



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Board of Governors Open Session Minutes

Friday, May 09, 2014
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Douglas O. Goss	Chair, General Public
Shenaz Jeraj	Vice-Chair, General Public
Nathan Andrews	Member, Graduate Students' Association
Mike Belosevic	Member, General Faculties Council
Don Fleming	Member, Alumni
Jane Halford	Member, Alumni
Sangram Hansra	Member, Students' Union
James Heelan	Member, General Public
William Lau	Member, Students' Union
Steven LePoole	Member, General Public
Don Matthew	Member, General Public
Christopher Pu	Member, Non-Academic Staff
Wayne Renke	Member, Academic Staff (AASUA)
Bernd Michael Reuscher	Member, Senate
Indira Samarasekera	Member, President
Nizar Somji	Member, Public
Robert H. Teskey	Member, General Public
Ralph Young	Member, Chancellor

Non-Voting Officials Appointed by the President:

Lorne Babiuk	Vice-President (Research)
Phyllis Clark	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Brad Hamdon	General Counsel
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Deborah Holloway	Secretary
O'Neil Outar	Vice-President (Advancement)
Debra Pozega Osburn	Vice-President (University Relations)

Regrets:

Dick Wilson	Vice-Chair, General Public
Carl Amrhein	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Marcia Lang	Senior Strategic Advisor to the President

Presenter(s):

Douglas O. Goss	Chair, Board of Governors
Indira Samarasekera	President and Vice-Chancellor, Office of the President
Mike Belosevic	Member, Board of Governors
Don Fleming	Member, Board of Governors
Shenaz Jeraj	Member, Board of Governors

Bob Kamp	Chair, Board Investment Committee
Don Matthew	Member, Board of Governors
Christopher Pu	Member, Board of Governors
Wayne Renke	Member, Board of Governors
Robert H. Teskey	Member, Board of Governors
Ralph Young	Chancellor, Senate
Kerry Mummery	Dean, Physical Education and Recreation
O'Neil Outar	Vice-President (Advancement), Office of Advancement
Nathan Andrews	President, Graduate Students' Association
William Lau	Vice-President (Student Life), Students' Union

Staff:

Deborah Holloway, Board Secretary and Manager of Board Services
Geeta Sehgal, Acting Assistant Board Secretary

OPENING SESSION

1. Chair's Session

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

2. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Ms Holloway confirmed that the attendance constituted quorum. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

3. Approval of Open Session Agenda

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Open Session Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest - Opportunity for Declaration

The Chair made note of the following:

- The University of Alberta has policy and procedure in place for Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment, and Board members make annual disclosures.
- In addition, Board members must declare any conflict related to the Board Agenda of each meeting and, in the event of such conflict, absent themselves from the discussion and voting on the item.
- The Post-Secondary Learning Act, Section 16(5) states that: The members of the board must act in the best interests of the university.

The Chair invited members to declare conflicts of interest related to the Open Session Agenda of the meeting. The Chair observed no declarations and declared that the question was duly asked and answered.

5. Chair's Remarks

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

The Chair welcomed guests to the meeting. He drew attention to some recent noteworthy events: On May 7, Chancellor Ralph Young was inducted into the Alberta Business Hall of Fame. Faculty of Engineering alumnus Reza Nessori was also inducted into the Hall of Fame, and on May 8, Reza and his wife Sylvia announced a

donation of \$10 million. The Chair also thanked retiring Board member Bernd Reuscher for creating an endowment in the Faculty of Engineering, also announced on May 8.

6. Report of the President

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Presenter(s): Indira Samarasekera

In addition to her written report, the President provided a report to members regarding the activities, initiatives and achievements of the six Vice-Presidents and their portfolios over the past year.

6a. Progress on the Change Agenda

This item was deferred.

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

7a. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 14, 2014

7b. Report of the Board Finance and Property Committee

7b.ii. GSA Membership, Health and Dental Plan, and Graduate Student Assistance Program Fees

7b.iii. University of Alberta Students' Union 2014-2015 Operating/Referendum Fees

7c. Report of the Audit Committee

7d. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

7e. Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee

7f. Report of the Investment Committee

7g. Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee

7h. Report of the University Relations Committee

7i. Chancellor's Report

7j. Alumni Association

7k. Students' Union

7l. Graduate Students' Association

7m. Association of Academic Staff

7n. Non-Academic Staff Association

7o. General Faculties Council

7p. Board Chair and Board Members Activity Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

Discussion:

Item 7bi was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Open Session Consent Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

7b.i. Proposed Increase to the Athletics and Recreation Fee

Presenter(s): Kerry Mummery; Olive Yonge

Discussion:

Mr Lau noted his support of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation's consultation process regarding this fee, and expressed his thanks for the time and effort put into working with students. Mr Hansra also stated that students are more likely to be supportive of fee increases, and remain connected to the University in the long term, if they understand the reasons for the increase and feel engaged in decision-making.

THAT: In order to maintain the integrated model in which the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation offers Athletics and Recreation services to the broader University of Alberta community; and Consistent with the practices of comparable post-secondary institutions across Canada; The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve an increase to the existing Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee for Athletics and Recreation of \$16.38 per full-time student per term and \$8.19 per part-time student per term, with such increase to take effect for Fall/Winter 2014-15.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

8. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Presenter(s): Dick Wilson

8a. Capitalization of Unrestricted Funds to Permanent Restricted Endowments Net Assets

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Phyllis Clark

Discussion:

Ms Clark explained that this action would honour an agreement with an important donor. She noted that it is not common practice, but mandatory in this case to maintain good donor relations and build the University endowment.

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 of unrestricted net assets to permanent restricted endowment net assets.

CARRIED

9. Report of the Board University Relations Committee

Presenter(s): Don Fleming

9a. Board University Relations Committee Terms of Reference

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Don Fleming

Discussion:

Mr Fleming noted that the committee's Terms of Reference were being changed to separate the advancement and philanthropy functions from university relations functions. Dr Pozega Osburn pointed out that brand management and stakeholder management can be a focus for this committee going forward. One member suggested that yearly joint meetings of the Advancement and University Relations committees could be held to ensure both communicate on overlapping issues.

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board University Relations Committee, approve the attached Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

10. Report of the Board Chair

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

10a. Committee Appointments Update

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

Discussion:

The Board Chair noted that Ministerial Orders appointing new public members to the Board were expected within the next week. Once the full membership is known, members can be assigned to committees.

10b. Update on Mandate and Roles document

Presenter(s): Marion Haggarty-France

Discussion:

Ms Haggarty-France reminded members that the Board reviews the Mandate and Roles document every December. In January 2014, the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education requested an update to the document. However, this update did not recognize the bicameral governance system in place in Campus Alberta Research Intensive (CARI) universities, and needs to be clarified. A briefing session with Alberta Governance Secretariats has been scheduled, and more news should be available in the fall.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

12. Adjournment

The Open Session was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.