



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, September 29, 2023

1:00 PM

Clock Tower Boardroom, CT309

MINUTES

Board members Present:

Marilyn McLean (Chair), Shariyer Chowdhury, Hee-Young Chung, Heather Fader, Brett Fairbairn, David Hallinan, Jim Hamilton, Jasmine Haskell

Regrets: Tracy Christianson, Hasnat Dewan, Katy Gottfriedson-Jasper, Kathy Kendall

Absent: Jimmy Lulua, Anshuman Walia

Executive and Others Present:

Gillian Balfour (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Brian Daly (Vice-President University Relations), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Scott Blackford (Acting General Counsel), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The chair, M. McLean, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed the following new board members, who introduced themselves:

- i. Shariyer Chowdhury (elected student)
- ii. Heather Fader (appointed community member)
- iii. David Hallinan (appointed community member)
- iv. Anshuman Walia (re-elected student)

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

M. McLean delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

On behalf of the board, M. McLean recognized the following people and presented them with framed certificates.

- a. Mike Flannigan
- b. TRU Advancement Team and Alumni Award

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No governors declared conflicts of interest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of June 16, 2023

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public board meeting of June 16, 2023 be approved as circulated.*

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- a. Fraud Risk Management Policy

M. McLean reported that additional revisions have been recommended to this policy and it will be coming back to the board in the future for consideration of approval.

8. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT — Marilyn McLean

- a. Mandate Letter

M. McLean spoke to the mandate letter, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the mandate letter be approved as circulated.*

9. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

H. Chung, chair of the Finance Committee, presented the committee's report.

a. Q1 Results

H. Chung invited Y. LaFlamme to present the Q1 results, which she did, for information.

b. Financial Information Act

H. Chung invited M. Milovick to present the Financial Information Act report, which the chair indicated the Finance Committee had reviewed at their meeting and recommended approval.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Financial Information Act reporting for submission to government be approved, as circulated.*

H. Chung also reported that the Finance Committee reviewed, and recommended approval of, the proposal for the Indigenous Education Building. He added that matter would be dealt with later in the agenda, under "Reports and Updates".

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Fairbairn reported on the following matters:

a. President's Report to the Board

B. Fairbairn reported on several matters in his written report, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package.

b. Changes to policy regulations

B. Fairbairn noted that he had approved changes to the regulations for the following policies. The Secretariat displayed redlined versions of the policies showing the revisions.

- i. BRD 25-0 (Sexualized Violence)
- ii. BRD 02-1 (Signing Authority)

11. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Capital Update

M. Milovick presented a capital update on projects undertaken during the summer.

i. Indigenous Education Building

1. Indigenous Education Building concept design

M. Milovick welcomed Tina Matthew and Garry Gottfriedson, who presented the Indigenous Education Building concept design.

2. Indigenous Education Centre Building

M. Milovick presented this agenda item, which he noted had been considered by the Finance Committee, and recommended for approval, at their meeting earlier in the day.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that:*

- 1. A Control Budget of \$22M + 10% contingency is approved to build and equip the IEC.*
- 2. The University is authorized to enter into agreements to construct and equip the IEC for an aggregate price not to exceed the Control Budget + contingency.*
- 3. Administration is authorized to negotiate and execute such documents as are necessary to facilitate the construction of the IEC.*
- 4. The IEC will be built at the location identified within.*

b. Student housing

M. Milovick presented an update on student housing.

c. Office of Safety and Emergency Management Reports

M. Milovick delivered the report from the Office of Safety and Emergency Management, a copy of which had been circulated via a link on the agenda.

d. *Notice of Motion:* Proposed revisions to Signing Authority Policy (BRD 02-1)

S. Blackford reported that the Signing Authority Policy had recently undergone some proposed revisions which required notice of motion to be served by the board since the Signing Authority policy is under the authority of the board.

e. Strategic Enrolment Management update

D. Crespin-Mueller presented a strategic enrolment management update. Questions and answers ensued.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2023, in the Clock Tower Boardroom.

13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

As there were no additional agenda items, the meeting terminated at 2:45 p.m.