



BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, February 2, 2018
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
CN Boardroom, Clock Tower Building

MINUTES

Board Present:

Jim Thomson (Chair), Barbara Berger (Vice-Chair), Alan Shaver (President and Vice-Chancellor), Eunice Anioabe, Tracy Christianson, Rick Heney, Hafiz Rahman, Nicholas Rinaldi, Michelle Stanford, Guenter Weckerle, Eric Youd

Board Regrets:

Sandra Blair, Dana Prymak

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), Desiree Judd (University Governance Assistant)

Guests:

Dennis Acreman, Associate Dean, Faculty of Science
Faheem Ahmed, Engineering Transfer Coordinator, Faculty of Science
(Present for Agenda Item 11.a., Senate Report – New Graduate Program: Master of Engineering Science, only)

Recognition of Excellence:

Stacey Jyrkkanen

1. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chair asked President Shaver to perform the traditional acknowledgment.

A. Shaver acknowledged being on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, within Secwépemcúl'ecw traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and then introduced new Governors Tracy Christianson and Michelle Stanford, biographies for whom had been circulated with the agenda package.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

a. TRU Faculty, Students, and Staff — Aid in Relief of Wildfire Evacuees

S. Jyrkkanen, TRU Manager of Safety and Emergency Management, spoke about the efforts of TRU faculty, students, and staff during the wildfire evacuations, including the support provided in Williams Lake. She noted that many people from TRU had received the “Above and Beyond Award” from the provincial government in relation to the support they provided. The Board Chair thanked S. Jyrkkanen and also drew attention to the certificates and letters TRU had received, which were included in the agenda package as “Correspondence.”

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of December 8, 2017

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of December 8, 2017 be approved as circulated.*

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Proposed revisions to Policy BRD 10-0, “Academic Accommodation and Services for Students with Disabilities”

J. Sparks reported that Notice of Motion with regard to this policy had been served on December 8, 2017, and that no comments had been received.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed revisions to Policy BRD 10-0, "Academic Accommodation and Services for Students with Disabilities", be approved as circulated.*

b. Food Services

M. Milovick spoke to the memorandum circulated with the agenda package, which outlined Management's plan to initiative a review of TRU Food Services. A consultant will be retained and it will be determined by the fall whether TRU will renew the current provider's contract or go out to tender.

8. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Finance Committee, R. Heney, delivered the Committee's report.

a. Third Quarter Results

R. Heney reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the Third Quarter Results, which were for the Board's information, and then invited M. Milovick to comment. M. Milovick spoke about the reasons for the surplus and stated that, with regard to the surplus, the intent is to ask the government to restrict \$10M of the grant for capital purposes.

9. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. TRU Community Corporation projects update

M. Milovick outlined the University's plans to endow proceeds received from the TRU Community Corporation in the amount of \$1,525,580. The money will be used for student awards and research activities as outlined in the memorandum circulated with the agenda package.

b. Capital Update

M. Milovick reported on the status of road construction on campus and noted that dashboard reports updating the Board on the Industrial Trades and Technology Centre and the Nursing and Population Health Building had been circulated with the agenda package.

c. Safety and Emergency Management Report, September – December, 2017

M. Milovick noted that this report was for information of the Board, and then addressed some of the items in the report.

d. 2018-2019 Draft Budget presentation

C. Bovis-Cnossen and M. Milovick presented the 2018-2019 draft Budget.

C. Bovis-Cnossen noted that it is not possible to prepare data related to Third Quarter Results in a reliable form prior to the end of January, which is why the budget presentation was circulated when it was. She added that a determination will be made about how to address this problem in the future.

e. *Notice of Motion*: Domestic tuition and fees

C. Bovis-Cnossen reported that the University was serving Notice of Motion of a proposed increase to domestic tuition and fees, as outlined in the memorandum circulated with the agenda package.

f. Accreditation Update

C. Bovis-Cnossen provided an update on the status of TRU's efforts to become accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The Board Chair provided background information for new Governors regarding the accreditation process and the reasons TRU is seeking accreditation with NWCCU.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Written report from the Office of the President

President Shaver commented on the written report from his office for January, 2018, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package.

b. Open Governance Initiative update

The President reported on several matters related to the Open Governance Initiative, including the Budget Town Hall Meeting and Faculty Council meetings. He also drew attention to a memorandum circulated with the agenda package in which a link was provided to the notes from the Town Hall Meeting of November 7, 2017. In addition, the President reported that the Annual Joint Meeting of the Board of Governors, Senate, and Planning Council for Open Learning was taking place this afternoon.

11. SENATE REPORT

The Chair of Senate, A. Shaver, delivered the Senate Report. He stated that representatives from the Faculty of Science were present if there were any questions about the new Master of Engineering Science degree being recommended for approval.

a. New Graduate Program: Master of Engineering Science

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the new Graduate Program, Master of Engineering Science, be approved as circulated.*

b. Program Deletion: Electrician and Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic Certificate

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Electrician and Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic Certificate be deleted as circulated.*

12. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

a. Presidential Search

The Board Chair provided an update on the status of the search for TRU's next President, outlining the work the Presidential Search Committee had done to date. He noted that the Board has the authority to appoint the President, and that they are also working on a transition process for the new President.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board Chair drew attention to letters and certificates of appreciation from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and the Bonaparte Indian Band, copies of which were circulated with the agenda package. He expressed appreciation for the accolades and TRU's efforts during the wildfire evacuations.

14. HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

The Board Chair indicated that Board members would be departing after this meeting for the Annual Joint Meeting of the Board of Governors, Senate, and Planning Council for Open Learning to be held in the Mountain Room at 12:00 p.m. He added that, directly after that meeting, a formal announcement would be made regarding the appointment of the next Chancellor of TRU.

15. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board Chair reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 23, 2018.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further agenda items, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.