

Board of Governors
Board of Governors Meeting
Public Session Minutes

Friday, May 13, 2011
3-15 University Hall
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

- Voting Members: Robert Campenot
Roy Coulthard
Brian Heidecker, Chair
Tanya Martelle
Jay Nagendran
Raphael Lepage Fortin
Dawn Graham
Agnes Hoveland
Linda Hughes, Chancellor
Shenaz Jeraj
Louis Hugo Francescutti
Don Matthew
Jerry Naqvi
Indira Samarasekera, President
Robert Teskey
Rory Tighe
- Officials: Lorne Babiuk, Vice-President (Research)
Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Debra Pozega Osburn, Vice-President (University Relations)
O'Neil Outar, Chief Advancement Officer
Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary
Brad Hamdon, University General Counsel
Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost
Marcia Lang, Chief of Staff and University Relations
- Regrets: Marc de La Bruyère
Gordon Clanachan
C.H. William Cheung
Jim Hole
Ove Minsos
Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
- Guests: Janine Andrews, Executive Director, Museums and Collections Services
Kathleen Brough, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Chris Cheeseman, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice President (Human Resources)
Donna Herman, Special Advisor to the Provost
Joyce Hiller, Senior Administrator, Human Resources Services
- Staff: Joan Burke, Board Secretary
Ann Hodgson, Acting Assistant Board Secretary
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Chair: Brian Heidecker
Scribe: Ann Hodgson

OPENING SESSION

1. Chair's Session

1.1 Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

The Board Secretary, Ms. Burke, confirmed that the attendance constituted quorum. The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

The Chair welcomed all Board members and invited guests, and noted that members: Mr. Gordon Clanachan, Mr. Marc de La Bruyère, Mr. Jim Hole, and Mr. Ove Minsos were, unfortunately, unable to be in attendance. He informed members of the Provost's unexpected absence, and noted that there had been a death in his family, and asked that sincere condolences, on behalf of the Board of Governors, be passed on to Dr. Carl Amrhein. Mr. Heidecker advised that Acting Provost, Dr. Dru Marshall, would represent Dr. Amrhein; and Mr. Robert Teskey would represent Committee Chairs: Mr. De La Bruyère and Mr. Clanachan during the respective committee reports.

The Board Chair warmly welcomed new members: Ms. Dawn Graham (Public Member); Mr. Rory Tighe (Students' Union President); and Mr. Rafael Lepage Fortin (Students' Union Board of Governors Representative); and extended sincere congratulations on their appointments to the Board of Governors.

1.2. Approval of Public Session Agenda

Motion: Matthew/Teskey

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Open Session Agenda, as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflict of Interest – Opportunity for Declaration Related to the Agenda

The Board 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 Board Chair invited members to declare conflicts of interest related to the Open Session Agenda of the meeting. The Board Chair received an expression of potential conflict from Mr. Teskey, in regards to a information reporting item under the Board Audit Committee's Report: 7.1. *TEC Edmonton Annual Report* - in consideration of Mr. Teskey's current membership on the TEC Board of Directors;

The Board Chair observed no further declarations and declared that the question was duly asked and answered.

1.4 Chair's Remarks

The Board Chair indicated that the Closed Session agenda incorporates time and opportunity for members to hold a round-table discussion of the 2011 Board Evaluation results.

2. Report of the President

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 2.

The President provided highlights on her achievements under the four cornerstones of *Dare to Discover*, as presented within her *Report to the Board*, and included details on her activities, as outlined in the *Record of the President's Schedule: 26 March to 26 April, 2011*. In addition to her written report, the President provided a detailed verbal report under four main current topics of interest, which included:

End of Academic year – reflecting on the major accomplishments and achievements of 2010-2011, including the:

