

University Board Public Minutes – July 2023

July 26, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Shelley Brown (Chair), Keith Martell, (Vice-Chair) Joy Crawford, Ishita Mann, Grit McCreath, Grant Devine, Nadeem Jamali, Louise Simard, Peter Stoicheff, Marty Seymour (joined at 10:20am), Julian Demkiw (Board Secretary)

Regrets: Ritu Malhotra

Also in Attendance: Airini, Baljit Singh, Cheryl Hamelin, Greg Fowler, Devan Mescall, Trevor Batters, Wade Epp, Dailene Kells

Guests: Office of the Provincial Auditor - Jennifer Robertson, Peter Awalla
Victor Schwab

Call to order

1. Board only with the President:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am to meet in-camera with the president.

2. Chair's Remarks:

The Chair declared 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 and indicated there were no further comments on her part.

3. President's Statement:

The board came out of camera and management joined the meeting. The president provided an update on a number of topics.

4. Declaration of conflicts related to the business of the Board:

None identified.

5. Approval of Board Agenda

The agenda be approved as distributed.

7. Approval of Board minutes:

7.1 April 2023 (regular)

7.2 June 2023 (regular and public)

8. Business Arising

None

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the items on the consent agenda

Consent Agenda Items

6.8 Approval of draft response to Provincial Auditor letter of University of Saskatchewan Pension Plans – Results of December 31, 2022 - Annual Integrated Audit

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Governors approves the draft response to the Provincial Auditor letter of University of Saskatchewan Pension Plans—Results of December 31, 2022, 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.*

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

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit & Finance committee, the Board of Governors approves the draft response to the Provincial Auditor letter regarding the 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.*

6.10 Approval of Defined Benefit Pension Plan Financial Statements

Motion: *On recommendation from the Audit & Finance Committee, that the Board of Governors approves the following draft financial statements (attached), as distributed and presented for the year ended*

December 31, 2022, 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).*



6.11 Approval of Defined Contribution Pension Plan Financial Statements

Motion: *On recommendation from the Audit & Finance Committee, that the Board of Governors approves the following draft financial statements (attached), as distributed and presented for the year ended*

December 31, 2022, 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);*

6.12 Approval of the University of Saskatchewan audited year-end financial statements

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit & Finance committee, the Board of Governors approves:*

a) That the draft financial statements, as distributed and presented for the year ended April 30, 2023, be approved subject to completion of the audit, and subject to approval of the financial statement format by the 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 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.

6.13 Approval of 2022/23 annual financial report including management discussion and analysis

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit & Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approves the 2022/23 Annual Financial Report with the condition that the final report does not contain any significant changes.*

10. Establishment of College level school and disestablishment of the existing departments of Art and Art History, Drama, and Music

That the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a college-level interdisciplinary school in the College of Arts and Science temporarily called "the school" effective July 1, 2024 subject to the confirmation of the Senate. The school will consist of the amalgamated departments of Art & Art History, Drama, and Music; these departments will be disestablished coincident with the establishment of the school. The interdisciplinary school will be the academic authority for the existing programs in the disestablished departments.



11. ASPA Collective Agreement

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approves the tentative agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association (ASPA) covering the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2026, contingent on ASPA membership ratifying these terms.

12. Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations recommendation – Decision item – Airini (5 min)

That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Scott Walsworth as Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations for a five-year renewable term effective August 1, 2023, subject to receipt of the signed letter of appointment.

13. Executive Director of GIWS recommendation – Decision item – Peter (5 min)

On the recommendation of the Human Resources committee, the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace as Executive Director, Global Institute for Water Security for a 5-year term, effective September 1, 2023.

14. Loan from the GHT – Eatwell Program – Decision item – Peter (5 min)

That the Board of Governors approve a loan from the Greystone Heritage Trust of \$100,000 to support bridging of a donation for the Eatwell program.

The board then went in-camera

Meeting Adjourned

