



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

APRIL 24, 2024 – 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	Kelly Meighen
Cameron Bailey	Josh Morgan
Michelle Banik	Stephen Pitel
Susan Bennett	Geoff Pollock
Arzie Chant	Stephen Poloz
Ethan Chen	Cecil Rorabeck
Susan Clarke	Effie Sapuridis
Greg Dick	Alan Shepard
Ed Goehring	Sarah Shortreed (Vice-Chair)
Lee Greenberg	David Simmonds
Lori Higgs	Ken Yeung
Beth MacDougall-Shackleton	
Marlene McGrath	

Regrets: Terry Rice

By Invitation: Althea Blackburn-Evans, Bill Chantler, Ruban Chelladurai, John Doerksen, Paul Eluchok, Lynn Logan, Florentine Strzelczyk, Caroline Whippey

Secretariat Resource: Bonnie Brown

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

1.0 **Land Acknowledgement**

K. Yeung offered a land acknowledgement.

K. Gibbons welcomed new Board member L. Greenberg to the meeting and recognized S. Poloz on his appointment by Prime Minister Trudeau to lead a working group focused on identifying ways to attract more investment into Canada.

K. Gibbons expressed his appreciation to those that have been working diligently to support the Western-Brescia integration.

2.0 **Approval of Agendas and Minutes**

2.1 **Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

Moved by G. Pollock, seconded by M. Banik:

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

CARRIED

2.2 **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2024, QB1**

4.0 **COMMITTEE AND SENATE REPORTS**

4.1 **REPORT OF THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

4.1(a) **University Operating and Capital Budgets and Fees for 2024-2025**

On behalf of the Property and Finance Committee, G. Dick presented for approval Western's operating and capital budgets and tuition fees for 2024-25.

4.1(a)(i) **2024-2025 Operating and Capital Budgets**

F. Strzelczyk, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and L. Logan, Vice-President (Operations & Finance) presented the 2024-25 operating and capital budgets.

F. Strzelczyk began her presentation by providing an overview of the budget context. Priorities for this cycle and new major investments were outlined.

F. Strzelczyk continued her report by presenting the projected student enrolment and full-time faculty and staff complements budgeted for 2024-25. It was confirmed the numbers include the faculty and staff transitioning to Western from Brescia.

F. Strzelczyk provided information on the numbers of faculty and staff joining Western from Brescia and presented the projected operating budget impact of the Brescia integration over the next two years.

F. Strzelczyk concluded her report by providing a summary of the projected operating revenues and expenditures for 2024-25 and advised it was a balanced budget.

L. Logan described the major capital projects underway, those soon-to-start, those in the advanced planning phase, and those in other various

The financial stewardship demonstrated through the budget process was acknowledged.

Moved by G. Dick:

That the Board of Governors approve the 2024-25 University Operating and Capital Budgets (Item 4.1(a)(i)) and the proposed Program Specific Fees and Other Supplemental Fees for 2024-25 (Item 4.1(a)(ii)).

CARRIED

4.1(a)(ii) **2024-25 Program Specific Fees and Other Supplemental Fees**

Presented under item 4.1(a)(i).

4.1(a)(iii) **Student Fee Funded Units, Ancillaries, Academic SuppoEMC**

4.1(b) **Bill S-211 –**

4.2 **REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

4.2(a) **Revision to By-Law No. 1**

D. Simmonds presented for approval a minor amendment to By-Law No. 1 under Section 9.

Moved by D. Simmonds:

That, on the recommendation of the Governance and By-Laws Committee, the Board of Governors approve the amendment to *By-Law No. 1* as outlined in item 4.2(a).

Moved by M. Banik, seconded by A. Chant:

That the items listed in the consent agenda, with the exception of items 5.4(b) and 5.4(f), be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

5.1 **ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1(a) **New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes**

5.3(b) **McIntosh Gallery Committee Appointment**

A report advising the Board on the appointment of Catherine Elliot Shaw, by the Senior Policy and Operations Committee, as a member-at-large to the McIntosh Gallery Committee was received for information.

5.4 **ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE**

5.4(a) **Subcommittee on Enrolment Planning and Policy (SUEPP) Report**

The annual report on targets and processes for first-year undergraduate enrolment and overall enrolment projections for Western and its Affiliated University Colleges was received for information.

5.4(c) **Vice-Provost's Annual Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention**

The annual report on faculty recruitment and retention was received for information.

5.4(d) **Report of the Subcommittee on Teaching Awards (SUTA): Recipients**

