



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**JANUARY 23, 2020**

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 4155 Stevenson Hall.

PRESENT: R. Konrad, Chair  
K. Kwan, Secretary

S. Bennett	D. Simmonds
W. Boye	A. Shepard
G. Dick	S. Shortreed
M. Lerner	C. Stephenson
K. Mequanint	P. Thomlinson
G. Parraga	S. Trosow
K. Richter	J. Toswell
C. Rorabeck	H. Usher
B. Ross	

By Invitation: K. Cole, P. Eluchok, A. Hrymak, L. Logan, J. Massey, M. Mills, J. O'Brien, T. Rice, M. Ruddock, S. Prichard.

Regrets: C. Burghardt-Jesson, K. Gibbons, E. Holder, C. Karakatsanis, D. Keddy, K. Sullivan

**Land Acknowledgement**

G. Parraga read a Land Acknowledgement.

**Chair's Remarks**

The new Chair of the Western University Board of Governors, R. Konrad, acknowledged Western's 6th Annual Indigenous Awareness Week taking place the week of January 20 to 28, 2020.

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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report, distributed with the agenda, consisted of the following topics: mourning our students lost in flight PS752, remembering Richard M. Ivey, remembering Reva Gerstein, update on the Anti-Racism Working Group, the success of the fall preview day, an announcement of the incoming Federal Cabinet, and an RBC investment in Western's data analytics and AI. The report also included the following senior academic appointment: Dr. John Yoo, the next Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, beginning May 1, 2020.

The President advised the Board of his participation during the annual Indigenous Awareness Week and of the beautiful indigenous necklace that he had been presented with during a breakfast with the indigenous community on campus.

The President also noted to members the recent, positive remarks contained within Mayor

Ed Holder's London's State of the City Address relating to the University.

Lastly, the President noted the ongoing loss felt by the campus community in relation to the tragic deaths of the Iranian students and their travelling companions on Ukrainian International Airlines flight PS752. He advised members that the families of

subject to provisions within collective agreements.

A member requested clarification on the definition of a therapy pet pursuant to section C, subsection 100(ii). He suggested that the change in wording would afford greater equity between

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** [Appendix IV]

Prior to considering the Report of the Governance and By-Laws Committee, R. Konrad provided the Board with an overview of the work of the Committee, including details of the Presidential Review Protocol and review timeline for the University's MAPP policies.

BG.20-08 **Information Items reported by the Governance and By-Laws Committee**

Appendix IV, Report of the Governance and By-Laws Committee, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

2020 Board Work Plan

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** [Appendix V]

Prior to considering the Report of the Audit Committee, S. Bennett provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee.

BG.20-09 **Amendments to MAPP Policy 2.5 Retention of Consultants: Audit, Accounting, and Tax Update**

It was moved by S. Bennett, seconded by G. Dick,

That the Board of Governors approve the revised MAPP Policy 2.5 Retention of Consultants: Adult, Accounting, and Tax Update, as shown in Appendix V, Annex 1.

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A member requested clarification on Section 4.3, requesting that the policy be amended to include the terms "special meeting" or "e-meeting." The Secretary advised members that By-law 1 already contains provisions for hosting electronic meetings.

A member asked whether the Univ

