



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, December 8, 2017  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
CN Boardroom, Clock Tower Building

### MINUTES

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#### **Board Present:**

Jim Thomson (Chair), Barbara Berger (Vice-Chair), Alan Shaver (President and Vice-Chancellor), Rob Anderson, Rick Heney, Dana Prymak, Hafiz Rahman, Nicholas Rinaldi, Guenter Weckerle, Eric Youd

#### **Board Regrets:**

Eunice Aniogbe, Sandra Blair

#### **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), Tom Dickinson (Dean, Faculty of Science)

#### **Guests:**

Tatiana Gilbert, Mico Miege-Moffat, Simranjit Singh Aulakh, Emmanuel Daramola, and Sierra Rae (TRU Students' Union)

#### **Recognition of Excellence:**

Ryan Glanville, Mitch Popendynetz, Colton Walker, John Antulov (Coach)

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked President Shaver to perform the traditional acknowledgment. A. Shaver acknowledged being on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, within Secwepemcúl'ecw traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

## 2. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

### a. TRU WolfPack Men's Soccer Team

The team's coach, John Antulov, introduced the players, Ryan Glanville, Mitch Pependynetz, and Colton Walker. The players and team were acknowledged for winning the USPORTS Bronze Medal. The Board Chair congratulated the players and presented them with framed Recognition of Excellence certificates.

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

## 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R. Heney, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that agenda item 6.a. (Report from the Finance Committee: Second Quarter Financial Reports ended September 30, 2017) contained a recommendation requiring approval, despite the fact it was listed on the agenda as being for information.

A Board member suggested that the "Hungry for Choice" presentation from the TRU Students' Union (agenda item 15.a.) be moved to directly after "Adoption of Agenda" so that the students would not be required to wait until the end of the meeting to deliver their presentation. There were no objections to the suggestion so the Board proceeded in that manner.

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

## 5. PRESENTATION

### a. "Hungry for Choice"

Students T. Gilbert, M. Miede-Moffat, S. Aulakh, E. Daramola, and S. Rae from the TRU Students' Union (TRUSU) attended the meeting to present information on their "Hungry for Choice" campaign. A copy of the presentation had been circulated with the agenda package. With regard to the renewal of the contract for food services on campus, the presenters stated TRUSU was seeking a consultation process.

The Board Chair responded that the Board supports a public consultation process with regard to the food services arrangements at TRU and will send a written

response to TRUSU's request in the near future. He thanked the students for their presentation.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### a. Minutes of October 6, 2017

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of October 6, 2017 be approved as circulated.*

## 7. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair R. Heney delivered the report from the Committee.

### a. Second Quarter Financial Reports ended September 30, 2017

A link to the Operating Statements had been provided on the agenda. R. Heney noted that the covering memo contained a recommendation from Administration, which the Finance Committee had discussed and was recommending to the Board for approval. P. Manhas provided background information and noted that the recommendation, if approved, would assist TRU to match a portion of its depreciation expense with deferred capital grants.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors authorize senior administration to approach the government and request a conversion of approximately \$8 – 10 million of TRU's operating grant for capital purposes.*

## 8. REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Audit Committee Chair, S. Blair, B. Berger reported on one matter on behalf of the Committee.

### a. External Auditor Plan and Fees

B. Berger reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the External Auditor Plan and Fees and was recommending that the Board approve the Plan and Fees.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approves the External Auditor Plan and Fees for the year ended March 31, 2018, as circulated.*

## **9. REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair, B. Berger, reported that the Committee had reviewed the Committee's "Dashboard Report" which, she explained, contains Administration's comments on its perceptions of the status of the 11 activities outlined on the Governance and Human Resources Committee's "Calendar".

She reported that the Committee had also reviewed the competency matrix, Board policies, and the Code of Conduct, with which the Committee expressed no concerns.

## **10. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### **a. TRU Community Corporation projects update**

M. Milovick provided a verbal update on TRU Community Corporation matters. He reported that TRU would receive \$1.5M from the Trust, which will be endowed for student and research support.

### **b. Capital Update**

Written reports on the status of the construction on the Industrial Trades and Technology Centre Project and the Nursing and Population Health Building were circulated with the agenda package. M. Milovick gave a verbal update on current road construction.

### **c. 2018/19 Budget Context**

C. Bovis-Crossen, M. Milovick, and D. Powers presented the 2018/19 Budget Context and responded to questions. A link to the presentation had been provided on the agenda.

### **d. Fall Enrolment Report**

D. Powers presented the Fall Enrolment Report in the absence of D. Crespin-Mueller. A link to the presentation had been provided on the agenda.

### **e. Accreditation Update**

C. Bovis-Crossen provided an update on the status of TRU's bid for accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. She indicated that the final report on the most recent evaluation will be available in February or March. The next candidate visit is scheduled to take place in the spring of 2019.

f. Foundation Update

R. Heney reported that the Foundation Board had their Annual General Meeting the previous day. He spoke about the recently-appointed Foundation Board members and the state of TRU's investments. He also noted that the theme of this year's Foundation Gala is "Fortune and Glory", in tribute to Christopher Seguin.

