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**REPORT OF MEETING OF THE  
 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
 BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING  
 March 18 & 19, 2019**

Board members present: Shelley Brown (chair), Allan Adam (March 18), Lee Ahenakew, Rollin Baldhead, Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, Grant Isaac (March 19), Jay Kalra, Ritu Malhotra, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff

Resource officers: Beth Bilson (secretary), Karen Chad, Greg Fowler, Debra Pozega Osburn, Tony Vannelli

Guests: Chuck Magro, CEO, Nutrien; Susan Jones President Potash, Nutrien

*Further information about the composition of the Board of Governors and its committees, as well as the bylaws and annual work plan of the Board, are available at <http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/governing-bodies/board-of-governors/>*

Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Call to order	The meeting convened at 8:20 a.m. The chair acknowledged that the Board was gathering on the traditional territory of Treaty 6 and the homeland of the Métis.
2.	Governor conflicts of interest	None identified.
3.	Minister of Advanced Education	The president introduced Minister Tina Beaudry Mellor to the Board meeting and welcomed her thoughts on the meeting to discuss several items of mutual interest and concern.
4.	President's statement	The president welcomed the new chair of the Board, Shelley Brown. He thanked the outgoing chair, Lee Ahenakew, and all of the Board members for their dedication to the university. He said that the success of the university depends in part on the service of many volunteers at a high level, and the commitment of members of the Board is an example of this.  His comments spoke to the four unifying themes of the University Plan: connectivity, sustainability, creativity and diversity.

5.	Guests– Chuck Magro, CEO Nutrien and Susan Jones, President Potash	The special guests were welcomed. Mr. Magro spoke about the strategic priorities being identified by Nutrien since the merger of PCS with Agrium, including his view of the role of the company in Saskatchewan.
6.	Approval of consent agenda	The following items were listed on the consent agenda and approved by consent: 6.1 Minutes of the December 10 and 11, 2018 meeting of the Board 8.1.3 Human Resources Committee recommendation for the approval of renewal, tenure and promotion decisions 8.3.9 Governance and Executive Committee recommendation for the approval of the Chancellor’s budget for 2019-2020 8.4.7 President’s Advisory Committee on the Naming of University Assets recommendation on naming the Allard-Roozen Imaging Suite in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.
7.	Approval of the Board agenda	The Board agenda was approved as distributed.
7.1	Business arising	No items of business identified from the minutes.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Standing Committees</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Human Resources Committee</b>	<i>The committee met on March 18, 2019. Members in attendance: Ritu Malhotra (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Joy Crawford, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff</i>
8.1.1	December minutes	The committee minutes were received for information.
8.1.2	Business and action items	None.
8.1.3	Renewal, tenure, promotion and approval	Approved - consent agenda.
8.1.4	Dean, College of Medicine	The Board of Governors approved the reappointment of Preston Smith, Dean, College of Medicine, for a five-year term effective July 1, 2019.
8.1.5	Dean, College of Education	The Board of Governors approved the reappointment of Michelle Prytula, Dean, College of Education, for a five-year term effective July 1, 2019.

8.1.6	University of Saskatchewan and Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) (Representing Postdoctoral Fellows) First Collective Agreement	The Board of Governors approved the implementation of the collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) representing postdoctoral fellows, covering the period from November 1, 2016 (the date of the certification order) to October 31, 2020.
8.1.7	Strategy for non-unionized employees	The Board of Governors approved the strategy for non-unionized employees.
8.1.8	Human resources update	Received for information.
8.1.9	Labour relations update – CUPE 1975	Associate vice-president People and Resources provided an update on the status of labour relations with CUPE 1975.
8.1.10	Safety, environment, health and wellness update	
8.1.11	Provost and vice-president academic report on senior administrative appointments	Received for information.
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<b>8.2</b>	<b>Finance and Investment Committee</b>	<i>The committee met on March 18, 2019. Members in attendance: Grant Isaac (chair), Rollin Baldhead, Shelley Brown, Grant Devine, Jay Kalra</i>
8.2.1	December minutes	Minutes received for information.
8.2.2	Business arising	None.
8.2.3	Annual report on the financial impact of select research programs	Received for information.
8.2.4	Student residence and meal plan rates 2018-19	Received for information.
8.2.5	Fundraising/advancement report	Received for information.
8.2.6	Quarterly financial report	Received for information.
8.2.7	2019/20 Preliminary comprehensive budget	The Board approved the 2019-2020 preliminary comprehensive budget.
8.2.8	Financial sustainability	Verbal report.
8.2.9	Tuition	Received for information.
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Governance and Executive Committee</b>	<i>The committee met March 18, 2019. Members in attendance: Joy Crawford (chair), Lee Ahenakew,</i>

