

Minutes of a meeting of the USask Board of Governors

Emmett Hall Boardroom, PMB 238

July 27, 2022

Present: Shelley Brown (Chair), Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, Abhineet Goswami, Nadeem Jamali, Ritu Malhotra, Grit McCreath, Keith Martell, Marty Seymour, Louise Simard, Peter Stoicheff

Resource Officers: Greg Fowler, Airini, Baljit Singh, David Stack, Dailene Kells, Trevor Batters, Julian Demkiw (secretary), Sheena Tait-Rowan (recording secretary)

Guests: Office of the Provincial Auditor - Jennifer Robertson, Trevor St. John, Nicole Dressler, Victor Schwab

1. Call to order and Chair's remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, declaring the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business, with herself as Chair and the university secretary as secretary. She noted the Indigenous Land acknowledgement.

The Chair welcomed newly elected faculty member, Nadeem Jamali and new order in council member, Marty Seymour to the meeting. The primary purpose of today's meeting is to review and approve the financial results. Members of the Office of the Provincial Auditor will be joining the meeting.

The Chair commented that the Globe and Mail has recognized the unveiling of the university's Indigenous identity policy in a recent publication.

2. Board only session

Management joined the meeting at 8:35 am.

3. President's statement

The President welcomed Board members and highlighted a number of items, including:

- The university is committed to a return to in-person teaching and learning for the fall term, adding that the Pandemic Response and Recovery Team (PRT) remains in operation and continues to monitor the pandemic situation.
- The President noted the success of the nation-wide video conference hosted by the University of Toronto, with Ukrainian President Zelensky and Canadian university students, including students from USask.
- The UPrairie Challenge – a celebration of varsity sport in Saskatchewan – is kicking off in September.

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

None identified

Board adjourned at 9:45 am for standing committees, reconvening at 12:40 pm.

5. Approval of agenda

That the Board of Governors approves the agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

Decision items presented via consent agenda.

Consent Agenda Items – standing committees

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STANDING COMMITTEES

GOVERNANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Appointment of new member to standing and ad-hoc committees of the Board

That the Board of Governors appoints new member Marty Seymour to the Audit and Finance Committee and the Land and Facilities committee, effective immediately.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

AF 7 Approval of draft response regarding Provincial Auditor letter of University of Saskatchewan Pension Plans—Results of December 31, 2021, Annual Integrated Audit

That the Board of Governors approves the draft response to the Provincial Auditor letter of University of Saskatchewan Pension Plans—Results of December 31, 2021, Annual Integrated Audit,

and

that management be authorized to forward the response to the Provincial Auditor,

with the condition that the final letter does not contain any significant changes.

AF8 Approval of draft response to Provincial Auditor letter of University of Saskatchewan Annual Integrated Audit Results

That the Board of Governors approves the draft response to the Provincial Auditor letter regarding University of Saskatchewan Annual Integrated Audit Results and that management be authorized to forward the response to the Provincial Auditor, with the condition that the final memorandum does not contain any significant changes.

AF9 Approval of Defined Benefit Pension Plan Financial Statements

That the Board of Governors approves the following draft financial statements as distributed, and presented for the year ended December 31, 2021, subject to completion of the audit and receipt of the Auditor's final report from the Provincial Auditor:

University of Saskatchewan 1999 Academic Pension Plan.

University of Saskatchewan and Federated Colleges Non-Academic Pension Plan.

University of Saskatchewan Academic Employees' Pension Plan (Retirees Plan).

AF 10 Approval of Defined Contribution Pension Plan Financial Statements

That the Board of Governors approves the draft financial statements, as distributed, and presented for the year ended December 31, 2021, subject to completion of the audit and receipt of the Provincial Auditor's final report:

the University of Saskatchewan 2000 Academic Money Purchase Pension Plan (MPP Plan);

the Pension Plan for the Eligible Employees at the University of Saskatchewan (Research Plan)

AF 11 Approval of University of Saskatchewan audited year-end financial statements

a) That the draft financial statements, as distributed and presented for the year ended April 30, 2022, are approved subject to completion of the audit, and subject to approval of the financial statement format by Treasury Board and receipt of the Auditor's Report from the Provincial Auditor.

and

b) That upon receipt of the Auditor's Report, the financial statements will be signed on behalf of the Board, and that the Provincial Auditor be authorized to forward a copy of the signed financial statements to the Minister of Advanced Education for presentation to the Legislature.

AF 12 Approval of 2021/22 annual financial report including management discussion and analysis

That the Board of Governors approves the 2021/22 Annual Financial Report including Management's Discussion & Analysis.

BOG 7 Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals exceeding \$500,000 related to the CFI proposal for the Engineering Design Mutualism Laboratory

That the Board of Governors grants Board 1 and Board 2 approval of the final program, capital and operating budgets for the Engineering Design Mutualism Laboratory.

BOG 8 Renewal of Associate Vice-President Research

That the Board of Governors approves the renewal of Dr. Darcy Marciniuk as Associate Vice-President Research for a 5-year term, effective September 1, 2022.

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

5. BOG 9 Electronic approvals between June 21 and July 27, 2022

The Board approved the following items via electronic ballot on behalf of the Board Chair between June 21 and July 2, 2022:

Appointment of Associate Vice President, Strategic Communications & Chief Communications Officer
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6. The meeting adjourned at 1 pm and the Board moved to Board only session.