



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES

Friday, April 14, 2023

1:30p.m., Senate Meeting AH 100

4:00 p.m., Senate Recognition Event University Theatre Lobby

- Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair), F. Baskerville, C. Bester, K. Bhatt, M. Booyens, D. Boras, T. Boulet, D. Colwell, K. Colwell, G. DeSteur, R. Doria, J. Dubiel, N. Gabbin, K. Greenwood, T. Grindle, B. Hughes, S. Koppe, J. Ma, H. MacBeath, M. Mahon, G. Mankee, C. McCord, D. McKenna, A. Mercader, J. Miller, S. Mintz, E. Okine, L. Peterson, T. Petriw, D. Piper, K. Rabbit-Young Pine, T. Rempel, I. Russell, D. Saunders, T. Saunders, D. Scott, C. Skiba, M. Thomas, N. Walker
- Regrets:** R. Bright, R. DeGagne, J. Dempsey, A. Fox-Bruised Head, B. Galts, M. Gettman, C. Gillespie, M. Hogue, L. Kolk, M. Letts, A. Mardon, D. McMartin, T. Oosterbroek, T. Panczak, U. Patel, M. Qazi, I. Shakespeare, B. Spenceley, S. Sjovold, B. Tucker, M. Watson
- Others:** J. Gallais, A. Piekema
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Prior to the official start of our Senate Meeting, Mike Mahon officially welcomed and introduced our New Chancellor Terry Whitehead to his first Senate Meeting as the Chancellor.

WELCOME

Chancellor, T. Whitehead provided the opening welcome.

Oki, and welcome to the University of Lethbridge. Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.

Presentation by Pronghorn Athletics, Spencer Pommells, Paula Gorman & Heidi Shaw

Chancellor Whitehead presented President & Vice- Chancellor Mahon a key to the University for his many years of service on the Senate.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: sen.2023.04.01

Desteur/McCord

That the agenda for the meeting of April 14, 2023 be approved.

Motion: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: sen.2023.04.02

Bester/Boras

That the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2023 be approved.

Motion: Carried

3. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

T. Whitehead looking forward to reception after meeting, any questions regarding his report let him know. Please complete the survey if you haven't already done so. Presentations will alternate between Athletics & Fine Arts for each of our subsequent senate meetings. Donor Celebration was well attended and a remarkable success. David Johnson event was a great kick off to Alumni events, changeover dinner was also great event to attend.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Mahon informed members that the Provost Search is underway. E. Okine has led four dean searches over the past few months. Dr. Jon Doan named as the new Dean of Health Sciences. The other three new deans will soon be announced. Federal budget is not great news for post-secondary institutions. The provincial budget has also been announced and we were successful in getting some funding for expanding some new programs in Nursing and Computer Science. People Plan is underway. Historic signing of the Buffalo Treaty, the significance of this is very important to the University. This treaty is the work of one of our Masters students.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Vice President Research

D. McMartin – has been invited to all meetings to present when able to do so.

5.2. Board of Governors

T. Boulet – report is as stands.

5.3. General Faculties Council

D. Scott indicated that the report stands as is, no questions arose.

5.4. Alumni Association

D. McKenna highlighted the information submitted in the ULAA report, two upcoming deadlines, alumni council looking for a vice-president as well as some director positions. Please contact D. McKenna if you are interested.

5.5. Graduate Students' Association

J. Dubiel informed members Meeting of the Minds was a great success. 75 community members attended. Annual elections were just ratified, and new council will take their positions May 1st.

5.6. Students' Union

K. Bhatt stated the report stands as is.

5.7. Executive Committee

T. Whitehead – report stands as is.

5.8. Engagement Committee

D. Boras indicated that the report stands as submitted.

- 5.9. Honorary Degree Committee
C. Bester stated this committee has not met since our last meeting.
- 5.10. Volunteer Award Committee
T. Whitehead stated this committee has not met since our last meeting.
- 5.11. Other Member Reports/Inquiries
M. Mahon informed members about the Government of Alberta programming E. Okine, T. Patel, R. Westlund working together on this project. Once report is submitted the senate can help be a voice to spread the word around this 3-year medical training program on our campus.

6. **BREAKOUT SESSION**

*What role can Senate play surrounding the three ideas presented, **Advocacy, Fundraising & Fund Development & Volunteerism.***

The ideas from breakout sessions will be shared to Pronghorn Athletic department.

7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1. Senate Membership & Committee Appointments

J. Gallais let members know that we do have vacancies open for representatives and committee chairs, please let us know if you are interested so we can get you matched with the appropriate committees.

7.2. Getting Involved

J. Gallais encouraged Senators to get involved in the upcoming events:

- Chancellor's Dinner – sponsorship & attendance – information will be shared via email. Opportunity to attend without sponsorship.
- Convocation Volunteers – always lots of opportunities to volunteer during convocation, please contact us if you are interested.
- HDR Nominations – If you know of anyone who might be a good nominee please reach out and we can help with these packages.
- Horns & Fine Arts Nights – watch your emails for information regarding any upcoming events.

7.3. Food Sovereignty on Campus

T. Whitehead shared with members that this is a top priority for him, growing number of students are struggling with food costs. Chancellor has had several conversations pertaining to this issue. Some disturbing facts were shared with Senate members, we are struggling to meet demands that students are currently facing. There are a number of very successful long-standing programs on campus that we don't want to interfere with their success only help them to continue to succeed. T. Whitehead would like to develop an ad-hoc committee regarding this issue. If there is any interest in sitting on this committee, please reach out to us.

7.4. Senate Moments

D. Boras opened the floor to members to share memorable moments about what makes them proud to be a Senator.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of Senate is Friday, October 6, 2023 at 1:30pm.

MOTION: sen.2023.04.03

Colwell/Desteur

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Carried