- welcoming of just over 7500 student into first year; convocating approximately 6700 students in June;
- completing of a new academic plan—*Dare to Deliver 2012-2017*;
- announcing of recent teaching achievements - two more 3M Undergraduate Teaching award winners;
- arrivals of four Research Chairs and their teams, continuing the expansion of the *Alberta Helmholtz Initiative*;
- U of A's growth as a global player, tackling global challenges such as water and energy supply; security; environmental sustainability, arctic resources;
- U of A's global leadership and research contributions, working to solve problems including chronic diseases such as diabetes, and public health challenges such as obesity;
- engaging of the greater community with events such as the highly successful *Festival of Ideas*; collaborating closely with the City of Edmonton and other partners in mounting the *Expo 2017 bid*; developing the *Edmonton Think Tank*.
- showcasing of the U of A by maintaining consistent and positive government relations with all the orders of government;
- receiving the *APPLE Schools* gift of \$15 million from Mr. Allan Markin, building on his \$5 million initial investment into the pilot project;
- U of A's ranking as one of *Canada's Top 50 Green Employers* for a third consecutive year; establishing an Office of Sustainability to oversee and create awareness about the university's many environmental initiatives; collaborating with Facilities and Operations in ensuring that all new provincially funded campus buildings are built to at least a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification standard;
- Successfully phasing in GMAIL, with over 48,000 users making the switch.

Premier's Council for Economic Strategy: Shaping Alberta's Future – identifying key initiatives for the University of Alberta, including the:

- outlining of the Premier's vision detailed in five themes (flagship initiatives) included within the Council's Report; effectively positioning Alberta as a global leader, and energy centre;
- acknowledging of the important role that the province's post-secondary sector must play in ensuring Alberta's continued success and future prosperity; identifying the U of A as an instrumental partner in helping Alberta achieve the objective of the council's third theme—*preparing the province to prosper in a global economy*;
- exploring of a proposed *Alberta Institute for Advanced Technology (AIAT) Institute*; providing lab space, business training and a home for ventures in their early stages; offering postgraduate degrees only, while professors would be focused on research performance rather than teaching; noting that:
 - *an estimated annual investment of between \$50 million to \$100 million would be needed to initially fund the institute*
 - *similar institutions exist in Israel, Germany, Taiwan, Singapore and Finland, but none in Canada*
 - *this would be a major opportunity for U of A—South Campus*

Global Engagement – briefing on key missions to Germany and Israel

- *Israel (April 9-15) - visiting three universities: Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology; the Weizmann Institute of Science; and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem:*
 - *Each institution showcased their culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, and their investment into science and technology, creating opportunities to explore research partnerships in the areas of resources development following a recent significant discovery of oil shales and natural gas in Israel, potential to provide research and expertise*
- *Germany (April 6-8) - formalizing the Helmholtz-Alberta Initiative by signing the research consortium agreement with the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres:*
 - *Engaged in meetings and activities to promote U of A initiatives, including the hosting of a round-table dinner in Germany; continuing to build relations to attract German students to the U of A; planning a future visit by the U15 Presidents to Germany’s “Technology Park” (linked to Hemholtz University) demonstrating the building of companies;*

Federal Election - sharing perspective on the recent election results, and the impact to the University of Alberta, such as:

- achieving a majority Conservative Government – to the U of A, this outcome enables long-term planning and engagement, and maintaining government relations;
- the Federal Budget, presented in February, responded positively to universities, with a focus on financial order and fiscal responsibility;
- establishing good relations between the U-15 Presidents and the Prime Minister, leading to continuing communications with universities

Discussion

The President strongly encouraged Board members to read the report of the Premier’s Council for Economic Strategy, and asked for feedback from members with respect to ideas for positioning the University of Alberta.

Members engaged in a thorough discussion on this issue, and explored the idea of a retreat of the Board to discuss strategies.

The Board Chair requested that members read and reflect upon the report over the summer.

3. Approval of Public Session Minutes

3.1. Approval of the Public Session Minutes of March 18, 2011

Motion: Naqvi/Nagendran

THAT the Board of Governors adopt the Open Session Minutes of its meeting on March 18, 2011.
CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

4. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

4.1. GSA Membership, Health and Dental Plan, and Graduate Student Assistance Program Fees

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 4.1.

