



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION

### Approved Minutes

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:00 a.m., W646

- Present:** D. Gallimore (Chair), T. Boulet, B. Burton, R. Casson, B. Chapman, C. Coburn, C. Crane, S. Davis, Y. Dixit, A. Dymond, D. Gonci, D. Jayas, D. Johnson, M. Kawchuk, M. Lockett, D. McKenna, A. Mercader, J. Reiter, M. Thomas, N. Van Mulligen, D. Westwood, T. Whitehead, S. Zielke
- Regrets:** T. Fox
- Other:** J. Gallais, K. Greenwood, V. Grisack, M. Helstein, D. Lucas, D. McMartin, R. Westlund, M. Whipple

*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.*

*There was a moment of silence for David Hughes, former Board Chair. The Chair welcomed the new board members, C. Crane, M. Kawchuk, A. Mercader, D. Westwood, and S. Zielke. C. Coburn was welcomed back to the board.*

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### 1. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

1.1. Approval of the October 18, 2024 Open Agenda

1.2. Approval of the May 28, 2024 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2024.10.01

Coburn/Reiter

*That the Board of Governors approve the October 18, 2024  
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

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### 2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

D. Gallimore reported that he will defer remarks to closed session.

### 3. PRESIDENT REMARKS

D. Jayas highlighted from his attached report:

- Strategic Plan Update – We have been working on the plan since last fall with wide consultation. Thanks to M. Whipple and N. Andres who collated the data. President Executive has created a draft document which has been reviewed by various university groups. The process is continuing, and the document will come to the Board and GFC twice before approval. We will launch the plan in February or March.
- D. McMartin, D. Gallimore and D. Jayas participated in the Bill 18 consultation. The minister may be recommending that 96-98% of applications will not need provincial approval. There was discussion around what the 4% is as well as when concrete decisions will be passed on to the universities.
- Brief update on the sports dome was requested. – There was a funding program that we were looking at but the government has changed the program so we are not eligible any longer. There are ongoing discussions with the City of Lethbridge as well as a possible naming donor. The motion that was passed by the board was contingent on raising the ten percent so we are still working on securing funding.

#### 4. CHANCELLOR REMARKS

T. Whitehead highlighted:

- Let There Be Light night celebrating alumni tonight.
- Convocation on Saturday
- Film – Brainstorm which profiles the careers of I. Wishaw and B. Kolb.
- Plasma Drive – week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> will start our Senate plasma drive. Perhaps there could be a friendly competition between the Board and the Senate.

#### 5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

##### 5.1. Corporate Membership Policy (Rescind)

MOTION: opn.2024.10.02  
Casson/Thomas

*That the Board of Governors approve rescinding the Corporate Membership Policy, effective immediately.*

Motion: Carried

This is being rescinded as it is covered by the Travel and Business Policy.

##### 5.2. Board of Governors Research Chair Program Terms of Reference

MOTION: opn.2024.10.03  
Casson/van Mulligen

*That the Board of Governors approve the Board of Governors Research Chair Program Terms of Reference.*

Motion: Carried

D. McMartin reported that there has been a hiatus on calls for these chairs. There are changes happening within the VP Research office to help identify potential chairs.

## **6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1. GSA & ULSU Audited Financial Statements**

M. Kawchuk updated the Board on the Financial Statements from both groups. These entities are not under our control but they report to us. It was asked when the 2024 statements from the ULSU will be reported. M. Thomas, ULSU President noted that KPMG will be coming to do the audit in November, so they may not be ready for the December meeting. It was also asked if their investment portfolio was reviewed annually, and it is.

### **6.2. 2023-2024 Annual Report Update**

R. Casson introduced the annual report update. There were no concerns. D. Jayas noted that the annual report was already approved by the board and that this update is about the template. There was a short discussion surrounding the free speech reporting on page 64. There was discussion around not for profit versus for profit. Regarding item 8, it was asked if there is any training for the board around this item. It was noted that this item was not a requirement. There is board training available and we are a not for profit entity. In regard to the ULBC, we have no control over their decisions.

### **6.3. Mandate and Roles Document**

N. van Mulligen introduced the Mandate and Roles document as attached for information. There were no comments or concerns.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)**

M. Helstein let the report stand.

### **7.2. External Relations, Communications, Marketing & Govt. Relations**

K. Greenwood stated that the report stands.

R. Westlund sent his regrets.

### **7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)**

D. Lucas let the report stand.

### **7.4. Vice-President (Research)**

D. McMartin highlighted that we are seeing more success in our research endeavors. The Research office has changed the approach in going to researchers instead of waiting for them to come to them for help with funding. It was asked if we can advertise these successes. D. McMartin noted that we are much smaller than the other two large CARUs. There was a short discussion surrounding funding and numbers of people. Thank you to all the members of our community that are supporting our research - finding bridges between research and community is important.

### **7.5. Board Member Reports**

M. Thomas gave a short report on the ULSU including meeting with the Advanced Education minister, food bank initiatives, future creation of a breakfast program and the changes to health benefits for students.

B. Chapman gave some comments on the rural medical program and the proposed meeting with Mayors and Reeves. D. Jayas reported that this meeting has been scheduled.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: opn.2024.10.04

Gonci/Kawchuk

*That the Board of Governors Open Session meeting of  
October 18, 2024 be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried