



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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### Board of Governors Open Session Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
Electronic Vote

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#### **ATTENDEES:**

##### Voting Members:

Kate Chisholm	Appointed Chair, General Public
Chris Ashdown	Appointed Member, University of Alberta Alumni Association Representative
Zarina Bhambhani	Appointed Member, Additional Member
Charlene Butler	Appointed Member, General Public
Alex Dorscheid	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
Daniel Eggert	Appointed Member, General Public
Bill Flanagan	Appointed Member, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Alberta
Peggy Garritty	Appointed Member, Chancellor
Mona Hale	Appointed Member, General Public
Janice MacKinnon	Appointed Member, General Public
Abner Monteiro	Appointed Member, President, Students' Union
Sett Policicchio	Appointed Member, General Public
Thomas (Tom) Ross	Appointed Member, General Public
Margot Ross-Graham	Appointed Member, University of Alberta Senate Representative
Rakesh Saraf	Appointed Member, General Public
Andrei Tabirca	Appointed Member, Non-Academic Staff Representative (NASA Appointee)
Paul Whittaker	Appointed Member, General Public
Kate Young	Appointed Member, University of Alberta Alumni Association Representative

##### Non-Voting Officials Appointed by the President:

Brad Hamdon	General Counsel and University Secretary
Elan MacDonald	Vice-President (External Relations)
Juli Zinken	Board Secretary and Manager of Board Services (University Governance)

##### Regrets:

Guy Bridgeman	Appointed Member, General Public
Heather Bruce	Appointed Member, Academic Staff Representative (AASUA Appointee)
Anas Fassih	Appointed Member, President, Graduate Students' Association
Dilini Vethanayagam	Appointed Member, Academic Staff Representative (GFC Appointee)
Lillian Zenari	Appointed Member, Additional Member

##### Staff:

Erin Plume	Associate Board Secretary
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## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Report of the Audit and Risk and Reputation and Public Affairs Committees**

*Presenter(s):* Mona Hale; Paul Whittaker

1. **University of Alberta Annual Report, 2021-22**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Elan MacDonald

*Purpose of the Proposal:* The proposal is before the Board for approval.

*Discussion:*

The submission of the University of Alberta's Annual Report is an annual accountability requirement of the Government of Alberta. At the request of the Vice-President (External Relations), the Board Chair agreed to a change in the Annual Report's approval timeline from June to September to allow for more meaningful content, including progress towards University of Alberta for Tomorrow goals. Because the Government of Alberta's deadline for submission of the report was September 30, 2022, the changed timeline required an electronic vote of the Board of Governors.

A draft report was considered by the Board Reputation and Public Affairs Committee (BRPAC) in May and shared with the Board of Governors at its June meeting. At its meeting on September 16, 2022, BRPAC voted to recommend the 2021-22 Annual Report to the Board of Governors.

At its meeting on September 26, 2022, the Board Audit and Risk Committee (BARC) reviewed the document as required by the Government of Alberta accountability statement, and also engaged in a discussion of the report from an enterprise-risk perspective. Members suggested several editorial changes and also expressed concern regarding the phraseology of some sections of the report given the potential for wide distribution of the report. Following discussion, the committee recommended Board approval of the report pending submission of BARC members' comments on the report to management, as well as the review and sign-off of the full report by the university's General Counsel. Changes in response to BARC members' feedback were incorporated into the final Annual Report.

An electronic vote of the Board of Governors was conducted from September 27 to 29, 2022. During this time, E MacDonald responded to questions from a member regarding how Open Studies students can be counted as FLE (full-load equivalent) when they are limited to two courses per term, and why the student completion rates differ from data provided to the Board Learning, Research and Student Experience Committee on June 7, 2022.

*Motion:*

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Reputation and Public Affairs Committee and the Board Audit and Risk Committee, approve and adopt the University of Alberta Annual Report, 2021-22, as set forth in Attachment 1 and as revised following the Board Audit and Risk Committee meeting, and empower the Vice-President (External Relations) to make any editorial changes to the Report, as needed, as long as the changes do not have the force of policy.

**CARRIED**