



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors held its regularly scheduled board meeting on December 10 and 11, 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.

Meeting with Minister Beaudry-Mellor

The Honourable Tina Beaudry-Mellor took part in a discussion with the Board. Beaudry-Mellor recently attended the 2018 G20 Buenos Aires summit. She participated in the education stream and shared with the Board some of the discussion there related to learning pathways and flexibility for students pursuing post-secondary education. She also discussed with the Board her vision of the role of the post-secondary sector in the government's innovation strategy.

Director of VIDO-InterVac

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Volker Gerdts for a five-year term as director and CEO of the University of Saskatchewan's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization-International Vaccine Centre, Gerdts, who has served as VIDO-InterVac's associate director of research for the past 11 years, will succeed Andrew Potter as the organization's fifth director, effective Jan. 1.

Flag Policy

The Board approved the Flag Policy, replacing the Lowering the Flag to Half Mast Policy. The new policy includes details related to flying flags at half mast, but also contemplates requests to fly additional flags, specifically at the Peter MacKinnon Building and at Thorvaldson. The president has the authority to make decisions on whether it would be appropriate to fly a second flag to honour an individual or organization or to mark an event.

Chair approvals

Previously approved by University Council, the Board approved the following academic chair, effective July 2019: the Western Grains Research Foundation Integrated Agronomy Research Chair. Western Grains Research Foundation will provide \$2 million over seven years to support this chair.

The next scheduled Board of Governors meeting will be held on March 18 and 19, 2019.

