



Board of Governors

Summary of Activities

May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019

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, 2018:

	<u>Initial appointment Date</u>
Jim Thomson, Order-in-Council Appointee (Chair)	November 24, 2014
Nathan Matthew, 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 an 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:

- Rayneil Mckinney, Artist
- Student founders and editors of the Politics, History and Philosophy (PHP) undergraduate research journal *Dialogues*
- Sustainability Office
- EnactusTRU

Senate Matters

The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

New Programs

- New Graduate Program: Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Mathematics and Economics
- Bachelor of Arts Minor: Minor in Digital Media Studies
- Bachelor of Arts Minor: Minor in International Professional Communication
- Bachelor of Arts Minor: Minor in Public Relations
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Certificate
- Power Engineering Technology Certificate
- Bachelor of Arts: Minor in Professional Communication, OL
- Bachelor of Arts: Minor in Public Relations, OL

Other

- Approval of Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates for 2021/2022

Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, including the following, who received their awards at the 2019 spring Convocation ceremony: Mr. Charles Mossop, Dr. Pauline Van den Driessche, Mr. Karl deBruijn, Ms. Tantoo Cardinal, and Mr. Mike Wiegele.

Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 20 tenure recommendations and 33 promotion recommendations from May 2018 to April 2019.

Planning Session

The Board held its annual Planning Session in March 2019, which included sessions on the topics of governance, trends, people and quality, land and capital and financial sustainability.

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 2018/19 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 2019/2020 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
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair
- International Tuition Fees