		<i>Shelley Brown, Jay Kalra, Peter Stoicheff</i>
8.3.1	December minutes	Minutes received for information.
8.3.2	Business arising	None.
8.3.3	Bruni-Bossio report	Received for information.
8.3.4	Review of Board committee structure	Received for information.
8.3.5	Board transparency	The Board of Governors approved a request to the office of the associate vice-president communications to develop a communications strategy for the Board.
8.3.6	University Senate initiative – Conflict of interest review	The Board of Governors approve the appointment of Joy Crawford and Grant Isaac to the committee being proposed by the University Senate to review university conflict of interest policies.
8.3.7	Brown Governance outstanding recommendations	Verbal update.
8.3.8	Presidential review	<i>In-camera</i> with university secretary.
8.3.9	Annual approval of Chancellor’s budget and review of Board of Governors’ budget	The Board approved the Chancellor’s budget for 2019 as presented.
8.3.10	Annual review of delegations by the Board	Received for information.
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Land and Facilities Committee</b>	<i>The committee met on March 18, 2019. Members in attendance: Ritu Malhotra (chair), Allan Adam, Rolling Baldhead, Grant Devine, Jay Kalra</i>
8.4.1	December 10, 2019 minutes	The minutes were received for information.
8.4.1.1	Business arising and action items	None.
8.4.1.2	Action plan for future items	Provided for information.
8.4.2	Human Resources technology transformation project update	Received for information.
8.4.3	Confidential	Confidential
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8.4.5	Annual report – off campus real estate holdings	Received for information.

8.4.7	President's Advisory Committee on naming recommendations 8.4.7.1 The Allard-Roozen imaging suite 8.4.7.2 Nestle Purina inpatient feeding suite	Approved as per consent agenda. Received for information.
8.4.8	Major capital projects – portfolio and status updates	Received for information.
8.4.9	Update on delegated administrative approvals	Received for information.
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<i>The committee met on March 18, 2019. Members in attendance: Joy Crawford (chair), Allan Adam, Lee Ahenakew, Grant Isaac, Roy Romanow</i>
8.5.1	Minutes of December 10, 2018 and March 8, 2019 conference call	The minutes were received for information.
8.5.2	Business arising and action items	None.
8.5.3	Changes to the audited financial statement format	Received for information.
8.5.3.1	Progress report on provincial auditor's recommendations	Verbal update received for information.
8.5.4	Internal controls update	Received for information.
8.5.5	Financial reserves policy and update	The Board approved the revised Financial Reserves Policy effective March 19, 2019.
8.5.6	University risk management update	Discussion.
8.5.7	Audit Services activities update	Discussion.
8.5.8	Proposed 2019-20 internal audit plan	The Board approved the internal audit plan and budget as presented effective March 19, 2019.
8.5.9	Compliance, privacy, ethics and legal update	Received for information.
8.5.10	Computer use policy	The Board approved the revisions to the Computer use policy; And The Board approved of the change from the Computer use policy to the Information Technology Use policy effective March 19, 2019.
8.5.11	<i>In-camera</i> session	<i>In-camera</i> session

9.	Comprehensive campaign update	Vice-president Debra Pozega Osburn provided an update on the campaign.
10.	School of Public Health	Received for information.
11.	Approvals carried out electronically	<p>On January 18, 2019 the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Sara Daniels to the role of Associate vice-president government relations effective March 1, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On February 4, 2019, the Board of Governors unanimously approved the appointment of Kari Harvey to the CLS Board of Directors, for the remainder of a four year term (August 2016-2020) effective January 1, 2019.</li> </ul>
12.	Correspondence received.	Received for information.
13.	Joint committee on chairs and professorships	The Board of Governors approved the establishment of the Chair in Wetland and Waterfowl Conservation effective July 1, 2019.
14.	In-camera	Board and president.
15.	In-camera	Board only.
16.	Adjournment	Next meeting June 24 & 25, 2019