

Board of Governors

Summary of Activities

September 2012 to April 2013

➤ Board 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

The Board is comprised of 15 members: 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.

	Years of Service
Fiona Chan, Kamloops (Board Chair)	5
Paul Dagg, Kamloops (Vice Chair)	3
Alan Shaver, President & Vice-Chancellor	ex-officio
Wally Oppal, Chancellor	ex-officio
Rob Anderson, Faculty Member	2
Carl Archie, Student	1
Dave Dickson, Williams Lake	5
Bob Holden, Kamloops	2
Hoberly Hove, Kamloops	2
Stacey Jyrkkanen, Staff Member	5
Parth Patel, Student	6 months
Mike Parker, Kamloops	5
Brian Ross, Kamloops	4
Peter Tsigaris, Faculty Member	2
Ruth Williams, Kamloops	2

Other Board Appointments

Paul Dagg – Foundation Board of Directors

Stacey Jyrkkanen – Alumni Association Board of Directors

Hoberly Hove – Environmental Advisory Committee

Fiona Chan, Stacey Jyrkkanen, and Hoberly Hove – Chancellor Nomination Committee

➤ **Activities**

The Board has held five meetings in this academic year (the May 2013 meeting will be its 6th). Meetings typically comprise an In-Camera Meeting as well as a Public meeting. The University strives to have all matters that can be dealt with at Public meetings placed on the agenda for the Public meetings. In September 2012, the Board held its meeting at the Williams Lake campus and invited local stakeholders to attend.

At the meetings, thus far in this academic year, the Board accomplished matters including the following:

Chancellor Nomination Process

The Hon. Wally Oppal's first term as Chancellor expires on March 31, 2014. In accordance with the *University Act*, the Chancellor may be re-appointed for one additional three-year term. It is expected that the results of this process will be announced in the near future.

Collective Agreements

The Board ratified the Collective Agreement between TRU and CUPE.

Contracts

Under the University's Signing Authority Policy, the Board approved the following contracts in excess of \$2 Million:

- **KPMG** awarded Financial and Enrolment Audit Services Contract
- **Columbia Transport Driver Training** Contract
- **Yellowridge Construction Ltd.** Contract
- **Aramark Canada** awarded Food and Beverage Services Contract

Facilities

The Board engaged in a process to update the 2003 Campus Master Plan and was provided with regular updates throughout the year. It is anticipated that the revised Campus Master Plan will be forwarded to the Board for approval in November 2013.

Governance

Governance-related matters for the 2012-2013 Academic year included:

- Board Manual - the Board approved 21 Chapters of the Board Manual and it is now substantially complete.
- Competency Matrix – finalized in April 2013.
- Board Evaluation – completed in May 2013. Surveys included Governor Self-Evaluation, Board, Board Chair, Committees, and Committee Chair.
- Policy BRD 00-1: Board of Governors Self-Evaluation was repealed as this is now covered in the Board Manual.

Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved nine individuals to receive Honorary Doctorates from Thompson Rivers University.

Presidential Evaluation

The Board completed the annual Presidential Evaluation in accordance with Chapter 20 of the Board Manual entitled "President and Vice-Chancellor Evaluation.

Professional Development Presentations

The Board had presentations on the following matters for professional development purposes:

- **Vision for Community U** – presented by Ray Sanders, Director, Williams Lake Campus
- **Stable Enrolment Reports** – presented by Institutional Planning & Analysis in Fall 2012 and Winter 2013.
- **Globe & Mail University Report** – presented by Dorys Crespín-Mueller, Director, Institutional Planning & Analysis.
- **US Accreditation** – presented by Kate Sutherland, Associate Vice-President, Academic & Student Relations.
- **Research Centres** – presented by Will Garrett-Petts, Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies

Senate Matters

The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

- **Bachelor of Journalism and Minor in Creative Writing** (program amendments)
- The **Centre for Optimization and Decision Science** (new research centre)
- **Seniors Living Management Certificate** (new program)
- **Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Certificate** (new program)
- **Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies** (new program)
- **Convocation Dates 2013-2015**

Strategic Planning

The Board began the 2013 Strategic Planning process with a 1.5 day visioning session at the Board's Planning Session in October 2012.

Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 6 Tenure recommendations and 43 Promotion recommendations from September 2012 – April 2013.