



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

PRESENT: Keith Gibbons, Chair
Amy Bryson, Secretary

Kenisha Arora
Cameron Bailey
Michelle Banik
Susan Bennett
Arzie Chant
Ethan Chen
Susan Clarke
Greg Dick
Ed Goehring
Lori Higgs
Marlene McGrath

Kelly Meighen
Stephen Pitel
Geoff Pollock
Stephen Poloz
Terry Rice
Cecil Rorabeck
Effie Sapuridis
Alan Shepard
Sarah Shortreed (Vice-Chair)
David Simmonds
Ken Yeung

Regrets: Beth MacDougall-Shackleton, Josh Morgan, Michael Surkont

By Invitation: Althea Blackburn-Evans, John Doerksen, Paul Eluchok, Adele Huffman,
Eric Mallory, Jane O'Brien, Florentine Strzelczyk, Caroline Whippey

Secretariat: Bonnie Brown
Resource:

Chair K. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Governors – Open Session Minutes
November 16, 2023

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

D. Simmonds offered a land acknowledgement.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Agenda – Open Session

Moved by M. Banik, seconded by S. Shortreed:

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

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 2023

Moved by M. McGrath, seconded by S. Poloz:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2023, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

2.3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Business arising was addressed under item 4.1(a) of the agenda.

3.0 Report of the President

A. Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor, opened his remarks by highlighting the record amount of research funding that was generated by the faculty of Western, the affiliated

4.0 COMMITTEE AND SENATE REPORTS

4.1 REPORT OF THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

4.1 (a) Revisions to MAPP 1.52 – Policy on Gender -Based and Sexual Violence

P. Eluchok, University Legal Counsel, and J. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Students), presented for approval amendments to MAPP 1.52 – Policy on Gender-Based and Sexual Violence (GBSV).

P. Eluchok advised that the internal and external review that was conducted recently informed the changes to the policy. J. Doerksen reported that the revised policy reflects an increased commitment to GBSV education, an improved disclosure process, and changes to the appeal process.

Board members commented on the thoughtful consultation and review completed.

In response to a question, P. Eluchok advised respectful due process, while not specifically stated in the policy, is achieved through a detailed investigation and appeal process.

Moved by M. McGrath, seconded by E. Chen:

That, on the recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee, the Board of Governors approve the amendments to MAPP 1.52 – Policy on Gender-Based and Sexual Violence as outlined in item 4.1(a).

5.1 ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1(a) New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes

The report on the terms of reference approved by the Property and Finance Committee for the new scholarships, awards, and prizes was received for information in item 5.1(a).

5.1(b) Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non -Endowed Funds

The semi-annual report on non-endowed funds presented to the Property and Finance Committee was received for information in item 5.1(b).

5.1(c) Annual Report on Underwater Endowments

The annual report on endowments (underwater) presented to the Property and Finance Committee was received for information in item 5.1(c).

5.1(d) Report of the Investment Committee

The report of the Investment Committee was received for information in item 5.1(d).

Conference to be hosted by the University Secretariat in London May 2-4, 2024 was received for information in item 5.2(c).

5.3 ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE

5.3(a) Report of the Council of Universities (COU) Academic Colleague

The report from the October meetings of the COU Academic Colleague was received for information in item 5.3(a).

5.3(b) Honorary Degree Recipients – Fall 2023

A report listing the Honorary Degree recipients and the autumn convocation ceremonies at which they were awarded was presented for information in item 5.3(b).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7.0 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

None.