

This report is intended as an informative and unofficial summary of the matters discussed by the board. The formal record of this meeting, which includes the wording and disposition of motions (including abstentions), is contained in the official minutes, which will be approved at the next regular meeting of the board.

**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
238 Peter MacKinnon Building, University of Saskatchewan
1 pm, Monday, December 16, 2013**

Board members present: Susan Milburn (chair), Ilene Busch-Vishniac, David Dubé, Blaine Favel
Linda Ferguson, Max FineDay, Kathryn Ford, Grant Isaac, Grit McCreath, Greg Smith

Resource officers: Karen Chad, Brett Fairbairn, Greg Fowler, Sandra Calver (secretary).

Guests: Lloyd Isaak, CEO, and Mike Velonas, Planning and Conservation Manager, Meewasin Valley Authority (item 2 only); Lee Whittington, CEO and President, Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (PSCI), and Mary Buhr, PSCI Board Chair (item 10.3 only)

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<http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/governing-bodies/board-of-governors/index.php>

Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Identification of Conflicts of Interest	No conflicts of interest were identified.
2.	Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
3.	Business arising from the minutes	No business was noted as arising
4.	Meewasin Valley Authority Presentation	Lloyd Isaak, CEO, and Mike Velonas, Planning and Conservation Manager, of the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) provided a brief history of the MVA. Mr. Velonas outlined the planning principles associated with the development of the MVA's strategic plan and informed members of the means by which they could provide direct input. Stakeholders will receive a copy of the final report in the spring of 2014.
5.	Board Only Session	The President met with the board only.
6.	Report of the President	The President provided updates to her written report.
7.	Standing Committees	
7.1	Governance & Executive Committee	<i>The committee met December 16. Committee members in attendance: G. Smith, (chair), G. Isaac, K. Ford, S. Milburn, I. Busch-Vishniac</i>
7.1.1	Minutes of the Governance & Executive Committee meeting of October 15, 2013	The minutes were received for information.
7.1.2	Freedom of Information and	The board approved revisions to the Freedom of Information and

	Privacy Policy	Protection of Privacy policy effective December 16, 2013.
7.1.3	Board Work Plan 2013/2014 and Bylaw Revisions to Board Bylaws	The board approved amendments to the annual work plan for 2013/14 and the board bylaws as outlined in the meeting materials and noted at the meeting.
7.1.4	Revisions to Statement on Media Calls	The board approved the revised statement with the addition of the words “or designate” following the “associate vice-president communications” effective immediately.
7.1.5	Use of University Name	The board approved the use of the university name by the student organization, Junior Chamber of Commerce, subject to the group obtaining liability insurance and the execution of an agreement that gives the university control over the use of its name.
7.1.6	Canadian Light Source (CLS) Appointment of Director	The board approved the appointment of Paul Clark to the CLS Board of Directors, September 1, 2013 to 2017.
7.1.7	Mid-Year Report of the President	This item was discussed by the board in the board only session with the president.
7.1.8	Annual Report on Entities	This item was received for information.
7.1.9	On-line Board Peer Evaluations	This item was received for information.
7.2	Land & Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on December 16. Committee members in attendance: L. Ferguson (chair), L. Ahenakew, D. Dubé, M. FineDay, G. McCreath</i>
7.2.1	Minutes of the Land & Facilities Committee meeting of October 15, 2013	The minutes were received for information.
7.2.2	Business Arising from the Minutes	The VP Finance & Resources provided a review of expected benefits from the Enterprise Asset Management Project and an update on its progress in response to a request made at the December 2013 meeting.
7.2.3	Beef Cattle Teaching & Research Project – Board 1	The board approved the preliminary project location, programme, design, schedule, capital and operation budget.
7.2.4	Replace #2 and #3 Chillers, Central Cooling Plant - Board 2	The board approved the final project location, programme, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for the replacement of chillers in the Central Cooling Plant.
7.2.5	Amendments to University Parking Bylaws	The board approved the revisions to the University of Saskatchewan Traffic Bylaws, effective May 1, 2014.
7.2.6	Parking Lot Program 2014/15	This item was deferred to the March 2014 meeting.
7.2.7	SCI-CS (Cyclotron) Operating License Agreement	The Board approved the operating licensing agreement between the university and the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation Inc. for a period of up to twenty years, with an option for extension, commencing once construction and commissioning of the building that houses the cyclotron facility is turned over to the Fedoruk Centre.

