

Board of Governors

Summary of Activities May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

Responsibilities

The powers and duties of the Board of Governors are outlined in the *Thompson Rivers University Act*. In summary, the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the University, except for the responsibilities vested in the Senate or the Planning Council for Open Learning, are vested in the Board.

Membership

Fifteen Governors serve on the Board: the Chancellor, the President, eight external members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two faculty members, two students, and one employee who is not a faculty member.

Membership effective April 30, 2015:

	<u>Initial appointment Date</u>
Brian Ross, Kamloops (Board Chair)	November 24, 2009
Paul Dagg, Kamloops (Vice Chair)	November 24, 2010
Alan Shaver, President and Vice-Chancellor	ex-officio
Wally Oppal, Chancellor	ex-officio
Rob Anderson, Faculty Member	January 1, 2015
Brenda Aynsley, Kamloops	November 24, 2014
Blessing Chiduuro, Student	November 5, 2014
Bob Holden, Kamloops	November 24, 2011
Hoberly Hove, Kamloops	November 24, 2011
Tsungai Mhembere, Student	November 5, 2014
Hafiz Rahman, Faculty Member	April 1, 2015
Jim Thomson, Kamloops	November 24, 2014
Guenter Weckerle, Williams Lake	November 24, 2014
Ruth Williams, Kamloops	November 24, 2011
Eric Youd, Staff Member	January 1, 2015

Activities

Meetings of the Board of Governors typically consist of both a public and *in camera* (closed to the public) session. To the extent permitted by legislation, the University strives to have matters dealt with at the public meetings of the Board. The Board held five meetings this academic year (September 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015). Governors also participated in an annual planning meeting of the Board, which is normally held in November.

Below is a summary of the Board's accomplishments over the past academic year:

Appointments and Re-appointments

- President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Shaver was reappointed for a further term of three years commencing in August 2015
- Airini was appointed the new Dean of the Faculty of Human, Social and Educational Development
- Bradford Morse was appointed as the new Dean of Law
- Paul Michel was appointed Executive Director of Aboriginal Education

Presidential Evaluation

The Board completed the annual Presidential Evaluation in accordance with Chapter 20 (entitled "President and Vice-Chancellor Evaluation") of the Board Manual.

Collective Agreements

The Board ratified the Collective Agreement between TRU and TRUOLFA.

Policy and Regulation Updates

- Risk Management Policy (approved)
- Acting President Policy (amended)
- Whistleblower Policy (amended)
- "Faculty Participation in Graduate Studies" Regulation (amended)

Senate Matters

In addition to a change to the Convocation schedule, the Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

New Programs:

- Master of Science in Economic Sustainable Management
- Engineering Transfer Program (year 2)
- Financial Services Minor
- Minor in Project Management
- Minor in Leadership
- Minor in Management Information Systems
- Minor in Language and Global Studies

- Minor in English, OL
- Minor in History, OL
- Minor in Psychology, OL
- Minor in Sociology, OL
- Practical Nursing Program
- Part & Warehousing Technician Program
- Carpentry & Joinery Foundation Program
- Diploma of Transportation and Motive Power
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Managing Festivals and Events
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Resort Experience Management
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Tourism in Mountain Environments
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Tourism
- Saw Filer Certificate with Benchperson Endorsement
- Metal Fabricator Foundation Certificate
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Foundation Certificate
- Welder Foundation Certificate
- Interprofessional Mental Health Practice Certificate, OL
- Interprofessional Substance Use Practice Certificate, OL

Policies:

- Class Scheduling (amended)

Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved five individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, as follows: Thomas Berger, Cindy Blackstock, Kevin Krueger, Kenneth Lepin, and Michaela Pereira.

Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 13 Tenure recommendations and 31 Promotion recommendations from May 2014 to April 2015.

Professional Development

The Board was provided with presentations on the following matters for professional development purposes:

- Report from TRU Community Corporation
- Environmental Sustainability
- Truly United Campaign
- National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and Canadian University Student Consortium (CUSC) Survey Findings
- Law Moot Teams Competitions
- Bachelor of Building Science
- International Double Degree Between TRU and NHTV University (Netherlands)
- Enrolment updates and reports

Strategic Planning

The Board held its annual Strategic Planning session in November, which included sessions on the topics of promotion and tenure, budget, and active threats training.

Documents Approved or Reviewed

The following documents were approved or reviewed by the Board during the past academic year:

- Financial Information Act Report (approved)
- Strategic Research Plan (approved)
- Campus Master Plan Guidelines (approved)
- Design Approval Process (approved)
- TRU Accountability Report (approved)
- Capital Project Plan (approved)
- Sustainability Framework (approved)
- Occupational Health and Safety Report (reviewed)

Other

- Approval of Bargaining Mandate
- Approval of Tuition and Other Fees
- Approval of the 2014/2015 Budget
- Approval of Audited Financial Statements
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
- Naming Opportunity Requests
- Standards of Conduct Guidelines
- Taxpayer Accountability Principles