

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN  
October 7 and 8, 2019  
Peter MacKinnon Building, Emmett Hall Board Room 238

**Present:** Shelley Brown (chair), Allan Adam, Lee Ahenakew, Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, Grant Isaac, Jay Kalra, Ritu Malhotra, Regan Ratt-Misponas, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff

**Regrets:** Grant Isaac

**Resource Officers:** Beth Bilson (secretary), Cheryl Carver, Karen Chad, Greg Fowler, Debra Pozega Osburn, Tony Vannelli

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**1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks**

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. on October 7. She acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the territory of Treaty Six and the homeland of the Métis. She alluded to the opening of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, and the celebration of the signage for the Prince Albert Campus. She advised Board members that they would be able to participate in a tour of the nearly completed A-Wing of the Health Sciences Building later in the day. Finally, she pointed out that the portrait of former chancellor Roy Romanow had been mounted on the wall.

**2. Governors' Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest identified.

**3. President's Opening Statement**

President Stoicheff also spoke of the portrait of former chancellor Romanow, which was unveiled at an event in June. He said that the artist, Leslie Watts, had spoken of the importance of the portrait to her because she became aware of Chancellor Romanow's important contributions to the Canadian health care system at a time when she was receiving treatment for cancer.

He spoke to the success of the August summit of senior leadership. The theme of the summit was leadership, in particular the characteristics of the kind of leadership necessary to support the execution of the University Plan and the plan for a comprehensive campaign.

The president circulated copies of an editorial from the *Star-Phoenix* marking the twentieth anniversary of groundbreaking for the Canadian Light Source.

President Stoicheff described the event held in Prince Albert to mark the signage for the Prince Albert Campus which will open in the fall of 2020. He said there is considerable excitement in Prince Albert about this project, which will revitalize the downtown area and be a prominent symbol of the university's commitment to that city.

One of the offshoots from the MOU with the City of Saskatoon was the recent announcement of Research Junction, an exciting initiative that will offer funding for research projects bringing together researchers from the university and city representatives to study an issue important to the city. This initiative is an example of how the university can be "the university the world needs."

The university has achieved record enrolment for the fifth year in a row, with an increase of over 1%. This university has been in the fortunate position of being able to recruit students, including international students, on a strategic basis.

The university has been accepted as one of the institutions participating in the Dimensions program the Canadian equivalent of the Athena Swan program in the UK, which articulates standards and objectives for increasing diversity among faculty and the recipients of tri-council funding. The university's involvement in the Dimensions program stands to put it on the map with the federal government.

Two new research chairs have been created, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Indigenous Research Chair in Nursing and a chair in beef research in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. The president also mentioned the creation of the Nutrien Chair in Clinical Cancer Research, made possible because of the unique network of medical imaging infrastructure on campus.

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has harvested its first crop of ceremonial tobacco, grown on the roof of the building. The college met with Elders to determine what type of tobacco should be grown. The intention is to provide seeds and plants to Indigenous communities.

Irena Creed, incoming associate vice-president research, has become a member of the Royal Society of Canada, and John Pomeroy of the Global Institute for Water Security has been awarded the Miroslaw Malonowsky Medal of the Royal Society. An alumni event is being planned to recognize the success of all of the university's Royal Society members.

The Board adjourned at 9:10 a.m. to accommodate meetings of the standing committees.

The Board reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on October 8.

#### **4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included the Minutes of the Board meeting of July 31, 2019 and the annual report of the Policy Oversight Committee.

That the consent agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

#### **5. Approval of Agenda**

The chair indicated that the report of the Human Resources Committee would be moved to the head of the list of committee reports to accommodate the early departure of the chair.

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes of July 31, 2019**

None identified

## **7. Standing Committees**

### **7.3 Human Resources**

The chair presented the report of the Human Resources Committee, which included a number of items of information discussed by the committee.

