



BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, October 01, 2021
1:00 PM

Mountain Room, Campus Activity Centre

MINUTES

Board Present:

Marilyn McLean (Chair), Brett Fairbairn (President and Vice-Chancellor), Adam Burke, Tracy Christianson, Hee-Young Chung, Hasnat Dewan, Jim Hamilton, Jasmine Haskell, Kathy Humphrey, Bhavika Jain, Kathy Kendall, Lillian Kwan (via teleconference)

Absent:

Jimmy Lulua, Katy Gottfriedson

Executive and Others Present:

Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Donna Murnaghan (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Brian Daly (Vice-President University Relations), Yvette Laflamme (Associate Vice-President, Finance), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator)

Guests:

P. Michel (Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Matters), Johnny Gilchrist (Student)

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. McLean, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

a. Welcome new Board members:

The Chair welcomed new governors Adam Burke, Jim Hamilton, Jasmine Haskell, and Bhavika Jain, and shared some background information about each new governor.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The board chair acknowledged that Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the

T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. She added that our region also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

M. McLean, Board Chair, introduced student Johnny Gilchrist and his team (TRU's Phi-Six Club via MS Teams), asking him to describe their experiences participating in the Canadian Reduced Gravity Experiment Design Challenge. The chair acknowledged their accomplishments and the board commended the team.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of June 18, 2021

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of June 18, 2021 be approved as circulated.*

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Policy revision: BRD 22-0 Investment Objectives

M. McLean, Board Chair, asked M. Milovick to speak to the policy revision of BRD 22-0, for which notice of motion had been served at the last board meeting. The link to the policy was included with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted it was **RESOLVED** that the revisions for policy BRD 22-0 Investment Objectives be approved as circulated.*

8. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

M. McLean, Board Chair, took the opportunity to share her expression of appreciation to faculty, staff, and students for their team effort in getting back to campus.

9. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Q1 Results

Y. Laflamme provided the board with an update on the Q1 forecast in a presentation.

b. Financial Information Act

M. Milovick spoke to the Financial Information Act documents as per the link provided in the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the Financial Information Act reporting for submission to government as circulated.*

c. Budget Context Presentation

M. Milovick and D. Murnaghan presented. The link to the presentation was included with the agenda package.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. President's Report to the Board

B. Fairbairn highlighted some items in his report and spoke to the suggested position of Vice-President Research in place of the current associate vice-president role.

b. President's Reports to Senate

President Fairbairn brought the governors' attention to some highlights in his report to senate for September, 2021.

11. SENATE REPORT

a. 2021 Institutional Mission Fulfillment Report

B. Fairbairn spoke to the report. The link to the memorandum and report was included with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the 2021 Institutional Mission Fulfillment Report be approved as circulated.*

12. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Capital Update

M. Milovick provided an update on the facilities and buildings currently being renovated or completed, including the modernization to Old Main, the Library relocation, and the development of the Early Childhood Education Centre.

b. Office of Safety and Emergency Management Report

M. Milovick presented the report, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package.

13. PRESENTATION

a. Indigenization Initiatives at TRU

P. Michel, Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Matters, gave a presentation regarding the many indigenization efforts found at TRU. A link to the presentation was provided to the governors after the agenda package was circulated.

16. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021.

17. TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 3:28pm.