



Board of Governors

Summary of Activities

May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018

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, 2017:

	<u>Initial appointment Date</u>
Jim Thomson, Order-in-Council Appointee (Chair)	November 24, 2014
Hon. Wally Oppal, Q.C., Chancellor	ex-officio
Alan Shaver, President and Vice-Chancellor	ex-officio
Tracy Christianson, Elected Faculty Member	January 1, 2018
Barbara Berger, Order-in-Council Appointee (Vice Chair)	November 24, 2015
Sandra Blair, Order-in-Council Appointee	November 24, 2015
Eunice Aniogbe, Elected Student	September 1, 2017
Rick Heney, Order-in-Council Appointee	November 24, 2015
Michelle Stanford, Order-in-Council Appointee	December 31, 2017
Hafiz Rahman, Elected Faculty Member	April 1, 2015
Nicholas Rinaldi, Order-in-Council Appointee	November 24, 2016
Dana Prymak, Elected Student	September 1, 2017
Guenter Weckerle, Order-in-Council Appointee (Williams Lake)	November 24, 2014
Eric Youd, Elected Staff Member	January 1, 2015
Vacant, Order-in-Council Appointee	

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 year. Board members also participated in a meeting jointly with the Senate and the Planning Council for Open Learning as part of the Open Governance Initiative, as well as holding their annual planning session.

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

Recognition of Excellence

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

- Iuliia Pakhomenko, TRU WolfPack basketball player
- Members of the TRU Students' Union Equity Committee
- TRU WolfPack Men's Soccer Team
- Aid in Relief of Wildfire Evacuees

Policy and Regulation Approvals and Updates

- BRD 10-0, "Academic Accommodation and Services for Students with Disabilities" (approval of revisions)

Senate Matters

The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

New Programs

- Master of Science in Data Science
- Applied Sustainable Ranching Planning Certificate
- Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering
- Certificate in First Nations Applied Land Management
- Master of Engineering Science

Program Deletion

- Business Office Assistant with Bookkeeping Applications Certificate
- Electrician and Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic Certificate

New Department

- Engineering and Applied Science, Faculty of Science

Other

- Approval of Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates for 2020/2021

Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved thirteen individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, including the following, who will receive their awards at the 2018 spring Convocation ceremony: Madame Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella, Dawn Hyrcun, Lori Marchand, Dean Nelson, Marianne D. Sadar, Dr. Evelyn Voyageur

Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 10 tenure recommendations and 14 promotion recommendations from May 2017 to April 2018.

Planning Session

The Board held its annual Planning Session in October 2017, which included sessions on the topics of presidential search and transition.

Open Governance Initiative

As part of the Open Governance Initiative, the Board agreed to live-stream its Public meetings. In addition, the Board met jointly with the Senate and the Planning Council for Open Learning. Participants at that meeting participated in a tri-cameral governance exercise.

Documents Approved or Reviewed

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

- Financial Information Act Report (approved)
- TRU Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (approved)
- Audited Financial Statements, including FTE Summary and Enrolment Audit (approved)
- Letter of Agreement between Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University for the 2017/18 fiscal year (approved)
- Safety and Emergency Management Quarterly Reports (reviewed)
- TRU Interim Candidacy Report for Accreditation with Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

Other

- Approval of the 2018/2019 Budget, including Tuition and Other Fees
- Update of TRU Strategic Initiative Fund awards
- Approval of Mandate Letter
- Approval of External and Internal Auditor Plans
- Approval of changes made to the Asset Mix Policy
- Approval of Tuition Fees for Master in Environmental Economics and Management
- Approval of Tuition Fees for Master of Science in Environmental Economics and Management
- International Tuition Fees for Industry Training Authority Funded Programs in the School of Trades and Technology Programs
- International Tuition Fees for Industry Training Authority Funded Programs in the Professional Cook Training Programs
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair