



# UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

## Approved Minutes

**Friday, December 1, 2023**  
**1:30 p.m., AH100 & Zoom**

**Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair), V. Boras, F. Baskerville, M. Booyens, T. Boulet, N. Buis-Deering, K. Colwell, R. Doria, J. Doan, J. Dubiel, J. Dempsey, B. Galts, C. Gillespie, K. Greenwood, T. Grindle, M. Helstein, D. Jayas, N. Ortega Arango, K. Rabbit-Young Pine, T. Rempel, I. Russell, B. Scott, J. Shriner, , T. Petriw, T. Saunders, B. Hughes, G. Mankee, H. MacBeath, D. McKenna, S. Mintz, B. Simpson, L. Spadavecchia, M. Thomas, R. Doria, B. Tucker, L. Wyton, D. Yellow Horn, M. Watson

**Regrets:** B. Allen, A. Boras, D. Colwell, M. Campmans, R. DeGagne, A. Ebenmelu, K. Godfrey, T. Ghouri, M. Gettman, L. Kolk, S. Koppe, A. Mercader, A. Mardon, U. Patel, T. Panczak, S. Parmar, R. Preston, M. Qazi, B. Spenceley, D. Piper, S. Sjovold, N. Walker

**Other:** G. DeSteur, J. Gallais

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA

#### APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2023
- 1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – December 1, 2023

MOTION: sen.2023.12.01

Baskerville/Rempel

*That Senate approve the Consent Agenda for December 1, 2023.*

Motion: Carried

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### 2. ULSU PASS THE HAT

M. Thomas described the Pass the Hat challenge and shared that the challenge was won by Senate last year.

### 3. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

T. Whitehead spoke on his report and highlighted a few of those items to Senate.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas spoke briefly on his submitted report.

- A question arose about the Rural Medical Program and President Jayas, spoke on the vision and mission behind the Program.

## 5. REPORTS

5.1. Board of Governors  
Report stands as is.

5.2. General Faculties Council  
Report stands as is.

5.3. Alumni Association  
D. McKenna let report stand and highlighted some key Alumni Association events.

- A question arose around Senators being able to attend the lifelong learning event and K. Greenwood clarified after that these events are open to Senate.

5.4. Graduate Students' Association  
J. Dubiel reported on:

- Monthly GSA Cafes and the over lunch hour events.
- Annual meeting of the mind that is coming up in March and noted that volunteers are need and they can contact Justin or any other GSA member to sign up. It is also encouraged for Senate to attend the event to see all the exciting things the graduate students are working on.

5.5. Students' Union  
M. Thomas reported on:

- Mental Health Awareness Week and highlighted some key events that took place during the week of programming.
- The ULSU volunteered at open house.
- Hosted the first annual Culture week here on campus.
- Student Retention Planning with Student Affairs.
- Indigenous student athlete night.
- Indigenous speaker coming to campus on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Student Networking Night on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Health and Dental Increases and rollovers helping pay for classes.
- M. Thomas and R. Preston met with 87 Ministers and the Prime Minister's Office during federal advocacy week in Ottawa.

5.6. Executive Committee  
As D. Piper sent regrets T. Whitehead provided a verbal report and highlighted the discussions around the Senate Retreat.

5.7. Engagement Committee  
T. Whitehead gave a brief update on the upcoming events.

5.8. Honorary Degree Committee  
B. Galts spoke on the Honorary Degree Process that we will be happening later in this meeting.

5.9. Volunteer Award Committee  
T. Whitehead highlighted January 15<sup>th</sup> as the deadline for nominations.

5.10. Other Member Reports/Inquiries  
No other reports at this time.

**6. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

6.1. Approval of Volunteer Awards Award Committee Appointments

MOTION: sen.2023.12.02

Colwell/Thomas

*That Senate approve:*

- *Nando Ortega Arango as the Non-Academic staff representative; and*
- *Natasha Buis-Deering as the member of General Faculties Council,*

*to serve on the Volunteer Awards Committee commencing immediately and ending June 30, 2024.*

Motion: Carried

6.2. Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: sen.2023.12.03

Galts/Doan

*That Senate approve the appointment of Jodie Gallais and Toby Boulet to the position of scrutineers.*

Motion: Carried

**7. IN CAMERA**

Senate went *In Camera* to discuss Honorary Degree Recipients.

**8. ITEMS FOR ACTION (Cont'd)**

8.1. Approval of Honorary Degree Recipients

MOTION: sen.2023.12.04

Galts/Doria

*That Senate approves the awarding of Honorary Degrees as per the results of the December 1, 2023 confidential vote.*

Motion: Carried

## **9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **9.1. Senate Moments**

T. Whitehead led Senate Moments and the following was highlighted:

- M. Booyens highlighted the programming with Career Bridge.
- R. Doria highlighted the Speed networking night and how much fun that was.
- N. Buis-Dering highlighted the holiday market and the benefit that has for students on campus.
- J. Shriner highlighted the party that he hosted to introduce Heather Davis-Fisch, the new Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, to local Artists around Lethbridge.
- G. Mankee took a moment to thank G. Desteur and J. Gallais for all their hard work with the Senate.
- T. Boulet highlighted the Tim Hortons Smile cookie imitative and thanked those who participated

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business at this time.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

sen.2023.12.05

Thomas/Dubiel

*That Senate be adjourned for December 1, 2023.*

Motion: Carried