



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, December 6, 2019  
**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
CN Boardroom, Clock Tower Building

### MINUTES

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#### **Board Present:**

Barbara Berger (Chair), Brett Fairbairn (President and Vice-Chancellor), Tracy Christianson, Sukh Gill, Katy Gottfriedson, Helen Kormendy, Lillian Kwan, Vincent Li, Marilyn McLean, Hafiz Rahman, Charles Wyse,

#### **Board Regrets:**

Ali Mulji, Michelle Stanford, Eric Youd

#### **Executive and Others Present:**

Christine Bovis-Crossen (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance)

#### **Recognition of Excellence:**

Nancy Southin (faculty member, School of Business and Economics), Akhil Prabhu (Team Captain), Walid Benmokhtar, Natasha Bhagwat, Alanna Cairns, Amulya Chandra, Mullaivanathan Chinnaswamy, Gandharav Chopra, Nikhil Chorat, Sandeep Dahiya, Viona D'souza, Shaun Gonsalves, Azmat Hussain, Belinda Katumba, Margaret Munemwa, Annah Nganga, Mika Nguyen, Innocent Oborewori, Simar Sachdeva, Ayush Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, Sneha Sharma, Akshaya Shetty, Jaspreet Singh, Marriappan Vasudevan

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

B. Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

B. Berger acknowledged that TRU's Kamloops campus is situated on the traditional and unceded lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

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The Chair also spoke about the exceptional series of recent tragedies involving TRU students and staff members.

**3. NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

B. Berger acknowledged the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1989 murders of 14 women at École Polytechnique de Montréal.

**4. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE**

a. British Columbia MBA Games

Nancy Southin, faculty mentor from the School of Business and Economics, introduced the team. She and Akhil Prabhu, team captain, spoke about the team's accomplishments at the MBA Games. B. Berger presented the students with Recognition of Excellence certificates on behalf of the Board.

**5. SHORT SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

a. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 4879

Lois Rugg, President of CUPE Local 4879, made a short presentation about the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign to promote members who work on campus.

**6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

**7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Minutes of October 4, 2019

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of October 4, 2019 be approved as circulated.*

## **9. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

S. Gill, Committee Chair, gave the Committee's report.

### **a. International Undergraduate Tuition and Fee Increases 2020/21**

S. Gill reported that the Committee had recommended that the Board approve the proposed international undergraduate tuition and fee increases for the 2020/21 fiscal years. He added that Notice of Motion had been served on October 5, 2019.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that undergraduate international tuition be increased by 3% per annum starting in September 2020 with a subsequent increase of 3% in 2021.*

### **b. Second Quarter Financial Reports ended September 30, 2019**

P. Manhas presented the reports, a link to which had been provided on the agenda.

## **10. REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Sukh Gill, Chair of the Audit Committee, delivered the Committee's report.

### **a. External Auditor Plan and Fees**

S. Gill reported that the Committee reviewed the External Auditor Plan and Fees and recommended to the Board approval of the Plan and Fees, with the exception of the FTE Summary and Enrolment Audit.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board approves the External Auditor Plan and Fees, with the exception of the FTE Summary and Enrolment Audit.*

## **11. REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, B. Berger, reported on the Committee's activities.

### **a. Proposed Board meeting dates for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Academic Years**

B. Berger reported that the Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed Board meeting dates.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the proposed Board meeting dates for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Academic Years, as circulated.*

## 12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Fairbairn spoke about several agenda items together, namely the President's Report to the Board, the President's Reports to Senate for the months of October and November 2019, and Envision TRU.

He also mentioned some planned events and strategies in relation to TRU's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and told Board members they would receive a calendar of events in the near future. Discussion ensued.

Finally, the President reported on the following recently revised and approved Administrative policies:

- i. Revised Policy: Policy ADM 03-0, "[Copyright](#)"
- ii. New Policy: Policy ADM 30-0, "[Firearms and Dangerous Objects](#)"
- iii. New Policy: Policy ADM 31-0, "[Safety and Security Cameras](#)"

## 13. SENATE REPORT

B. Fairbairn, Chair of Senate, gave the Senate Report.

a. Institution Mission Fulfilment Report and Core Theme Workbooks

B. Fairbairn reported that Senate had recommended approval of the Institution Mission Fulfilment Report and Core Theme Workbooks and then invited C. Bovis-Crossen to comment.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the Institution Mission Fulfilment Report and Core Theme Workbooks, as circulated.*

## 14. REPORTS AND UPDATES

### a. Capital Update

#### i. Nursing and Population Health Building

Matt Milovick reported that, as noted on the dashboard report circulated with the agenda package, construction of the Nursing and Population Health Building was on budget and slightly ahead of schedule.

### b. Senate Tenure and Promotion Committee report on “predatory journals”

C. Bovis-Crossen reviewed with the Board two documents (the “Revised Departmental Standards Schedule and Template Document” and the “General Best Practices regarding ‘Deceptive Publishing’”), copies of which were circulated with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

### c. Economic Impact Study Update

M. Milovick drew attention to the memorandum circulated with the agenda package, indicating he was providing this information in follow-up to a request from the Board.

## 15. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Sustainability Plan

M. Milovick made some introductory comments and then introduced Jim Gudjonson and Lourette Swanepoel, who presented the sustainability plan. A [link to the presentation](#) was included on the agenda. After the presenters delivered their presentation, discussion ensued. M. Milovick stated that, although Administration was asking the Board to approve the sustainability plan, he would also seek approval from the Board for any significant expenditures in this regard.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan 2020-2025, as circulated.*

## **16. PRESENTATIONS**

### **a. Student Mental Health**

Christine Adam, Dean of Students, delivered a presentation on Student Mental Health, a [link](#) to which was included on the agenda. Discussion ensued.

## **17. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

It was reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, February 14, 2020.

## **18. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

There being no further agenda items, the Chair terminated the meeting at 3:10 p.m.