

Minutes of a meeting of the USask Board of Governors

March 22, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: Shelley Brown (Chair), Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, Jay Kalra, Ritu Malhotra, Keith Martell, Grit McCreath, Darrel Monette, Autumn LaRose-Smith, Peter Stoicheff

Resource Officers: Airini, Greg Fowler, Debra Pozega Osburn, Baljit Singh, Chelsea Willness (secretary)

Guests: Barry Travers (KPMG)

1. Call to order and Chair's remarks

The Vice-chair called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

The Chair welcomed members and declared the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business, with herself as chair and the university secretary and chief governance officer as secretary. She stated the Indigenous Land acknowledgement. The Chair noted that this would be the USSU President's last meeting, and thanked her for her contributions.

2. In-camera session – board only

Management joined the meeting at 8:15 am. In-camera was deferred

3. President's statement

The president began by acknowledging that this was Autumn LaRose-Smith's last meeting and thanked her for her contributions. The president provided an update on the pandemic response noting that the spring/summer semesters will continue in hybrid delivery mode, fall planning is underway, and Merlis Belsher Place is currently being used as a mass vaccination clinic. The president noted that his office will be signing an MOU with the USSU on anti-racism and Dr. Verna St. Denis has been appointed Special Advisor to the president on Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression. VIDO has been working to develop and gain support for becoming *Canada's Centre for Pandemic Research* and to date, has received funding from the province and city.

4. Identification of Conflicts of Interest related to the business of the meeting

The Chair called on members to identify any conflicts of interest. A member stated a potential conflict of interest, but the circumstances were deemed acceptable by the Chair and Board.

5. Standing Committees

The Board adjourned and Committee meetings (5.1-5.4) commenced at 8:42 am.

Board Meeting reconvenes

The Board reconvened at 3:00 pm with the approval of the agenda.

The following resolution was moved and seconded.

That the Board of Governors approves the agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

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#6	Consent Agenda Items – standing committees
<p>As all members were present for the committee meetings and discussions, the decision items were presented via consent agenda. There was no additional business identified as arising from the minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Approval of the minutes, December 14, 2020 – by consent.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Approval of the public minutes, October 5 and December 14, 2020 – by consent.</p>	
5.1 Governance and Executive Committee	
5.1.4	<p>The Board of Governors appoints board members to each of the following committees effective immediately:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Deputy Provost Search Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dean, Edwards School of Business Review Committee; Board member</p>
5.1.5	The Board of Governors approves the Emergency Management Policy effective March 22, 2021.
5.1.6	The Board of Governors approve the principles federation and affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan as part X.1 of the Board Bylaws, effective December 15, 2020.
5.1.7	The Board of Governors approves the Chancellor’s budget for 2021-22 as presented.
5.1.13	The Board of Governors approves the use of a Trust structure for the Land Governance Entity.
5.2 Audit and Finance Committee	
5.2.12	The Board of Governors approves the 2021-2022 Internal Audit Plan and budget as presented effective March 22, 2021.
5.2.13	The Board of Governors approves the Audit Services Charter as presented effective March 22, 2021.
5.3 Land and Facilities Committee	

5.3.4	The Board of Governors provides preliminary approval for continued development of the Integrated Genomics for Sustainable Animal Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship (IntegrOmes) project.
5.3.5	The Board of Governors provides final approval to proceed with continued development of the VIDO-InterVac Storage Addition project.
5.3.6	The Board of Governors approves the Global Institute for Food Security's purchase of the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 subject to the finalization of the required funding agreement.
5.3.7	The Board of Governors approves the removal of the Poultry Science Building and Seed Barn from campus.
5.3.8	The Board of Governors endorses the University Sector Plan as a City planning development document consistent with Vision 2057: Land Use Planning, with the understanding that the Plan does not require the University to relinquish its endowment lands to the City as municipal reserve.
5.4 Human Resources Committee	
5.4.3	The Board of Governors approve the award of Renewal of Probation, Tenure, and Promotion to faculty who received positive recommendations effective July 1, 2021.
5.4.7	The Board of Governors approves the appointment of the vice-dean academic in the College of Arts and Science for a five-year term effective July 1, 2021.
5.4.7.2	The Board of Governors approves the appointment of vice-dean research, scholarly and artistic work in the College of Arts and Science for a five-year term effective July 1, 2021.

The following resolution was moved and seconded.

That the Board of Governors approves the consent agenda items as presented.

CARRIED

8. Electronic approvals

The following motions were **CARRIED** via electronic means (i.e., email vote) prior to the Board of Governors meeting, and are thus included here as record. There was no further discussion.

USask and RDoS Collective Agreement – approved February 22, 2021

The Board of Governors approve the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Resident Doctors of Saskatchewan (RDoS), covering the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.

Chiller #4 in the Central Heating and Cooling Plant – February 25, 2021

The Board of Governors approve the purchase and installation of a chiller unit to replace Chiller #4 in the Central Heating and Cooling Plant.

9. Greystone Heritage Trust

The President noted that the terms of the Trust state that requests must be approved by the Board regardless of total amount. The current requests are funds to support: (1) implementation of the Sustainability Strategy, (2) establishing a framework and start-up initiatives within an innovation agenda, (3) analysis activities under the Post-Pandemic Shift Project, and (4) a book project within the *Music in Canada* series. There were no questions.

That the Board of Governors approve expenditures from the Greystone Heritage Trust, as per the Trust's terms (1989).

CARRIED

10. Report on Board of Governors Retreat and Strategy Session

Provided for information.

11. Sustainability Strategy

The President provided a summary overview of the Strategy, noting that it was presented in full in December 2020.

The Board of Governors adopt the USask Sustainability Strategy 2021-2030: *Critical Path to Sustainability*, effective immediately.

CARRIED

12. Comprehensive Campaign

12.1 University Relations Report

Debra Pozega Osburn, Vice President University Relations, provided an update on the Comprehensive Campaign. She described the difference between a 'comprehensive campaign' versus other types (e.g., capital campaign), showed examples of the "creative" associated with the campaign, and reviewed the four major priorities.

12.2 USask Comprehensive Campaign Goal

VP Pozega Osburn presented information about the Case for Support, and outlined the Campaign goal.

That the Board of Governors approve the goal for the University of Saskatchewan's *Be What the World Needs Comprehensive Campaign*.

CARRIED

13. Government of Saskatchewan Performance Framework

Provided for information.

14. Correspondence

Provided for information.

The board adjourned to in-camera at 4:16 pm.

15. In-camera – with the President

16. *In-camera* – Board only
17. Adjournment