THE

PETER LOUGHEED

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

STUDENTS’ UNION PERSPECTIVE
Overview

- Frank Robinson proposal
- Donor interest
- Peter Meekison brought on board
- Initiative launched
- Building plans for approval
- SU perspective
Early Days

• Presentation to Dean’s Council

Leadership: Bringing out the Best

- Leadership
- Engagement
- Attendance

Opportunities for Leadership

- Curricular (classes, projects, co-ops, CSL)
- Student clubs, SU, GSA, frats,
- Athletics
- Volunteerism (SSDS, SAC, philanthropy)

University of Alberta
Leadership College Proposal

Purpose: to honour the brand promise to ‘uplift the whole people’ through leadership, through operation of a residential college
- Leadership programming provided
- Will offer opportunities for formal and informal leadership/learning possibly leading to a Certificate in Leadership
- Will be guided by a senior academic “principal in residence”
- Residence will house 150 students on North Campus
- Guest accommodation for honorary degree recipients, distinguished alumni, visiting speakers etc.
• Donor Interest

The University of Alberta Leadership Initiative

CONCEPT PAPER

FUNDRAISING GOALS

NAMING OF THE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE: $25M
- Residence on campus for campus leaders
- Curriculum including intentional teaching of leadership
- Leadership service opportunities

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCES: $40M
- Support more than 50 students engaged in year-long international education and research experiences

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INITIATIVE: $20M
- Support more than 200 students conducting research experiences on campus or through domestic and global research partners

NAMED LEADERSHIP COLLEGE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY: $10M
- Support construction costs associated with the facility — estimated at $40M

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING: $10M
- Support more than 1,000 students participating in service experiences, domestically and globally

NAMED LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES: $3M ENDOWED
- To bring global leaders to the University campus (endowment supports honoraria, public and private events)
- Visit to include public lecture, private dinner hosted by president, visit with faculty leaders and student leaders
Acceleration

- Peter Meekison appointed as the President’s lead on the leadership college
- Proposed a 144 person college:
  - Students apply or are nominated by Faculty
  - Students start in 3rd year
  - Continue taking courses in their degree
  - Mandatory CSL and capstone
  - Speaker series
  - Certificate and note on transcript
Acceleration

- Announced the “Lougheed Leadership Initiative”
- Partnership with the Banff Centre
- Struck an advisory board
- Promised support to CSL, URI, Leadership cohorts, Green and Gold grants and Emerging Leaders

At present, The Peter Lougheed Leadership Initiative Advisory Board is comprised of the following individuals:

- Indira Samarasekera, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Alberta
- Jeff Melanson, President, The Banff Centre
- Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, University of Alberta
- Brenda Mackie, Chair, Board of Governors, The Banff Centre
- Stephen Lougheed, Lougheed family representative
- Joe Lougheed, Lougheed family representative
- John Ferguson, Lougheed family representative
- Bunny Ferguson, Lougheed family representative
- Robert D. Walker, Governor, The Banff Centre
- O’Neil Outar, Vice-President (Advancement), University of Alberta
Acceleration

- Space allocation and facility design moving through GFC Facilities Development Committee
• Donors shouldn’t dictate what students learn
• Leadership skills could be embedded within courses in all Faculties
• Student group executives are already leaders and should be better supported
• Other residences are not “follower colleges”
• We under-fund our current leadership development programs like URI, CSL, ELP, and Study Abroad.
• Leadership opportunities should be open to anyone: students living with family, students on other campuses, students who can’t afford the college, and students in strict academic programs.
• A leadership college is not the best use of donor dollars.
Questions?