Presenters: Roy Coulthard, President, Graduate Students' Association

Purpose of the Proposal: To recommend approval of the Graduate Students' Association fees for the 2011-12 academic year.

Discussion:

The Chair introduced this annual reporting item, and invited Ms. Phyllis Clark, assisted by Mr. Roy Culthard, to present the GSA Membership, Health and Dental Plan, and Graduate Student Assistance Program Fees Proposal to the Committee. Ms. Clark provided a brief summary of the GSA program fees, indicating that there were no significant changes put forward.

Mr. Coulthard indicated that the proposed GSA Membership Fees have been increased by \$10 per annum for full time students, and Part time student fees have been increased to 75% of the full time rate to better reflect the benefits accorded to all members as a result of the GSA's advocacy and representative activities. Mr. Coulthard noted that the proposed GSA Health and Dental Plan Fees reflect a 5.0 per cent increase, as recommended by the GSA's insurance broker and approved by the GSA Health and Dental Plan Board; and added that this fee increase positively supports the regular usage and access to a stable quality of services by an increased number of graduate students.

Members were satisfied with the information as reported, and no questions were raised.

Motion: Coulthard/Teskey

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve the following Graduate Students' Association (GSA) fees for the 2011-12 academic year:

GSA fee for full time students --- \$101.20 per annum
GSA fee for part-time students --- \$76.65 per annum
Health Plan Fee for full-time students --- \$215.25 per annum
Dental Plan Fee for full-time students --- \$162.75 per annum
Graduate Student Assistance Program --- \$12.00 per annum

CARRIED

4.2. University of Alberta Students' Union 2011-2012 Operating/Referendum Fees

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 4.2.

Presenters: Rory Tighe, President, University of Alberta Students' Union

Purpose of the Proposal: The Purpose of this Proposal is to recommend an increase to all Students' Union Operating/Referendum fees by CPI (1.00%), with the exception of the Access Fund, which is indexed on an average cost for budgeted administrative costs for the following fiscal year and the average of the total monies dispersed and net transfers to the fund over the previous three (3) fiscal years, pro-rated on a per-student basis. The Access Fund fee will decrease to \$14.37/term (from \$17.99/term).

The proposal also includes the Faculty Association Fees, which are not indexed at all.

There is one change to the Health and Dental Plan Fee: The Health Plan has decreased to \$105.99/annum (from \$109.34/annum) and the Dental Plan Fee increased to \$107.34/annum (from \$83.00/annum).

Discussion:

The Chair introduced this annual reporting item, and invited Mr. Rory Tighe to present the proposed University of Alberta Students' Union Fee Schedule 1 for 2011/2012. Mr. Tighe provided a detailed report on the fee schedules to the Committee, and noted that the slight increase to the benefit fees were due to an increase of Undergraduate Student Health plan users, which was anticipated

Motion: Tighe/Coulthard

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve the University of Alberta Students' Union Fee Schedule 1 for 2011/2012, as set forth in Attachment I of the agenda documentation, to take effect September 1, 2011.

CARRIED

4.3. Art Acquisition and Commissioning Procedure (in UAPPOL)

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 4.3.

Presenters: Dr. Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Janine Andrews, Executive Director, Museums and Collections Services/University Archives, Kathleen Brough, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Purpose of the Proposal: Since 1912, The University of Alberta has collected outstanding works of art for the purposes of teaching, research, community engagement, enhancement of the University environment and in support of the University's vision and mission. The Art Acquisition and Commissioning Procedure ensures established procedures are followed and the appropriate expertise and skills are available when adding works of art to the University of Alberta Art Collection. This assists the University in meeting its fiduciary, legal and ethical obligations in maintaining a world-class collection of art in public trust.

Museum works of art, unlike other museum objects, have the potential to be acquired campus-wide thus requiring a procedure to ensure focused institutional collecting.

