

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.

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**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE
 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
 BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING
 8:30 am, Tuesday, May 7, 2013**

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

Regrets: Vera Pezer.

Resource officers: Karen Chad, Brett Fairbairn, Greg Fowler, Heather Magotiaux, Laura Kennedy, Colin Tennent, and Elizabeth Williamson (secretary).

Guests: Jared Brown, Sandra Finley.

Further information about the composition of the Board of Governors and its committees, as well as the bylaws and annual work plan of the board, are available at http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/board/

Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Identification of Conflicts of Interest	No conflicts were noted.
2.	Minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
3.	Business arising from the minutes	No additional business was identified.
4.	Susan Milburn's appointment as chair	
4.1	Background information	This item was received for information.
4.2	External presentation by Sandra Finley disputing board chair appointment	Sandra Finley disputed the current appointment of chair of the Board of Governors.
5.	<i>Board only session</i>	The board met <i>in camera</i> .
6.	Report of the President	President Busch-Vishniac presented her report with updates on priority issues and ongoing initiatives.

7.	Risk presentation: Aboriginal Engagement: Risk Update	Heather Magotiaux, Vice-president, University Advancement, outlined objectives for Aboriginal engagement.
8.	Standing Committees	
8.1	Human Resources Committee	<i>The committee met on May 6. Members in attendance: G. McCreath (chair), I. Busch-Vishniac, M. FineDay, K. Ford, G. Isaac. Also in attendance: L. Ahenakew, K. Chad, B. Daigle (secretary), D. Dubé, B. Fairbairn, L. Ferguson, S. Milburn, G. Smith, E. Williamson. By invitation: J. Houdek, J. Brown.</i>
8.1.1	Minutes of Human Resources Committee meeting of March 4, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
8.1.2	Academic Leadership Development	This item was received for information, at the request of the board, to provide information on various leadership development opportunities.
8.1.3	Safety, Health and Wellness Update	This item was presented verbally for information.
8.1.4	Bargaining and Labour Relations Update	This item was presented verbally for information.
8.1.5	Senior Administrative Appointments	The Provost and Vice-President Academic reported on current senior administrative appointments for information.
8.1.6	Senior Academic Appointments	The Provost and Vice-President Academic reported on current senior academic appointments for information.
8.1.7	Sabbatical Leaves Taken 2013-2014	This information was made available to the board via SharePoint.
8.2	Governance and Executive Committee	<i>The committee met on May 6. Members in attendance: G. Smith (acting chair), I. Busch-Vishniac, K. Ford, S. Milburn, E. Williamson (secretary). Regrets: V. Pezer. Also in attendance: L. Ahenakew, D. Dubé, L. Ferguson, M. FineDay, G. Isaac, G. McCreath. By invitation: J. Brown.</i>
8.2.1	Minutes of Governance and Executive Committee meeting of March 4, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
8.2.2	Appointment of board members to search and review committees for Dean of Education, Dean of Pharmacy & Nutrition and Dean of Agriculture & Bioresources	The appointments of Grit McCreath to the search committee for the Dean of Education; Linda Ferguson to the search committee for the Dean of Pharmacy and Nutrition; and Kathryn Ford to the review committee for the Dean of Agriculture and Bioresources were approved.

8.2.3	Update on amendments to the University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995	This item was presented verbally for information.
8.2.4	Board peer evaluation survey process	This item was received for information to provide context for new board members of the board's peer evaluation process adopted in December 2012, and to raise for the committee's discussion how to communicate results of the peer evaluation surveys to board members.
8.3	Land and Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on May 6. Members in attendance: L. Ferguson (chair), L. Ahenakew, D. Dubé. Regrets: V. Pezer. Also in attendance: R. Bunt, I. Busch-Vishniac, K. Chad, B. Fairbairn, M. FineDay, K. Ford, G. Fowler, G. Isaac, H. Magotiaux, G. McCreath, S. Milburn, G. Smith, C. Tennent, E. Williamson. By invitation: J. Brown, C. MacDonald, P. Sen.</i>
8.3.1	Minutes of the Land and Facilities Committee meeting of March 4, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
8.3.2	Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals Exceeding \$500,000	Board 1 and 2 approval was granted for the final project programme, capital and operating budgets.
8.3.3	Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) - Board 2	Board 2 approval was granted for the project scope, schedule, capital and operating budgets.
8.3.4	University Research System (UnivRS) Project – Board 2	Board 2 approval was granted for the project scope, schedule, initial capital and operating/upgrade budgets for the purchase and implementation.
8.3.5	Saskatchewan Centre for Innovations in Cyclotron Science (SCI-CS) Capital Project	Board 2 approval was granted for the final project location, programme, design, schedule, capital and operating (responsibility of the Fedoruk Centre) budgets
8.3.6	University of Saskatchewan Health Sciences Project – Final Components (includes A and B Wing Renovations and overall project finalization)	Final approval to move forward with this project was granted.
8.3.7	Lease of Mineral Rights to Rallyemont Energy Inc.	Approval to lease 100% interest in mineral rights of SW ¼ 15-46-17 W3 (160 acres - Sallows Estate) to Rallyemont Energy Inc. commencing May 18, 2013 for a term of five (5) years was granted.
8.3.8	Lease of Mineral Rights to Crescent Point Resource Partnership	Approval to lease 70% interest in mineral rights of S ½ 31-6-4 W2 (320 Acres - Charlotte Cook Estate) to Crescent Point Resource Partnership, commencing upon signing for a term

