Committee

T. Whitehead noted the report is enclosed.

4.7. Engagement Committee

T. Petriw presented the Engagement committee report and highlighted a few events and updates:

- Senate Nights
 - October 30th at 7:00 pm – Public Professor Series Topic: Honeybees By: Dr. Shelly Hoover. This event is taking place at the Lethbridge Exhibition grounds.
 - December 2-7th - Senate Plasma Drive: Senators, and their family and friends, are encouraged to donate plasma. B. Scott also highlighted that the process is very similar to donating blood. A flyer was distributed with information on how to join the Senate team.
 - December 6th at 7:30 pm – UofL Singers Fundraiser. Tickets are required to be purchased as this is a fundraiser.

- Senator Engagement Award: Knud Petersen has offered to sponsor an annual \$1,000.00 award that will be added to the Senate Endowment that supports student scholarships. The funds will be matched by the Board of Governors matching campaign. The winning Senator will also be invited to lunch with the Chancellor, President, Knud, and the Governance Office.

4.8. Honorary Degree Committee

B. Galts that the report is enclosed and highlighted the following:

- The Honorary Degree Committee met last month and was provided with EDI training.
- The Honorary Degree Final Report & Recommendations were presented and will be on our agenda later this meeting.
- Nominations: We are accepting nominations for the 2024-2025 year.

4.9. Volunteer Award Committee*

T. Whitehead noted that this Committee hasn't met since the last meeting Senate.

4.10. Other Member Reports/Inquiries

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

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Senate Plan & Metrics Update

D. Jayas spoke on the metrics that were built into the Senate Plan. The metrics were highlighted, and it was shared what actions have been taken to ensure that Senate is on track with these.

5.2. Senate Member Evaluation

D. Jayas spoke on the potential actionable items that came from the Senate member evaluation. The actionable items are as follows:

- Increase Indigenous & Calgary representation on Senate.
- Strengthen community ties through outreach initiatives and partnerships.
- Broaden engagement opportunities and include more engagement opportunities.
- Increase participation rate in annual Senate evaluation.
- Look at engagement impacts and attendance report to increase engagement.
- Examine Volunteer Award Committee process.

A question about strengthening community ties and if that includes smaller communities like Medicine Hat. It was noted that Community is meant as the Southern Alberta Community.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1. HDR Report & Recommendations

MOTION: sen.2024.10.02

Galts/Shriner

That Senate approve of the nine recommendations arising from the report and approval of the required implementation directions effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

G. DeSteur and J. Gallais provided a presentation to Senate on the report and recommendations. No questions or concerns arose and positive support for the work was given.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Senate Moments

14 Senate moments shared:

- T. Petriw attended the PUBLIC Professor on Ending Homelessness. It was highlighted that T. Petriw won a draw winning a \$25 gift certificate to Analog Books.
- L. Wyton shared that about 26% of students are from Lethbridge area while 73.6% are from the rest of the province. During the Calgary Stampede L. Wyton helped organize an event for Edmonton and noted that there was plenty of University of Lethbridge representation.
- J. Shriner shared that he has been working with Food for Thought and that he has been volunteering at the Student Food Bodega. It was also highlighted that Chartwells has donated a refrigerator to the Bodega and the Bodega can now distribute fresh foods to students. Senators are encouraged to volunteer if they are able.
- J. Shriner also highlighted that Abbondanza is back and is embedded in a full day festival that shows off all the talent we have.
- B. Scott highlighted that they are working on a student award that's funded fully by past ULSU Presidents. There was an article in the Globe and Mail's Business section on Saturday.
- D. Piper highlighted that visiting professor Dr. Christian Landry is on campus today and highlighted that Dr. Landry was able to give a presentation to about 130 high school science students about genetics and microbiomes at Chinook High School.
- D. Piper also highlighted that he attended Alternatives by Drew Hayden Taylor and that he hopes to see more Senators attend.
- J. Gallais highlighted that Elder Francis First Charger has been an amazing Honorary Degree Recipient and is really looking forward to Convocation.
- J. Gallais noted that a former Honorary Degree Recipient, who had passed away, and had a significant enough connection with the University to leave a piece of their estate to our institution.
- T. Saunders highlighted that she helped host, and read the citation for, Karen Wauters at the Spring 2024 convocation.
- M. Campmans highlighted that students light up at convocation when waiving to parents the same way that her kindergarten class does when they see their parents.
- G. Mankee attended the new Bodega and highlighted how rewarding that experience was and encouraged all Senators to show up and volunteer. G. Mankee also thanked all the volunteers that make the Bodega possible.
- K. Rabbit Young-Pine attended Dr. Schiff's PUBLIC Professor talk and highlighted that she had made friends with Dr. Schiff after talking with her at the PUBLIC Professor event about ending homelessness.
- K. Rabbit Young-Pine was also invited by one of the other guests at the PUBLIC Professor to speak about Residential Schools to a class of young children on September 30th where Katie made feather bookmarks for the children.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

sen.2024.10.03

Tucker/Piper

That Senate be adjourned for October 18, 2024.

Motion: Carried