



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE SENATE

Approved Minutes

Friday, April 12, 2024

1:30 p.m., AH100 & Zoom

4:00 p.m. (Senate Recognition Event in Science Commons Winter Garden following the meeting)

- Present:** T. Whitehead (Chair), F. Baskerville, M. Booyens, V. Boras, T. Boulet, N. Buis-Deering, M. Campmans, D. Colwell, K. Colwell (Virtual), R. DeGagne (Virtual), J. Dempsey (Virtual), J. Doan, A. Ebenmelu, B. Galts, C. Gillespie, K. Godfrey, K. Greenwood, T. Grindle, M. Helstein, B. Hughes, D. Jayas, H. MacBeath (Virtual), G. Mankee, A. Mardon (Virtual), D. McKenna (Virtual), A. Mercader, S. Mintz, E. Mundell, J. Oldfield, H. Ortega Arango, S. Parmar, U. Patel, T. Petriw, D. Piper (Late & Virtual), M. Qazi (Virtual), K. Rabbit-Young Pine (Virtual), T. Rempel, B. Scott, J. Shriner, B. Simpson, S. Sjovold (Virtual), B. Spenceley, M. Thomas, B. Tucker, N. Walker, L. Wyton, D. Yellow Horn
- Regrets:** A. Boras, R. Doria, M. Gettman, L. Kolk, T. Panczak, R. Preston, T. Saunders, L. Spadavecchia, M. Watson, F. Wright
- Other:** G. DeSteur, J. Gallais

The Chair opened the meeting with the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement and a moment of Silence for Dr. Lena Heavy Sheilds who passed away on March 29, 2024.

The Equity Diversity and Inclusion team provided an update to Senate before the meeting started.

1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the Senate Meeting Agenda – April 12, 2024
- 1.2. Approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2024

MOTION: sen.2024.04.01

Rempel/Baskerville

That the Senate approve the Consent Agenda for April 12, 2024.

Motion: Carried

2. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

T. Whitehead noted that his report is enclosed but highlighted the following:

- Pass the Hat: T. Whitehead completed push-ups in the friendly competition between Senate and the Board.
- CASA: University of Lethbridge Student Art Installation at CASA and noted that this installation was very impressive.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D. Jayas spoke on his enclosed report and highlighted a few points:

- D. Jayas congratulated T. Whitehead for being recognized as this year's recipient of the Dr. Gary Bowie Leadership Award.
- The Strategic Planning process is still underway. Many different consultation sessions were held across the country and province. There are over 1000 submissions that have been received and there is rich input from the community about our Strategic Plan. A "what we heard" document will be shared with the community once the feedback has been received.

Questions were invited and one arose on the Provincial Attestation Letters for International students.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Board of Governors

T. Boulet highlighted the enclosed Board report.

4.2. General Faculties Council

B. Hughes noted the report was enclosed and highlighted a few points from within the report. B. Hughes also highlighted The Multi-Sports dome presentation and the discussion GFC had around that presentation.

4.3. Alumni Association

D. McKenna noted a few points from the enclosed report and highlighted that D. McKenna's term will be ending this summer and elections for a new ULAA president and Vice-President will take place. It was also highlighted that the ULAA is looking for award nominations. Senate is encouraged to talk to K. Greenwood to find out more information about serving on the Alumni Association.

T. Whitehead took a moment to thank D. McKenna service as Alumni Association President and as a Senator.

4.4. Graduate Students' Association

J. Oldfield spoke on the report that was sent out as a post agenda item.

4.5. Students' Union

E. Mundell provided a verbal report:

- Feed-a-Friend food security referendum passed, and E. Mundell thanked everyone for their support of this initiative.
- Annual ULSU General Elections took place in March.
- Free BBQ for students during exam period.

- Ender Bender Event on April 5th in collaboration with CKXU.
- ULSU General Meeting with campus community and students.
- New 500-million-dollar investment from federal government in youth mental health was highlighted.
- ULSU Advocacy priorities were shared.

A question was asked about the Feed-a-Friend referendum and where students can use the foodbank gift card.