Discussion:

The Chair invited Dr. Dru Marshall to present the proposed Art Acquisition and Commissioning Procedure. Dr. Marshall, assisted by Ms. Janine Andrews and Ms. Kathleen Brough, introduced the procedure, and related procedural requirements. Ms. Andrews outlined the overarching vision and strategy steering the parent *Museums and Collections* policy, and provided a detailed review of the proposed procedure, created to enhance clarity and provide guidance to the University community. In addition, Ms. Andrews outlined the principles supported by this new procedure, established to protect the University, and University Collections from associated risks.

Motion: Francescutti/Teskey

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, and General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Art Acquisition and Commissioning Procedure, an associated procedure of the University of Alberta Museums and Collections Policy, as set forth in Attachment 1, for inclusion in the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures On Line (UAPPOL), to be effective upon approval.

CARRIED

5. Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee

5.1. Human Resource Policy Suite (in UAPPOL)

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 5.1.

Presenters: Dr. Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost, Chris Cheeseman, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice President (Human Resources), Donna Herman, Special Advisor to the Provost, Joyce Hiller, Senior Administrator, Human Resources Services.

Purpose of the Proposal: To consider and approve the proposed Human Resource Policy Suite and related documents.

Discussion:

The Chair invited Acting Committee Chair, Mr. Robert Teskey, to introduce this item. Mr. Teskey provided an overview of the proposed overarching policy, and clarified that the full Human Resource Policy Suite comes before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval, but subsequently the respective Vice-Presidents will manage the procedures/procedural changes within the policy, without having to return to the Board of Governors for ongoing approval.

Dr. Marshall, assisted by Ms. Herman and Ms. Joyce Hiller, reported on the lengthy and significant consultation process that had been undertaken on this proposal, including review by the full General Faculties Council. She added that a communications plan is being developed to ensure that the campus community is aware of the policy and procedures and expressed appreciation to Dr. Cheeseman, Ms. Herman and Ms. Hillier for their exhaustive efforts in guiding this proposal through the development and approval process. Dr. Marshall, Ms. Herman and Ms. Hiller responded to questions from Committee members.

Motion: Teskey/Jeraz

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee, and General Faculties Council, approve:

- a) The proposed UAPPOL human resource policies and procedures, as set out in Attachment 1; and
- b) The corresponding rescission or deletion of existing GFC Policy Manual Sections 5 (Academic Staff, Academic Staff Agreements), 18 (Associate Faculty) and 48 (Employment Policies), in part or in total, as set out in Attachment 2; and
- c) The corresponding rescission of the following existing UAPPOL Policies and Procedures – Employment Policy; Conditions and Benefits of Employment Policy; Advertising of Administrative Professional Officer Vacancies Procedures; Advertising of Faculty Vacancies Procedure; Advertising for Faculty Service Officer Vacancies Procedure; and Advertising for Librarian Vacancies Procedure,

all to take effective on July 1, 2011.

CARRIED

5.2. Death of a Member of U of A Community – Proposed University Response Policy (in UAPPOL)

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 5.2.

Presenters: Dr. Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost, Kathleen Brough, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Purpose of the Proposal: To update and newly articulate the University's approach to responding in the event of the death of a member of the University community and to provide procedures relating to the institutional response to the death of a student or a staff member.

Discussion:

The Chair invited Dr. Dru Marshall to introduce the item. Dr. Marshall reported that the new policy and attendant procedures reflect current best practices for institutional response, and have been drafted broadly enough to accommodate all categories of university staff. Ms. Brough provided a detailed review of the University Response policy and associated procedures.

Ms. Brough reviewed in detail the proposed changes to the policy and procedures and responded to questions from members. .

Motion: Teskey/Matthew

THAT Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee, and General Faculties Council, approve:

- a) the proposed new Death of a Member of the University Community – University Response Policy and associated procedures, as submitted by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), as set forth in Attachment 1, and
- b) the corresponding rescission of GFC Policy Manual Section 108.14 (University Response to a Student Death) and MAPPS (Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures) #01-030-005 (Death of a Member of the University Community),

all to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

6. Report of the Board Chair

6.1. Appointments to Board Committees

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 6.1.

Presenter: Brian Heidecker, Chair, Board of Governors

Purpose of the Proposal: The Board of Governors annually reviews the recommendations of the Board Chair for appointments to Board Standing and Other Committees; other appointments are made as required. These appointments reflect the change in undergraduate student representation on the Board as a result of recent student elections; the conclusion of Public membership(s); and the appointment of new Public Member(s) of the Board which changes the status of membership on Board committees.

Discussion:

The Board Chair reported on the *Conclusion of Committee Board Membership* of:

- o Mr. Sol Rolingher - Vice-Chair/Member, Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee, Vice-Chair/Member, Board Learning and Discovery Committee, Chair/Member, Safety, Health & Environment Committee;
- o Ms. Dawn Graham – General Public Member, Audit Committee;
- o Mr. Nick Dehod – Member, Board Finance and Property Committee, Board Safety, Health & Environment Committee;

- Mr. Craig Turner – Member, Board Learning and Discovery Committee, Board University Relations Committee

Following, the Board Chair presented his recommendations of the following *New Appointments* of:

- Ms. Dawn Graham as a Board member from the general public to the Audit Committee;
- Mr. Rory Tighe to the Board Finance and Property Committee, Board Learning and Discovery Committee;
- Mr. Raphael Lepage Fortin to the Board Safety, Health and Environment Committee, Board University Relations Committee

Motion: Hoveland/Jeraz

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Chair, Mr. Brian Heidecker, approve the appointments to Board and other Committees as set forth in Attachment 1 to the agenda documentation.

CARRIED

6.2. 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule - Board of Governors

Agenda documentation is attached to these Minutes as Item 6.2.

Presenter: Brian Heidecker, Chair, Board of Governors

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the meeting schedule of the Board of Governors for 2011-2012.

Discussion:

The Chair introduced this item, indicating that the schedules encompasses a three-year rolling schedule – the upcoming 2011-12 year; followed by the years 2012-13, and 2013-14, for schedule planning purposes. Two minor adjustments were noted: the Board Audit Committee meeting time will revert to an 8:00 a.m. meeting start time, providing the opportunity for ample discussion time within the agenda; and a fifteen minute window would be incorporated into Board committee meetings that are scheduled back-to-back.

Motion: Coulthard/Matthew

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Chair, Mr. Brian Heidecker, approve the 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Governors, as set forth in Attachment 1 of the agenda documentation.

CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

7. Report of the Audit Committee

Mr. Don Matthew, Chair of the Board Audit Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Item 7. In addition, Mr. Matthew added that there remains uncertainty for the framework in preparing financial statements, as a result of the impending changes in accounting standards, adding that Ms. Phyllis Clark will keep the Audit Committee posted on the anticipated decision by the AET Ministry.

He also noted that at the April 18 meeting, Audit Committee members received two impressive comprehensive reports and presentations, one by Mr. Chris Lumb, CEO of TEC Edmonton, and the other

by Mr. Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services) on the University's Insurance Coverage and Risk Assessment.

8. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Mr. Robert Teskey, presented the Board Finance and Property Committee report to the Board of Governors, on behalf of Mr. Gordon Clanachan, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Item 8. In addition, Mr. Teskey indicated that the Finance and Property Committee also received the TEC Edmonton annual report and its May 3rd meeting, and invited Vice-President (Research), Dr. Lorne Babiuk to address the report. Dr. Babiuk provided a brief overview of the budget process within TEC Edmonton, and indicated that TEC Edmonton is being acknowledged and recognized by the Province, as a developing hub of research related activities, including job commercialization of intellectual properties, and serving as a valuable bridge to the City of Edmonton.

Dr. Babiuk added that his Office is pleased to implement the positive feedback it received from the committee members, creating opportunities to further shape TEC Edmonton. A copy of the annual report (TEC Edmonton) will be made available to all members.

9. Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee

Mr. Robert Teskey, member of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Item 9. In addition, Mr. Teskey provided a brief summary of the adoption of the *Term Limits for Deans* procedure by the Committee. D. Marshall added that there was positive consensus amongst the Faculty's Deans, throughout the procedure development process.

10. Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee

Mr. Robert Teskey, Chair of the Board Learning and Discovery Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Item 10. In addition, Mr. Teskey briefly addressed the significance of the adoption of the University's new *Academic Plan – Dare to Deliver 2011-2015*. In addition, Mr. Teskey conveyed the extremely positive report, received by the University with respect to the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation's – *Academic Review*.

11. Report of the University Relations Committee

Ms. Agnes Hoveland, Chair of the Board University Relations Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Item 11. In addition, Ms. Hoveland spoke favourable in regards to the successful collaborations with Augustana Faculty and Carmose community, and of the recent BURC trip to Augustana campus, which received participation by several Camrose municipal officials. Ms. Hoveland expressed thanks to trip organizer, Ms. Joan Burke, as well as members of the University Relations team for coordinating a positive experience, and building relations.

Ms. Hoveland reported that the *Serving Through Knowledge*, the University of Alberta's 2011 Report to the Community had been presented on May 10, 2011 (at the Westin Hotel), with printed copies distributed to Board members.

REGULAR REPORTS

12.1. Report of the Chancellor

Ms. Linda Hughes, Chancellor, presented her report to the Board of Governors. The report is attached to these Minutes as Item 12.1. In addition, the Chancellor provided a brief update on this year's Honorary Degree recipients, and addressed the Senate's decision to unfortunately, defer an honorary degree to Mr. Greg Mortenson, in light of the recent developments, as reported in the media. It was agreed by Senate committee members, that no replacement will be made at this late date in the Spring Convocation, and alternate arrangements have been suitably made.

Chancellor Hughes also warmly congratulated Ms. Louise Hayes, on her recognition as an Honorary degree recipient.

12.2. Report of the Alumni Association

With the absences of Mr. C.H. William Cheung and Mr. Jim Hole, Alumni Association Representatives, no verbal report was provided at the meeting. The Alumni Association (written) Report to the Board of Governors is attached to these Minutes as Item 12.2.

12.3. Report of the Students' Union (SU)

Mr. Rory Tighe, Students' Union President, presented the Students' Union Report to the Board of Governors. The report is attached to these Minutes as Item 12.3. In addition, Mr. Tighe expressed thanks to Mr. Nick Dehod for his committee and service, and noted that he is looking forward to continuing collaboration, and participating in a positive year of achievements.

12.4. Report of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA)

Mr. Roy Coulthard, President, Graduate Students' Association, presented the Graduate Students' Union Report to the Board of Governors. The report is attached to these Minutes as Item 12.4. In addition, Mr. Coulthard provided a brief report on the Alberta Graduate Council's First Annual Graduate Conference held in Calgary May 5-7, 2011 (*organized by Doug Horner*), which successfully engaged Alberta graduate students in networking and meetings with industry members; offering a broad scope of personal development opportunities, and interactive activities.

12.5. Report of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA)

Dr. Robert Campenot, AASUA Representative, presented the report to the Board of Governors. The Report is attached to these minutes as Item 12.5.

12.6. Report of Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA)

Ms. Tanya Martelle, NASA Representative, presented the report to the Board of Governors.

12.7. Report of the General Faculties Council (GFC)

Dr. Louis Francescutti, Representative from the General Faculties Council, presented the report to the Board of Governors. The Report is attached to these minutes as Item 12.7.

13. **Report of the Board Chair**

13.1 Report of the Board Chair

Mr. Brian Heidecker, Chair of the Board of Governors, presented his report to the Board of Governors. The Report is attached to these minutes as Item 13.1. In addition to his report, Mr. Heidecker added his thanks and appreciation to the new Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Mr. Greg Weadick, for his prompt consideration and attention to the Board Appointments, and the related administrative process.

CLOSING SESSION

14. Other Business

The Board Chair reminded members to review the upcoming schedule of board meetings and dates, in to make note of the upcoming Board Recognition Dinner to take place on Thursday, June 16, 2011 and the University of Alberta Faculty Club.

15. Conclusion of the Public Session

The Chair concluded the Public Session at 10:15 am.