

University Board Public Minutes – October 2023

October 2 & 3, 2023

USask Calgary Hub: 109, 301 - 3rd Avenue SW

Present: Shelley Brown (chair), Joy Crawford, Nadeem Jamail, Ishita Mann, Herb McFaull, Grit McCreath, Peter Stoicheff, and Marty Seymour & Louise Simard (via Zoom on October 2nd)

Regrets: Grant Devine, Keith Martell (both days), Marty Seymour and Louise Simard (regrets on October 3rd)

Also in Attendance: Airini, Greg Fowler, Devan Mescal, Baljit Singh, Dara Hrytzak, Julian Demkiw (secretary), Anna Okapiec (recording secretary), and David Stack, Cheryl Hamelin and Wade Epp (via Zoom)

Guests: Sara Daniels, Associate Vice-President of Government Relations (agenda item 6.10), Jennifer Beck, Chief Resource Allocation and Planning Officer and Vince Bruni-Bossio, Interim Associate Provost, Strategic Priorities (agenda item 8.11), Chris Gaschler, Interim Associate Vice-President and CIO Jon Coller, Chief Information Security Officer and Kurt Reifferscheid, Business Solution Architect (agenda item 12.2)

1. Board only with the president (in-camera)

2. Chair's remarks

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

The chair started off with the land acknowledgment, she welcomed the new board member and thanked everyone for coming out to Calgary for the October board meeting.

3. President's statement

The President thanked all board members for attending and he welcomed the new board member appointed by the government of Saskatchewan, Mr. Herb McFaull, to his first USask board meeting.

The president also provided updates on the following topics:

- Shift of CGPS reporting to VP Research due to the research activity happening at USask.
- Enrollment and retention of undergraduate and graduate students.
- Comprehensive campaign progress.
- Powwow returning to campus for the first time this year since COVID.
- SaskPoly move to Innovation Place announcement.
- SLF retreat at Waskasiu in August 2023.

4. Declaration of conflict of interest

Nadeem Jamali declared a conflict with anything faculty related.

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved as distributed.

Board Adjourned – Standing Committees Commenced

6. Land and Facilities Committee

7. Governance and Executive Committee

8. Audit and Finance Committee

9. Human Resources Committee

Separate sets of meeting minutes are provided for each committee.

Board Meeting Reconvened on Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:00 am

10. Chair’s remarks

The chair briefly commented on the last night’s Alumni event and proceeded with the agenda items.

11. Approval of Board minutes from July 2023 (regular & public)

The regular and public minutes were approved as presented.

12. Business arising

12.1 USask’s stand on US universities pulling out of rankings – Baljit briefly spoke about this item; a written report was provided to members as part of the package.

12.2 Major June network outage report – Greg spoke to this item along with his ITC colleagues Chris Gaschler, Jon Coller and Kurt Reifferscheid; a written report was also included in the package.

13. Approval of the consent agenda

13.1 Committee decision items

Committee decision items were presented via consent agenda.

Land and Facilities Committee

6.6 Building Automation Systems Upgrade - Agriculture Building

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves \$ 1.5 million of work for the renewal of building control systems in the Agriculture building.*

6.8 Vienna Building - sale of property

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors*



approves the sale of the Vienna property to Metis Nation Secretariat (MNS) for the price of \$4.95 million.

6.9 Murray Building renewal project

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors provides final approval of the updated capital cost of \$21.932 million for the Murray Building Renewal project.*

6.11 Prince Albert Chiller Replacement

Motion: *On recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the mechanical upgrade project which includes the purchase and installation of a chiller and dry cooler unit to replace the Prince Albert (PA) Campus equipment at an estimated capital cost of \$1.406 million.*

6.12 VIDO Chiller Replacement

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the purchase and installation of a chiller unit to replace the VIDO Chiller at an estimated capital cost of \$1.55 million.*

6.13 WCVM – MRI Acquisition and Imaging Suite Renovation

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors provides final approval of the WCVM MRI Acquisition and Imaging Suite Renovations, for the purchase and installation of a new 3T MRI Scanner located in the Veterinary Medical Centre at a capital cost of \$1.877 million for the MRI Scanner plus \$4.218 million for associated Imaging Suite renovations.*

Governance and Executive Committee

7.4 CFO search Board representative appointment

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Governance and Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Shelley Brown and Joy Crawford to the Chief Financial Officer search committee effective immediately.*

7.5 Review of Committee Membership

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Governance and Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of members to the standing Board committees as outlined below effective immediately.*