		of two (2) years was granted.
8.3.9	Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre	An update on the negotiations regarding the construction contract for the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre project was received for information.
8.3.10	InterVac Project Update	An update on various components of the InterVac project was received for information.
8.3.11	Major Capital Projects Status Report	An overview of the current status of capital projects was received for information.
8.3.12	Major Capital Projects Operating Costs Status Report	An overview of the current status of the operating funding for capital projects was received for information.
8.3.13	Update on Delegated Administrative Approvals	An overview of administrative approvals that had been delegated by the Board (related to capital projects, programs and the campus physical plant) was received for information.
8.4	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on May 6. Members in attendance: G. Smith (chair), M. FineDay, D. Dubé, G. Isaac, S. Milburn. Also in attendance: L. Ahenakew, I. Busch-Vishniac, L. Ferguson, K. Ford, G. McCreath, G. Fowler, L. Kennedy (secretary). By invitation: G. Appel, J. Brown, K. Chad, J. Dumba, B. Fairbairn, T. Howell-Perret, P. Melis, T. Milnthorp, P. Sen, E. Williamson.</i>
8.4.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee meeting of March 4, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
8.4.2	Operating Fund – Projections to 2012/13 Year-End and Decisions regarding Use of Projected Surplus	Use of the funds based on projections was approved.
8.4.3	Detailed Operating Budget for 2013/14	The 2013/14 detailed operating budget was approved.
8.4.4	Statement of Investment Policies and Goals	The Statement of Investment Policies and Goals for the Long Term Investment Pool was approved.
8.4.5	Pensions - Valuation Assumption and Funding Policies	Assumptions determining the university's pension payment obligations as well as revisions to funding policies were approved.
8.4.6	Use of Undesignated Gifts for CERC in Water Security	Use of the accumulated balance of institutional undesignated gift proceeds from the Greystone Heritage Trust fund was approved for funding towards the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Water Security for 2013/14.

8.4.7	Provincial Capital Borrowing - Status Update	An update on recent actions, issues for the Board's consideration, and planned strategies regarding the provincial budget revelation of an increasing funding gap between the provincial allocation for sustaining capital funding and the actual principal and interest payments incurred by the university was received for information.
8.4.8	Provincial Budget Highlights	A summary of the highlights was received for information.
8.4.9	2013 SUFM (Saskatchewan University Funding Mechanism) Results	The annual SUFM results update was received for information.
8.4.10	Operations Forecast 2014-15 Update	An update on the forecast for the Operations budget was received for information.
8.4.11	Operating Budget Adjustments Update No. 5	An update on progress since the last meeting with respect to the university's operating budget adjustments was received for information.
8.4.12	CERC in Water Security - financial update	A financial update regarding the Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Water Security was received for information.
8.4.13	Quarterly Investment Report	An update on investment income, as requested by the Board, was received for information.
8.4.14	Quarterly Compliance Report	This item was deferred to the June meeting.
8.4.15	U of S Development Activity Report	An update on the philanthropic revenue received to date and significant donations since the previous report was received for information.
8.4.16	Student Fee Report	A summary of all approved fees was received for information, as required by the "Tuition and Fees Authorization Policy."
8.5	Audit Committee	<i>The committee met on May 6. Members in attendance: S. Milburn (chair), L. Ahenakew, L. Ferguson, G. McCreath, G. Smith. Also in attendance: I. Busch-Vishniac, D. Dubé, M. FineDay, K. Ford, G. Fowler, G. Isaac, L. Kennedy, E. Williamson, A. Novakowski (secretary). By invitation: J. Brown, K. Bendig, D. Tuomi, S. Baptiste, C. Walker.</i>
8.5.1	Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 4, 2013	The minutes were received for information and approved as circulated.
8.5.2	Audit Services 2013/2014 annual audit plan	The annual audit plan for the 2013/14 fiscal year was approved.
8.5.3	Audit Services Charter	The charter of the Division of Audit Services was approved, effective May 7, 2013.

8.5.4	Final Audit Services Report	A summary of audit reports since the previous reporting period was received for information.
8.5.5	Compliance Declaration	A report of management's compliance with statutes that may result in a personal liability for Board members was received for information.
8.5.6	Update on Audit Issues	An update on the issues presented at the March 2013 meeting was received for information.
8.5.7	<i>Closed Session</i> with University Auditor	The board met with the University Auditor in a closed session.
9.	Items for information	
		No additional items were identified.
10.	Communications	
10.1	Email and article from faculty member	This item was received for information.
11.	Other Business	
		The chair noted that Minister Morgan would be attending the upcoming June meeting.
		Members discussed plans for the October board retreat and community event.
12.	<i>In camera</i> session	The board met <i>in camera</i> .
13.	Meeting schedule for 2013-2014	
	Next meeting – Tuesday, June 25, 2013	The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.