



Board of Governors

Summary of Activities

May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020

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, 2019:

	<u>Initial Appointment Date</u>
Brett Fairbairn, President and Vice-Chancellor (Chair)	December 1, 2018
Nathan Matthew, Chancellor	ex-officio
Barbara Berger, Order-in-Council Appointee (Vice Chair)	November 24, 2015
Sukhbinder Gill, Order-in-Council Appointee	February 11, 2019
Katy Gottfriedson, Order-in-Council Appointee	June 18, 2019
Helen Kormendy, Order-in-Council Appointee	June 18, 2019
Lillian Kwan, Order-in-Council Appointee	February 11, 2019
Marilyn McLean, Order-in-Council Appointee	July 31, 2018
Michelle Stanford, Order-in-Council Appointee	December 31, 2017
Charles Wyse, Order-in-Council Appointee	December 11, 2018
Tracy Christianson, Elected Faculty Member	January 1, 2018
Hafiz Rahman, Elected Faculty Member	April 1, 2015
Ali Mulji, Elected Student	September 1, 2019
Vincent Li, Elected Student	September 1, 2019
Eric Youd, Elected 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 regular meetings this year, as well as one meeting of the Executive Committee. 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:

- School of Business and Economics MBA Ethics
- Kira Cheeseborough. Awarded the Inaugural Work Integrated Learning Outstanding Student Award
- Stephanie Tate. Awarded the Student Leadership Award
- British Columbia MBA Games
- Megan Graham, Study Abroad Award Winner

Senate Matters

The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

New Programs

- New program Human Services Diploma, Open Learning (OL)
- New graduate program proposal for the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Social Justice
- New graduate program: Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner
- New undergraduate program: Power Engineering Technology Diploma Program (2 year)

Other

- Approval of the Water Treatment Technology Certificate Level I *OL be deleted
- Approval of the Water Treatment Technology Certificate Level III *OL be deleted
- Approval of the proposed corrections to the 2021-2022 Academic Schedule and Important Dates
- Approval of the proposed 2022-2023 Academic Schedule and Important Dates
- Approval of moving the date of the Winter 2021 Semester start date from January 4, 2021 to January 6, 2021
- Re-appointment of the Chancellor

Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, including the following, who, because of COVID-19 circumstances, will receive their

award by virtual Convocation ceremony on June 22, 2020: Ms. Vera Schiff and Ms. Mona Jules.

Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 18 tenure recommendations and 17 promotion recommendations from May 2019 to April 2020.

Planning Session

The Board held its annual Planning Session in October 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:

- 2018/19 Audited Financial Statements (approved)
- Letter of Agreement between Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University for the 2019/20 fiscal year (approved)
- 2018/19 FTE Summary and Enrolment Audit (approved)
- TRU Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (IAPR) (approved)
- Safety and Emergency Management Report (reviewed)
- TRU's investment management activities (reviewed)
- TRU Student Investment Fund (TRUSIF) (reviewed)
- TRU Code of Conduct (reviewed)

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
- NWCCU Accreditation – Board Support and engagement in this process
- TRUCC – Special historical overview meeting, impacts of funding to students and research
- Yukon University site visit and meeting between board
- Annual meeting between Board of Governors and SD73 Board of Education
- Envision TRU - Board support and engagement in this process