Governance and Executive Committee:

Keith Martell (chair), Shelley Brown, Peter Stoicheff, Joy Crawford, Louise Simard

Audit and Finance Committee:

Joy Crawford (chair), Keith Martell, Shelley Brown, Ishita Mann, Marty Seymour, Herb McFaull



Human Resources Committee:

Louise Simard (chair), Grant Devine, Grit McCreath, Joy Crawford, Peter Stoicheff, Nadeem Jamali

Land and Facilities:

Marty Seymour (chair), Grant Devine, Ishita Mann, Nadeem Jamali, Herb McFaull

7.6 Meewasin Board Appointees

Motion: *That the USask Board of Governors approve the appointment of Dr. Kurtis Boyer, JS GS Research Chair in Métis Governance and Policy and Assistant Professor, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, as USask Representative to the Meewasin Board of Directors, effective October 3, 2023.*

7.7 Signing Authority Policy

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Finance and Investment committee, the Board of Governors approves the amended policy effective October 2, 2023.*

7.8 Fedoruk Centre New Board Member

Motion: *It is recommended that the Board of Governors appoint Ms. Avery Vold, Innovation Saskatchewan Vice-President of Economic Development & Research Investments, to the Board of Directors for the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, Inc. for a term beginning on appointment and ending at the AGM in June 2026.*

Human Resources Committee**9.4 Appointment of AVP People and Chief HR Officer**

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Human Resources committee, the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Marnie Wright as associate vice-president people and chief human resources officer effective November 6, 2023.*

9.5 Appointment of AVP Development

Motion: *It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Kroll-Goodwin as Associate Vice-President, Development, University Relations effective October 5, 2023.*

9.6 Appointment of ED School of Public Health

Motion: *It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the appointment of George Mutwiri as Executive Director for a three-year term effective November 1, 2023, subject to receipt of the signed letter of appointment. At the discretion of the Provost and Vice-President Academic, and subject to the Search and Review Procedures for Senior Administrators, the term may be renewed.*



9.7 Extension of the appointment of Jane Alcorn as Dean of P&N

Motion: *It is recommended that the Board approve a two-year extension for Dean Jane Alcorn, to June 30, 2026.*

The Board of Governors approved the consent agenda as distributed.

13.2 Lease of 113 Seminary Crescent (CLS User's Residence)

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves entering into negotiations with the province for a 10-year, market rate, land lease agreement to accommodate a mental health and substance use disorder centre with operations contracted to Edgewood Health Network at the vacant 113 Seminary Crescent building called CLS User Residence; conditional upon meeting the following terms to the satisfaction of USask:*

Required Lease Terms

- *Lease with the province*
- *Market rate including base rent plus share of campus operating costs and applicable taxes*
- *All taxation and levies responsibility of tenant*
- *All utility replacement, failure costs and usage surcharges responsibility of tenant*
- *Compensation for provision of any USask services required in the case of security or utility incidents*
- *Ten-year term with termination for disorder and nuisance problems*
- *Parking passes and location controlled by USask*
- *All capital costs and maintenance responsibility of tenant*
- *Must meet all building codes, legislation, safety required for operation of treatment facility*
- *Any zoning changes or municipal permissions and permits responsibility of tenant*
- *Approvals from Meewasin Valley Authority responsibility of tenant*

14. University Plan update

Airini went over a presentation focusing on the five main aspirations USask has for the future. She encouraged members to watch all five videos embedded in the presentation distributed to the board.

15. Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorship annual report

Airini briefly spoke to the report which was provided in the board package.



16. Comprehensive Campaign update

Cheryl Hamelin went over a presentation providing an update on the comprehensive campaign since June 2023.

17. Correspondence since the July 2023 meeting

The board chair spoke about the correspondence received from the Ministry of Advanced Education about the appointments of board members. There was also a letter from a student raising concerns about the increase in tuition fees and the impact it has on international students specifically.

18. Items approved since the July 2023 meeting

18.1 New CLS Board Members – September 20, 2023

The university secretary noted that there was only one item approved electronically since the July meeting, which was included in the board package.

19. Greystone Heritage Trust funding approval

The president spoke to this request.

Motion: *That the USask Board of Governors approve \$40,000 from the Greystone Heritage Trust be used for the purpose of assisting the Greystone Singers fundraising efforts to perform at Carnegie Hall.*

The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m. and moved to in-camera

20. Board-only session - including the president

21. In-camera session - without the president

