



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors held its regularly scheduled board meeting on December 16 and 17, 2019. The following is an update on the highlights of the meeting. This summary is intended to identify significant items on which the Board has taken positive action. The Board agenda may also include proposals that have not reached completion, items covered by confidentiality and privacy policies or legal privilege, and information items that are reported or announced elsewhere. These are not normally included the Board Highlights summary.

Presidential review

Following an extensive review—including feedback from the campus community and beyond—the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors, acting on a recommendation of the Review Committee for the President, appointed President Peter Stoicheff to a second five-year term beginning July 1, 2020.

Investment policy

The Board of Governors approved the investment policy on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit committee. The policy establishes investment principles, clarifies responsibility for investments and consolidates all investing strategies (including pensions, endowments, etc.). Additionally, the policy includes a statement on responsible investing and assigns responsibility to university management through the office of the Vice-President Finance and Resources.

Griffith's Stadium

The Board of Governors approved the replacement of the turf at Griffith's Stadium. The current turf has exceeded its expected lifespan. The replacement will begin in spring 2020.

Meewasin Valley Trail Expansion

The Board of Governors approved the Meewasin Valley Authority north east trail expansion on university land. The expansion requires about 0.6 km of new trail on top of the river bank between Circle Drive Bridge and Chief Mistawasis Bridge. The expansion is subject to the approvals of City of Saskatoon Council (March 2020) and the MVA board (March 2020).

Divestment of the Poultry Science Building and Seed Barn

The Board approved the divestment of the Poultry Science Building and Seed Barn as both buildings require a significant investment in order to be brought to a level that is safe for any use. Removing the buildings will eliminate deferred maintenance and operating costs, and open campus space for future development as part of the Campus Master Plan. The buildings will be relocated off campus for alternate uses. Demolition is only considered as a last resort.

Senior administrative appointment

The Board approved the recommendation to appoint the vice-dean Indigenous in the College of Arts and Science for a five-year terms effective July 1, 2020.

The next scheduled Board of Governors meeting will be held on March 23 and 24, 2020.