7.2.8	U of S Health Sciences – Tim Horton’s Installation	Board 1 and 2 approval for the final project, location, programme, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for Health Sciences E Wing – Tim Horton’s installation was granted.
7.2.9	Naming Laneway as New Holland Lane	The board approved the naming of the laneway between the Livestock Research Building and the Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility, the New Holland Lane, effective January 1, 2014.
7.2.10	Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals Exceeding \$500,000	Board 1 and 2 approval of the final project programme, capital and operating budgets were granted for infrastructure for a neurobiology laboratory with structural biology and Drosophila genetics capacity; Innovative Bioprocessing Catalysis Research Laboratory; Interactions of carbon and nitrogen during co-consumption of methane and nitrous oxide. Board 1 approval and conditional board 2 approval was granted for the final project programme, capital and operating budgets, subject to confirmation of funding sources for the Facility for Applied Avian Research; and a multifunctional Vapor Deposition System for the Development and application of Novel Nanocomposite Coatings.
7.2.11	Ast Estate – Mineral Rights	The board approved the transfer of mineral rights to the university from the Ast Estate effective immediately.
7.2.12	Major Capital Projects Update	This item was received for information.
7.2.13	College Quarter –Hotel Design	This item was received for information.
7.2.14	Preston Crossing Update	This item was received for information.
7.2.15	Report on Building System and Infrastructure Renewal	This item was received for information.
7.2.16	Major Capital Projects – Portfolio & Strategy for Funding Gaps	This item was received for information.
7.2.17	Major Capital Projects Status Report	This item was received for information.
7.2.18	Update on Delegated Administrative Approvals	This item was received for information.
7.3	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on December 16. Committee members in attendance: G. Isaac (chair), B. Favel, D. Dubé, M. FineDay, G. Smith</i>
7.3.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee meeting October 15, 2013	The minutes were received for information.
7.3.2	Business arising from the minutes	This item was received for information.
7.3.3	Centennial Enhancement Chair Program	The board approved the establishment of the Centennial Enhancement Chair Program, effective January 1, 2014.

7.3.4	GIFS Enhancement Chair Program	The board approved the establishment of the GIFS Enhancement Chair Program, effective immediately.
7.3.5	Retirees Pension Plan Committee Membership	The board approved the appointments to the Retirees Pension Committee, effective January 1, 2014.
7.3.6	2000 Academic Money Purchase Pension Plan Amendment M-10	The board approved the Plan Amendment M-10 effective December 1, 2013.
7.3.7	1999 Academic Defined Benefit Plan - SIPP	The board approved the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIPP), effective December 1, 2013.
7.3.8	Non-Academic Plan - SIPP	The board approved the SIPP effective for the Non-Academic Pension Plan, December 1, 2013.
7.3.9	Defined Contribution Plans SIPPS	The board approved the SIPP for 2000 Academic Money Purchase Plan and the SIPP for the Eligible Employees at the University of Saskatchewan (Research Pension Plan) effective December 1, 2013.
7.3.10	Retirees Plan SIPP	The board approved the SIPP for the Retirees Plan, effective December 1, 2013.
7.3.11	Endowment Spending Policy	This item was received for information.
7.3.12	Long-term Pool SIPP	This item was received for information.
7.3.13	Quarterly Financial Reports	This item was received for information.
7.3.14	Operating Budget Adjustments Update	This item was received for information.
7.3.15	Canadian Light Source Report	This item was received for information.
7.3.16	CERC in Water Security – Financial Update	This item was received for information.
7.3.17	University Advancement and Community Engagement – Development Activity	This item was received for information.
7.3.18	Long-term Disability Plan SIPP	This item was received for information.
7.4	Audit Committee	<i>The committee met on December 12. Committee members in attendance: L. Ahenakew (chair), B. Favel, L. Ferguson, S. Milburn, G. Smith</i>
7.4.1	Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of October 15, 2013	The minutes were received for information.
7.4.2	Enterprise Risk Management	This item was received for information
7.4.3	Internal Control Update	This item was received for information

7.4.4	Review of Accounting/Reporting Developments (Update on accounting standards)	This item was received for information
7.4.5	Provincial Auditor's Planning Memorandum	This item was received for information
7.4.6	Report on External Audit Activity	This item was received for information
7.4.7	Outstanding Audit Recommendations	This item was received for information.
7.4.8	Final Audit Services Report	This item was received for information.
7.4.9	Compliance Declaration	This item was received for information.
7.4.10	Insurance Program Report	This item was received for information.
8.	Information Items	No additional items were brought forward to the board.
9.	Communications	No communications were brought forward to the board.
10.	Other Business	
10.1	College of Medicine – Appointment of Dean	The board approved the appointment of Dr. Preston Smith as Dean, College of Medicine for a five-year renewable term effective July 1, 2014.
10.2	Board Appointments to Review Committees	The board approved appointments of members to review committees for Deans of Western College of Veterinary Medicine and Edwards School of Business.
10.3	Prairie Swine Centre, Inc. Annual Meeting	The annual meeting of the Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (PSCI) took place with guests Dr. Mary Buhr, Chair of PSCI Board and Lee Whittington, CEO of PSCI.
11.	Items from University Council	The board authorized that the existing model for Open Studies be discontinued effective January 1, 2014; and that the Open Studies Faculty Council be dissolved as of May 1, 2014.
12.	<i>In Camera</i> Session	The board met <i>in camera</i> without the president.
13.	Adjournment and next meeting	The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm Next meeting – March 18, 2014