



# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, March 28, 2025

**1:00 PM**

***Clock Tower Boardroom, CT309***

### MINUTES

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#### **Board members present:**

Hee Young Chung, Brett Fairbairn, Heather Fader, David Hallinan, Jim Hamilton, Dian Henderson, Cindy Ozouf, Rohini Ranganatha, Niki Remesz, Dancing Water Sandy, Christine Sorensen, Tim Webber

#### **Regrets:**

DeDe DeRose, Hasnat Dewan, Mugesh Narayanasamy

#### **Executive and others present:**

Gillian Balfour (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Shannon Wagner (Vice-President Research), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator), Yvette Laflamme (AVP, Finance), Scott Blackford (Associate General Counsel; *for agenda item 9.a.*), Alexis Gottfriedson and Ted Gottfriedson (*for agenda item 10.a.*)

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER — Hee Young Chung**

H. Chung, board chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

##### **a. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TRU becoming a university (March 31, 2005)**

The board chair highlighted TRU's history leading to its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and acknowledged those that had contributed.

#### **2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT — Hee Young Chung**

H. Chung delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

H. Chung requested the addition of 8.b. *TRU Bold discussion* under President's Report, moving Reports to Senate to 8.c.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the public board meeting of March 28, 2025 be approved as amended.*

### 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No conflicts of interest were declared by governors.

### 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Minutes of Board Public meeting of February 28, 2025

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public board meeting of February 28, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

### 6. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT — Hee Young Chung

H. Chung, board chair, delivered his report.

a. Presidential search update

H. Chung provided an update on the status of the presidential search.

### 7. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE— David Hallinan

Chair of the Finance Committee, D. Hallinan, presented the committee's report.

a. Domestic tuition and other fees

D. Hallinan indicated that the proposed 2% increase to domestic tuition and other fees had been discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and was for decision at this meeting. He invited G. Balfour to comment, which she did.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed 2% increase to domestic tuition and other fees be approved as circulated.*

b. School of Trades and Technology: Apprenticeship program exemption of fees for

international students

D. Hallinan asked M. Milovick to provide information to the board on this agenda item. M. Milovick reported that the item was to address the request from B. Pooni that the Trades programs be removed from the Guaranteed International Tuition Fee Model due to their unique fee structures, and in order to provide tuition transparency and predictability.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve that the Trades and Technology programs be exempt from the Guaranteed International Tuition Fee Model, and follow a 3% annual tuition increase, with the assumption that similar annual increases will occur in subsequent years, as circulated.*

c. 2025-2026 Budget

D. Hallinan reported that the committee reviewed the 2025-2026 budget, and then he commented on it. He invited administration to speak to the budget, and G. Balfour and M. Milovick provided a presentation for information. Discussion followed, with a request that the initial motion proposed in the memorandum be amended to include budget mitigation information.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the 2025-2026 Budget be adopted as presented, with the expectation of receiving a budget mitigation report for the fall board meeting.*

## 8. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Brett Fairbairn**

a. President's Report to the Board

President Fairbairn spoke to some information contained in his report, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package.

b. TRU Bold discussion

B. Fairbairn called on G. Balfour to speak to the TRU Bold academic plan referenced in his report, which she did. B. Fairbairn then spoke to governance, stating that an academic plan is approved by the board after seeking advice of senate, and that the board chair will be sending a letter to senate requesting their advice regarding TRU Bold, for decision at the next board meeting.

c. President's Report to Senate

The March 2025 President's Report to Senate was circulated via a link on the agenda.

**9. BUSINESS**

a. Proposed revisions to policy BRD 25-0 Sexualized Violence

S. Blackford attended the meeting to speak to this agenda item. Discussion ensued.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed revisions to policy BRD 25-0 Sexualized Violence be approved as circulated.*

**10. PRESENTATION**

a. Tkemlúps te Secwépemc Respectful Relationship Fund

A. Gottfriedson and T. Gottfriedson shared a presentation with the board. Discussion followed.

**11. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2025 in the Clock Tower Boardroom.

**12. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

Given that there were no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 2:45pm.