

## Board of Governors

### Summary of Activities May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

#### 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.

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#### 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, 2016:

	<u>Initial appointment Date</u>
Paul Dagg, Kamloops (Board Chair)	November 24, 2010
Jim Thomson, Kamloops (Vice Chair)	November 24, 2014
Alan Shaver, President and Vice-Chancellor	ex-officio
Wally Oppal, Chancellor	ex-officio
Rob Anderson, Faculty Member	January 1, 2015
Eunice Aniogbe, Student	December 1, 2015
Barbara Berger, Kamloops	November 24, 2015
Sandra Blair, Kamloops	November 24, 2015
Rick Heney, Kamloops	November 24, 2015
Hoberly Hove, Kamloops	November 24, 2011
Bonnie Leonard, Kamloops	November 24, 2015
Hafiz Rahman, Faculty Member	April 1, 2015
Kenna Sim, Student	December 1, 2015
Guenter Weckerle, Williams Lake	November 24, 2014
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, 2015 to May 31, 2016). Governors also participated in an annual planning meeting of the Board, which was held in January.

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

### Appointments and Re-appointments

- Christine Bovis-Crossen was appointed to the position of Provost and Vice-President, Academic
- Michael Bluhm was appointed as Associate Vice-President Strategic Enrolment and University Registrar
- Michael Henry was appointed as the new Dean of the School of Business and Economics

### Presidential Evaluation

The Board completed the annual Presidential Evaluation in accordance with Chapter 21 (entitled "President and Vice-Chancellor Evaluation") of the Board Manual.

### Board Evaluation

The Board reviewed the evaluation process and completed its annual Governor Self-Evaluation and Board Evaluation survey in accordance with Chapters 5 (Governor Self-Evaluation) and 20 (Board Evaluation) of the Board Manual.

### Collective Agreements

The Board ratified the Collective Agreement between TRU and TRUFA.

### Recognition of Excellence

The Board recognized the following groups for their excellence in achievement in the noted endeavours:

- Accounting student competitions
- WolfPack Basketball
- British Columbia MBA Games silver medalists
- PHP (Philosophy, History, and Politics) Undergraduate Conference
- TRU Environmental and Natural Resources Law Club

### Policy and Regulation Updates

- Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching (amended)
- Investment Objectives Policy Regulations (amended)

## Senate Matters

The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

### *New Programs*

- Bachelor of Education (Secondary) STEM
- Master of Nursing
- Instrumentation Engineering Technology Diploma
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) Foundation Certificate

### *Other*

- Approval of Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates for 2017/2018 and 2018/19
- Changes to Terms of Reference for Environmental Advisory Committee
- Proposed revisions to the delivery of the Certificates in First Nations Taxation Administration and First Nations Applied Economics

## Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved three individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, as follows: Robert Lenarduzzi, Brenda Milner, and Vincent Ready.

## Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 12 Tenure recommendations and 12 Promotion recommendations from May 2015 to April 2016.

## Professional Development

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

- Introduction to Enrolment Management: Recruitment and Retention
- TRU Brand Strategy
- Sustainability and Platinum STARS
- TRU Capital Campaign
- TRU Information Security
- Enrolment updates and reports

## Planning Session

The Board held its annual Planning Session in January, which included a session on the topic of collective decision-making.

## Documents Approved or Reviewed

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

- Financial Information Act Report (approved)
- TRU Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (approved)
- Communication Strategy (revisions approved)
- Board Code of Conduct (revisions approved)
- Safety and Emergency Management Quarterly Report (reviewed)
- 2014-15 Annual Report of the Human Rights Officer (reviewed)

## Other

- Approval of Audited Financial Statements, including FTE Summary and Enrolment Audit
- Approval of Self-Evaluation Report for accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- Approval of External and Internal Auditor Plans
- Approval of the 2015/2016 Budget (May 2015), including Tuition and Other Fees
- Approval of the 2016/2017 Budget (March 2016), including Tuition and Other Fees
- Approval of Engineering Transfer Program Tuition Fee
- Approval of Adult Basic Education Tuition Fees
- Approval of Millwright Foundation Program Tuition Fees
- Approval of Certificate in Water and Wastewater Utilities (CWWU) International Tuition Fee
- Approval of the Diploma in Water and Waste Technology (DWWT) International Tuition Fee
- Approval of Ranching Enterprise Sustainability Certificate Program Fees
- Approval of changes to funding methodology for International Tuition Fees
- Approval of International Tuition Fee, Faculty of Law
- Approval of Wells Gray Land Donation
- Approval of Mandate Letter (includes Taxpayer Accountability Principles)
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair