



Board of Governors
Open Session Minutes

Friday, February 08, 2013
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Ashlyn Bernier	President, Graduate Students' Association
Don Fleming	Board Member (Alumni Association)
Douglas Goss	Chair, Board of Governors
Jim Hole	Board Member (Alumni Association)
Agnes Hoveland	Board Member (Public Member)
Shenaz Jeraj	Board Member (Public Member)
Brent Kelly	Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Governors
Don Matthew	Board Member (Public Member)
Ove Minsos	Board Member (Public Member)
Jerry Naqvi	Board Member (Public Member)
Christopher Pu	Board Member (Non-Academic Staff Association)
Wayne Renke	Board Member (Academic Staff)
Bernd Reuscher	Board Member (Senate)
Indira Samarasekera	President
Robert Teskey	Board Member (Public Member)
Colten Yamagishi	President, Students' Union
Ralph Young	Chancellor

Non-Voting Officials Approved by the President:

Lorne Babiuk	Vice-President (Research)
Martin Ferguson-Pell	Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Brad Hamdon	University Counsel
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Marcia Lang	Chief of Staff and University Relations
O'Neil Outar	Vice-President (Advancement)
Debra Pozega Osburn	Vice-President (University Relations)
Colleen Skidmore	Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic)
Philip Stack	Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services)

Regrets:

Miodrag (Mike) Belosevic	Board Member (General Faculties Council)
Phyllis Clark	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Richard Wilson	Board Member (Public Member)

Presenters:

Murray Gray,	Vice-Provost and AVP (Research); Centres and Institutes Committee Chair
Michael Houghton	Professor and Canada Excellence Research Chair, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology
Bob Kamp	Chair, Board Investment Committee
Lory Laing	Interim Dean, School of Public Health

Staff:

Deborah Holloway	Board Secretary and Manager of Board Services
Juli Zinken	Assistant Board Secretary

OPENING SESSION

1. Chair's Session

1.1 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.

1.2 Approval of Open Session Agenda

The motion was moved and seconded.

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

CARRIED

1.3 Conflict of Interest – Opportunity for Declaration related to Agenda

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.

1.4 Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted that Mr Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President, Risk Management Services, would attend the Open Session of the meeting to represent Ms Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration).

Presentation on Hepatitis Virology Research

Presenter: Michael Houghton, Professor and Canada Excellence Research Chair, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology

Discussion:

The Chair introduced Professor Houghton who, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of research being conducted at the Li Ka Shing Institute of Virology, emphasizing work in the areas of viral hepatitis and other inflammatory diseases.

2. Report of the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

In addition to her written report, the President provided comments on the following matters:

- The President recently spoke with the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, the Honorable Thomas Lukaszuk, and a series of follow-up meetings are being arranged. While she

believes he understands and is supportive of the University, it is important to counter media reports that universities need to focus only on applied research and commercialization. The value of basic research in both the sciences and the arts will be stressed, as will the broad economic benefits that the University brings to the province—not only through research but by developing the human capital needed in all sectors of Alberta’s workforce.

- The Provincial Budget will be delivered on March 7, 2013. The University has not been given any definite indication regarding its content. While the Province must make difficult decisions, the University must ensure that the Government understands that the investment in Post-Secondary Education—and the University of Alberta—is a critical part of the solution. With investment, the University can be a major driver of change and diversification.
- The Comprehensive Institutional Plan has been developed based on the promised two per cent increase from the Provincial Government. However, Administration is also preparing contingency plans in the event that the increase does not come through in the budget.
- The President provided highlights from Alberta’s Comprehensive Academic Research Institutions (CARIs) Pre-Budget Submission that included the following recommendations: that the Government of Alberta should protect the two per cent increase and receive an additional two per cent per year; that the Government should protect the commitment made in Budget 2012 to resume payments from the Access to the Future Fund; and that the Government maintain Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) funding at the 2011-12 budget level as a minimum and commit to a multi-year priority for critical new post-secondary infrastructure.
- The University had excellent results in the 2012 Canada Foundation for Innovation competition:
 - A 51% success rate—half of proposals submitted were funded.
 - Comparison to last two competitions:
 - 2006: 20%
 - 2009: 28%
- Professor David Magee from Rehabilitation Medicine has been named a member of the Order of Canada for advancing the field of sports medicine in Canada as a physiotherapist, professor and scholar.
- Recently named 3M Teaching Fellows, the highest national honour for excellence in undergraduate teaching, are Heather Zwicker, Associate Professor in the Department of English and Film Studies and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Kim Fordham Misfeldt, German Professor at Augustana.
- The President is exploring ideas for reform at the General Faculties Council (GFC). These include, discussing principles, developing a three year work plan and potential consolidation and clean up of GFC’s committees.

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of December 14, 2012

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors adopt the Open Session Minutes of its meeting on December 14, 2012.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

4. Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee

4.1 Proposed Revisions to the UAPPOL Centres and Institutes Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Murray Gray, Vice-Provost and AVP (Research); Centres and Institutes Committee Chair

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve changes to the UAPPOL Centres and Institutes Policy.

Discussion:

Dr Ferguson-Pell introduced the item, noting that while some changes are editorial in nature, more substantial changes include revisions related to alignment with the University's vision and mandate, Faculty and University priorities, and a requirement to demonstrate excellence and sustainability.

He responded to questions from members regarding the following matters: clarity regarding the nature of the Centres and Institutes Committee; and whether existing Centres and Institutes had been consulted regarding the proposed changes.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Learning and Discovery Committee and GFC Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to the UAPPOL Centres and Institutes Policy, as submitted by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and as set forth in Attachment 1, with proposed changes to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

4.2 Proposal for Non-Departmentalized Status for the University of Alberta's School of Public Health

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Dr Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Dr Lory Laing, Interim Dean, School of Public Health

Purpose of the Proposal: To change the School (Faculty) of Public Health from a Faculty organized around two academic units (the Department of Public Health Sciences and the Centre for Health Promotion Studies) to a non-departmentalized structure.

Discussion:

Dr Ferguson introduced the proposal and provided an overview of the School's structure and the outcomes of the recent Academic Unit Review. Dr Laing reported that the School of Public Health is the University's newest Faculty, created in 2006, bringing together two academic units. She noted that it is the first School of Public Health to be accredited in Canada. The proposed change to a non-departmentalized structure would correct imbalances and offer opportunities for efficiencies to be achieved. Students and alumni had been consulted and are supportive, and the Faculty Council has approved the proposed changes.

The presenters responded to a question regarding the voting process at the Faculty Council.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Learning and Discovery Committee and General Faculties Council, approve the proposal for a non-departmentalized structure for the University of Alberta's School of Public Health, as submitted by the Interim Dean of the School of Public Health (on behalf of the School), and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

5. Report of the University Relations Committee

5.1 Naming Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: O’Neil Outar, Vice-President (Advancement); Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Debra Pozega Osburn, Vice-President (University Relations); Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Purpose of the Proposal: To update the Naming Policy to ensure updated language and information, and user-friendly formats.

Discussion:

Ms Agnes Hoveland, Chair, Board University Relations Committee presented the proposal and thanked the four Vice-Presidents and their teams for extensive work required to bring this Policy Suite forward.

The President introduced the item noting that the Administration has spent the last year updating the Naming Policy Suite. The Policy was last updated in 2007. Since then, new procedures had been implemented without being codified, and the existing set of procedures lacked clarity. The new policy clarifies the roles and responsibilities among all the Vice-Presidential portfolios involved in Naming.

Mr Outar reported that the changes to Philanthropic Naming are sweeping, particularly regarding donation levels and academic namings. The revised Policy would bring clarity to the philanthropic naming practices and, currently, many practices are undocumented. It also provides a more robust ‘naming criteria’ (as found in Appendices A & B).

The presenters responded to questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: in Appendix regarding Honourific naming, what might constitute an exceptional circumstance would allow for naming for current staff, Board and Senate members; whether the minimum commitment levels included matching funds; and, regarding the Signage Policy, whether a process exists to allow for exceptions.

The presenters accepted the following amendments to the documents before members: For Philanthropic Namings, the minimum donation level must be met by donations and may not include external or internal matching funds unless otherwise approved by the Board of Governors; and, in Appendix A, Naming of a Faculty Dean, Department Chair or Centre/Institute Director, “Intermediate Faculty” should be “Medium Faculty.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board University Relations Committee, approve the revised Naming Policy Suite in UAPPOL, as set forth in attachment 1, and as amended, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

6 Report of the Investment Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Bob Kamp, Chair of the Investment Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors. He highlighted the Asset Allocation and Spending Allocation report from Cambridge Associates (CA) and the recommendations going forward.

7 Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Bob Teskey, Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors. He highlighted the excellent presentation from the Graduate Students' Association.

8 Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Ove Minsos, Chair of the Learning and Discovery Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

REGULAR REPORTS

9.1 Report of the Chancellor

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, presented the Report of the Chancellor to the Board of Governors.

9.2 Report of the Alumni Association

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Messrs Don Fleming and Jim Hole, Alumni Representatives, presented the Alumni Association Report to the Board of Governors.

9.3 Report of the Students' Union

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Colten Yamagishi, President, Students' Union, presented the Students' Union Report to the Board of Governors. He highlighted the upcoming Students' Union election, the renovation of SUB, the status of the Fall Reading Week, and IGNITE Post-Secondary Education Conference.

9.4 Report of the Graduate Students' Association

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Ashlyn Bernier, President, Graduate Students' Association, presented the Graduate Students' Association Report to the Board of Governors. She thanked the Board Chair for attending a meeting of the GSA Council, and highlighted the reorganization of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the balanced GSA budget, and collective agreement bargaining.

9.5 Report of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Wayne Renke, AASUA Representative, presented the AASUA Report to the Board of Governors. He drew members' attention to the Joint Committee on University Planning and Budgets, and thanked the University for extending the current rental rate for AASUA's office space in College Plaza.

9.6 Report of Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Christopher Pu, NASA Representative, presented the NASA Report to the Board of Governors. He noted that, as part of the revision of the NASA bylaws, the name of the Association would be changed to Support Staff Association.

9.7 Report of the General Faculties Council (GFC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, presented the GFC Report to the Board of Governors.

10 Board Chair and Board Member Activity Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, presented the Board Chair and Board Member Activity Report. He outlined the ongoing activities regarding Strategic Planning in advance of the Board of Governors Strategic Retreat scheduled for April 16 – 18, 2013.

11 Other Business

There was no other business.

CLOSING SESSION

12 Reminder of Board Events

- Board of Governors Dinner: March 14, 2013

13 Conclusion of Open Session

The Chair concluded the Open Session at 9:50 a.m.