



Board of Governors meeting highlights

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The University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors held its regularly scheduled board meeting on June 25 and 26, 2018. 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 in the Board Highlights summary.

Governance review

Vince-Bruni-Bossio, a faculty member in the Edwards School of Business, conducted a workshop with the Board as part of a review of the Board's bylaws and the terms of reference of Board committees. His review included a set of recommendations intended to ensure that the bylaws and the committee terms of reference are appropriately aligned with the responsibilities of the Board as laid out in the University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995.

Honorary Ambassador

The Board re-appointed Grit McCreath as the university's honorary ambassador for another three-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Some of the duties associated with this volunteer role include: meeting with and hosting alumni and donors, recruiting students, mentoring individuals and groups, attending university events and ceremonies, and providing the president with feedback from the community.

VIDO-InterVac manufacturing facility

Board 1 and Board 2 approval were given to the final project programme, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for the VIDO-InterVac manufacturing facility. This will establish a local vaccine manufacturing facility that will provide cost-effective vaccine development and mitigate gaps in vaccine production in Canada. The capital budget is estimated to be about \$8 million from a variety of funders. The first production batch is expected in May 2020.

Senior administrative and academic appointments

The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Shari Baraniuk as Chief Information Officer and Associate vice-president, Information and Communications Technology.

The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Jay Famiglietti as Executive Director of the Global Institute of Water Security beginning July 1, 2018, at which time he will also begin his seven-year term as the Canada 150 Research Chair in Hydrology and Remote Sensing.

In addition, updates were provided to the board on senior academic and administrative extensions and appointments.

**New IT Communications Policy**

The board approved an updated Information Technology Policy that was revised to include policies for faculty, staff and students related to best practice and appropriate use of email, social media and texting.

The University Plan

The board officially adopted the University Plan 2025, outlining the university's commitments and goals for the next seven years. Through this plan, the U of S will be the university the world needs. Over the next seven years the university will achieve its vision of contributing to a sustainable future by fulfilling our mission of leading interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to discovery, teaching and outreach. Informed by the principles of connectivity, sustainability, diversity and creativity, we will engage our communities to discover and share knowledge and solutions that impact lives and create opportunities.

The plan was previously approved by University Senate and University Council.

The next scheduled Board of Governors meeting will be held on July 27, 2018.