#### **7.3.5 Secretary and Chief Governance Officer**

That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Dr. Chelsea Willness as University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer for a period of three years effective January 1, 2020, with the possibility for renewal beyond December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

#### **7.3.6 Vice-Provost Faculty Relations**

That on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Dr. Ken Wilson as Vice-Provost Faculty Relations for a five-year renewable term effective October 1, 2019.

CARRIED

### **7.1 Audit and Finance Committee**

The acting chair presented the report of the Audit and Finance Committee, which included a number of informational items discussed by the committee.

#### **7.1.13 Audit Services Audit Plan Revisions**

This item was deferred pending consideration of the audit plan by the President's Executive Committee.

### **7.2 Land and Facilities Committee**

The chair of the Land and Facilities Committee, presented the report, which included a number of informational items discussed by the committee. The chair noted in particular the presentation of the new framework for project management, which the committee thought was a positive development.

#### **7.2.4 Prince Albert Campus**

That on the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee the Board of Governors give final Board 2 approval for the purchase and renovation of the Forest Centre in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, for use as the University of Saskatchewan Prince Albert Campus.

CARRIED

#### **7.2.5 Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals Exceeding \$500,000**

##### **7.2.5.1 Confocal Microscopy Platform**

That the Board of Governors grant Board 1 and 2 approval of the final program, capital and operating budgets for the Confocal Microscopy Platform for Live Imaging of Mobile Nutrient-stress Signaling Agents in Plants CFI proposal.

CARRIED

#### **7.2.5.2 Cultural Safety Evaluation, Training and Research Lab**

That the Board of Governors grant Board 1 and 2 approval of the final program, capital and operating budgets for the Cultural Safety Evaluation, Training and Research Lab CFI proposal.

CARRIED

### **7.4 Governance and Executive Committee**

The chair presented the report of the Governance and Executive Committee for information.

#### **7.4.3 Chancellor Emeritus Status for Roy Romanow**

That the Board of Governors approve Chancellor Emeritus status for Roy Romanow, effective October 8, 2019.

CARRIED

#### **7.4.6 Appointment of Board Representatives to Search and Review Committees**

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Allan Adam as the Board representative on the review committee for the Dean, Western College of Veterinary Medicine; and Joy Crawford as the Board representative on the search committee for the Executive Director, School of Environment and Sustainability.

CARRIED

#### **7.4.7 School of Public Health Transition**

Provost Vannelli spoke to the strategy to reinvigorate programs and research in the area of public health. In the interim, the Dean of Dentistry is acting as administrative head of the school and overseeing the programs. The president clarified that the School of Public Health has not become part of the College of Dentistry, though the dean has been chosen to provide administrative oversight.

#### **7.4.8 University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association**

A Board member asked whether thought had been given to how to engage younger alumni. Vice-president Pozega Osburn said that two advisory committees, one of students and one of recent alumni, have been formed to address this issue. She also said that a survey is being carried out to seek self-identifying Indigenous alumni as a first step to creating an Indigenous alumni strategy.

#### **7.4.12 Amended Committee Terms of Reference**

That the Board of Governors approve the proposed amendments to the portions of the bylaws containing the terms of reference for standing committees effective immediately.

CARRIED

**8. Approval of New Board Member for Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear innovation**

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Dr. Kathleen McNutt, Interim Vice-President Research, University of Regina, to the Board of Directors of the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation for a term ending at the annual general meeting in June 2022.

CARRIED

**9. Learning, Teaching and Student Experience Plan**

Patti McDougall, vice-provost teaching, learning and student experience, presented a report entitled *Fostering Tomorrow's Leaders: Learning, Teaching and the Student Experience*, which outlined a plan on learning, teaching and the student experience to complement the University Plan. The document also included enrolment projections to 2025.

**10. Correspondence**

The chair outlined a piece of confidential correspondence she had received.

**11. Policy Oversight Committee Annual Report 2019**

For information only- consent agenda.

**12. In camera Session – Board and President**

The Board moved in camera at 10:30 a.m.

**13. In camera Session – Board Only**

**14. Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at 2 pm. The next meeting of the Board will be on December 16 & 17, 2019, with a strategy session to follow on December 18.

