



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors held its regularly scheduled board meeting on June 24 and 25, 2019. 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.

Special guests

Chief Bobby Cameron, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), joined the board as part of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the University of Saskatchewan and FSIN. The MOU is intended to improve academic success for First Nations students. Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Minister of Advanced Education also attended a special meeting with the board.

Bond allocation

The Board approved the allocation of the \$85-million bond, issuance approved in 2018, to carry out critical infrastructure renewal projects on campus proceeds. Work will begin in five core campus buildings that are essential to the university's academic mission—Physics, Thorvaldson, W.P. Thompson (Biology), Murray Library and Arts. Construction is expected to continue for about four to five years and everything possible will be done to minimize disruption to students, faculty and staff during renewal work.

HIV research funding

Board 1 and Board 2 approval were given to the final project programme for the Use of BioPhysical Tools for the Development and Characterization of Novel Therapies for HIV-1. This CFI proposal, submitted by Dr. Linda Chelico, College of Medicine, aims to develop new therapies that will bolster the immune system's natural weapons against HIV.

Senior administrative and academic appointments

The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Marilyn Beatz as vice dean, faculty engagement in the College of Medicine.

The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Jane Alcorn as dean in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition.

The Board approved the appointment of Irena Creed as associate vice-president, research.

The Board approved the appointment of Dena McMartin as associate provost, institutional planning and assessment.

The next scheduled Board of Governors meeting will be held on July 31, 2019.