4.6. Executive Committee

T. Whitehead noted that the report is enclosed and highlighted Senate Recruitment and the process around that.

4.7. Engagement Committee

T. Whithead provided the report on D. Pipers behalf.

4.8. Honorary Degree Committee*

B. Galts noted that this committee has not met since the last meeting of Senate.

4.9. Volunteer Award Committee*

T. Whitehead noted that this committee has not met since the last meeting of Senate.

4.10. Other Member Reports/Inquiries

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

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Convocation and Chancellor's Dinner

G. Desteur provided a brief update on the Chancellor's Dinner and Convocation highlighting that the Dinner will be on May 30th.

5.2. Senate SharePoint Site

G. DeSteur updated Senate on the brand-new Senate SharePoint site that will be launched this summer.

5.3. HDR Process Review Update

G. DeSteur provided Senate a brief update on the Honorary Degree Process Review and noted that more will be presented to Senate in the Fall.

5.4. 2024-25 Senate Meeting Schedule

G. DeSteur shared the 2024-2025 Senate Meeting Schedule with Senate and highlighted that this would be sent to Senate following this meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION

6.1. Senate Plan

MOTION:

sen.2024.04.02

Jayas/Shriner

That the Senate approve the Senate Plan 2024 – 2027, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

6.2. Senate Member Reappointments

MOTION: sen.2024.04.03

Jayas/Thomas

That the Senate approve the reappointment of the following Representative Members for their second and final term ending on June 30, 2027.

- *Fred Baskerville (Lethbridge)*
- *Toby Boulet (Lethbridge)*
- *Doug Colwell (Lethbridge)*
- *Mairin Gettman (Coalhurst)*
- *Travis Grindle (Lethbridge)*
- *Duane Piper (Lethbridge)*

Motion: Carried

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Senate Moments (18 Senate Moments were shared).

D. Piper led Senate Moments and the following were shared:

- B. Tucker spoke on judging the Meeting of the Minds conference and highlighted how much fun that was, especially providing feedback to presentations.
- J. Shriner shared:
 - Hosting a celebration for the Brown Paper Bag Project at his home.
 - Joining the Food for Thought Committee to help support student food security on campus.
- M. Campmans shared that she and her family attended the Pronghorns basketball game during a Senate Night. It was noted that this was a very positive experience.
- D. Jayas highlighted the Meeting of the Minds and Crossing Boundaries Conferences.
- M. Booyens shared three moments:
 - Serving on the Speaker Research Award Committee and the amazing research that is going on.
 - Serving on the Engagement Committee and serving with the folks on that committee.
 - Attending the Strategic Planning Alumni consultation session in Medicine Hat and hearing from our Alumni on the Strategic Plan.
- A. Mardon shared that he will be receiving an Honorary Degree from the University

of British Columbia.

- B. Simpson shared that he attended three Basketball games during the year and really enjoyed it.
- S. Mintz attended the launch of the new Rural Medicine Program and noted that this program is very much needed here in Southern Alberta.
- T. Boulet also highlighted the launch of the Rural Medicine Program and how much work was put into this project.
- T. Petriw shared that she attended several Fine Arts Events this year and highlighted our students for their talent.
- G. Mankee gave a shout out to N. Buis Deering and G. DeSteur for providing him with an answer to his questions.
- A. Ebenmelu shared that she attended an International Student Dinner event and is grateful for the support and care of the community toward our international students.
- J. Doan shared two moments:
 - Thanked Dean Lisa Starr for supporting a student in development of their thesis.
 - Played in a faculty vs. student hockey game, where faculty won.
- G. Desteur shared that in March G. DeSteur volunteered at the Student Food Bodega passing out free produce and food to students. It was noted that the event was very enjoyable.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A question was asked about the Rural Medical Program.

G. DeSteur put a call out for Convocation Ushers and asked that interested Senator's email Gage if interested in Ushering. A few other housekeeping details were also shared.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: sen.2024.04.04

Shriner/Oldfield

That Senate be adjourned for April 12, 2024.

Motion: Carried