



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – OPEN SESSION

The meeting was held at the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building, Room 3000 and on Zoom.

PRESENT: Keith Gibbons, Chair
Amy Bryson, Secretary

Kenisha Arora	Marlene McGrath
Cameron Bailey	Stephen Pitel
Michelle Banik	Geoff Pollock
Susan Bennett	Stephen Poloz
Arzie Chant	Terry Rice
Ethan Chen	Cecil Rorabeck
Greg Dick	Effie Sapuridis
Ed Goehring	Alan Shepard
Lori Higgs	Sarah Shortreed (Vice-Chair)
Beth MacDougall-Shackleton	Ken Yeung

Regrets: Susan Clarke, Kelly Meighen, Josh Morgan, David Simmonds,
Michael Surkont

By Invitation: Ruban Chelladurai, John Doerksen, Paul Eluchok, Dana
James, Lynn Logan, Eric Mallory, Ryan Palmer, Penny
Pexman, Florentine Strzelczyk, Caroline Whippey

Secretariat Bonnie Brown
Resource:

Chair K. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed the

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That the agenda for the open session be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.23-139 Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of June 29, 2023

Moved by B. MacDougall-Shackleton, seconded by L. Higgs:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2023, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes – None.

BG.23-140 Report of the President

A. Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor, began his report by describing the

otherwise not be included in the regular general purpose audited financial statements.

Moved by S. Bennett, seconded by G. Dick:

That, on recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2023.

And,

That, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approve the draft special purpose audited financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2023 for compliance with US reporting requirements.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING AND DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.23-142 Quarterly Fundraising Report to April 30, 2023

D. James presented for information the quarterly fundraising report to April 30, 2023 that outlined the total fund raising results for fiscal 2023.

BG.23-143 Quarterly Fundraising Report to July 31, 2023

D. James presented for information the quarterly fundraising report to July 31, 2023 that outlined the fund raising results for the first quarter of fiscal 2024. She highlighted that 31% of the \$85M fund raising goal for this year has been raised.

C. Rorabeck extended his appreciation to D. James and the team in University Advancement.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

BG.23-144

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In response to a question, A. Bryson advised that being a Canadian citizen is no longer a legal requirement.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.23-148 Revisions to MAPP 1.52 – Policy on Gender -Based and Sexual Violence

The item was deferred to the November 16, 2023 meeting.

BG.23-149 UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5.3(a) was removed from the Unanimous Consent Agenda.

Moved by L. Higgs, seconded by G. Dick:

That the items listed in the consent agenda, save for item 5.3(a), be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

BG.23-150

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BG.23-154 Board Annual Work Plan

The Board's Annual Work Plan for 2023-24 was received for information in item 5.2(b).

ITEM REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.23-155 Academic Administrative Appointments

A report on the academic administrative appointments, as of September 2023, was received for information in item 5.3(b).

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

BG.23-156 Proposed Undergraduate Program Name Change at Faculty of Information and Media Studies (FIMS)

A proposed change in the name of the undergraduate program at FIMS from Media, Information, and Technoculture (MIT) to Media and Communication Studies (MCS) was presented for approval.

In response to a question regarding the effective date for the proposed name change it was confirmed that the date was September 1, 2023.

In response to a concern raised regarding the lack of policy guiding the appropriate use of the words "program" and "department", it was advised that the discussion on this point was under the purview of Senate.

Questions of clarification regarding the discussion and vote at Senate on this matter were addressed by those who attended the meeting.

Moved by A. Chant, seconded by B. MacDougall-Shackleton:

That the effective date for the proposed name change be revised to September 1, 2024.

DEFEATED

Moved by G. Pollock, seconded by G. Dick:

That, on the recommendation of Senate, the Board of Governors approve the change in the name of the on and vs approve

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