## 11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Written reports from the Office of the President

President Shaver commented on the written reports from his office for October, November, and December 2017, copies of which were circulated with the agenda package.

b. Open Governance Initiative update

The President reported on the Town Hall Meeting of November 7, 2017. He also noted that the Budget Town Hall Meeting would be held on January 9, 2018 and that meetings with Faculty Councils were scheduled to take place between January and May 2018. An Open Forum of the Capital Planning Projects Advisory Group was held on November 16, and the Annual Joint Meeting of the Board of Governors, Senate, and Planning Council for Open Learning will be taking place in the afternoon after the Board meeting on February 2, 2018.

c. Administrative policies recently approved

The President reported that a new policy, ADM 26-0 "Minors on Campus", a link to which had been provided on the agenda, had recently been approved.

## 12. SENATE REPORT

A. Shaver, Chair of Senate, reported on several matters forwarded to the Board from Senate.

a. Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates

The Chair of Senate reported that Senate had recommended the Board approve the Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates for 2020/2021.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates for 2020/2021, as circulated.*

b. New Programs

A. Shaver stated that T. Dickinson, Dean of the Faculty of Science, was present if there were any questions about several new programs in the Faculty of Science being recommended for approval.

i. New Graduate Program: Master of Science in Data Science

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the new Graduate Program, Master of Science in Data Science, as circulated.*

ii. New Programs: Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering; Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering; Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering

The Chair of Senate reported that the Bachelor of Engineering programs in Computer, Electrical, and Software Engineering would not be mounted unless TRU receives funding from the government. He added he was optimistic that at least some funding would be forthcoming. The approval process for these programs was discussed.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the following new Programs, as circulated:*

- *Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering*
- *Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering*
- *Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering*

v. New Program: Applied Sustainable Ranching Diploma

President Shaver reported that, as noted in the written Senate Report, this Diploma Program had been provisionally approved by the Board from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the new Program, Applied Sustainable Ranching Diploma, as circulated.*

vi. New Program: Certificate in First Nations Applied Land Management

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the new Program, Certificate in First Nations Applied Land Management, as circulated.*

- c. New Department: Engineering and Applied Science, Faculty of Science

Information regarding the proposal to create a new Department of Engineering and Applied Science in the Faculty of Science was circulated with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the New Department: Engineering and Applied Science, Faculty of Science, as circulated.*

- d. Revision to Presidential Search Procedures

The Chair of Senate reported that, at the Senate meeting of November 27, 2017, Senate considered a request from the Board Chair to revise the 2007 Presidential Search Procedures. Senate adopted a resolution consenting to the Board of Governors making a revision to the approved 2007 Presidential Search Procedures to allow the President to appoint an Indigenous person to the Presidential Search Committee.

- e. Senate policy recently revised: Policy ED 03-5, “Grading Systems”

The Chair of Senate reported that Senate policy, ED 03-5 “Grading Systems”, had recently been revised by Senate. A link to the updated policy had been included on the agenda.

### **13. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT**

- a. Presidential Search

- i. Revisions to Presidential Search Procedures

The Board Chair recommended that, as Senate had consented to the Board’s proposed revision to the 2007 Presidential Search Procedures, the Board consider approving the revisions. He suggested that a review of the procedures be undertaken prior to the next Presidential search.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves a revision to the approved 2007 Presidential Search Procedures, as circulated, to allow the President to appoint an Indigenous person to the Presidential Search Committee.*

- ii. Update from Presidential Search Committee

The Board Chair provided an update on the Presidential Search, noting that the Committee had undertaken a series of consultation sessions. Feedback

received during those sessions was incorporated into a position profile, and the advertisement for the position is now public.

b. Confirmation of Committee Appointments

i. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee

A memorandum regarding proposed appointments to the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee was circulated with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the following volunteers for appointment to the “Appointed by the Board” positions on the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee:*

- *Dr. Peter Tsigaris*
- *Professor Nicole Schabus*
- *Dr. Dipesh Prema*

c. Acknowledgment of outgoing Board member

i. Rob Anderson, faculty member

The Board Chair invited Board members to join him in thanking Rob Anderson for his six years of service to the Board, which they did.

## 14. NEW BUSINESS

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

The Board Chair reported that Notice of Motion was hereby served with regard to the proposed revisions to Policy BRD 10-0. During the Notice of Motion period, members of the TRU community may submit comments on the proposed revisions to the policy. The Board will consider approving the revisions to the policy at the next Board meeting, on February 2, 2018.

## 15. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Village of Ashcroft, dated October 25, 2017

J. Thomson reported that the letter from the Village of Ashcroft, circulated with the agenda package, was for the information of Board members.



**16. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2018.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further agenda items, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.