

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 TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
212 Peter MacKinnon Building, University of Saskatchewan
8 am, Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

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

Resource officers: Karen Chad, Brett Fairbairn, Greg Fowler, Heather Magotiaux, Elizabeth Williamson (secretary).

Guests: Claire Card, Howard Woodhouse, Len Findlay (representing Concerned Faculty) – Agenda Item 1 only

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/secretariat/governing-bodies/board-of-governors/index.php>

| Agenda Item | Subject | Comments/Decisions |
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| 1. | Identification of Conflicts of Interest | Conflicts of interest were identified and assessed with no concerns or further comment. |
| 2. | Representation by a group of concerned faculty members | Drs. Claire Card, Howard Woodhouse and Len Findlay spoke to the Board regarding concerns about the TransformUs process and implementation. The group represented 300 signatories who wrote an open letter to the president (available on the university's TransformUS blog). |
| 3. | Minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2013 | The minutes were received for information. |
| 4. | Business arising | There was no business arising from the minutes. |
| 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. | Risk Analysis of Deferred Maintenance | The Vice President Finance and Resources introduced and facilitated risk analysis session noting that the long-term strategy is to address the university's deferred maintenance and be able to identify how to manage and steward the university's physical assets. |
| 8. | Standing Committees | |
| 8.1 | Human Resources Committee | <i>The committee met on March 17, 2014. Members in attendance: G. McCreath (chair), I. Busch-Vishniac, K. Ford, S. Milburn</i> |
| 8.1.1 | Minutes of the meeting of | The minutes were received for information. |

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| | December 16, 2013 | |
| 8.1.2 | Total Rewards Principles | The Board approved the revised Total Rewards principles which take effect immediately and will guide ongoing design and/or negotiation of all aspects of total rewards. |
| 8.1.3 | Exempt Total Rewards | The Board approved the proposed changes to exempt total rewards and the <i>Exempt Staff Handbook</i> , effective March 1, 2014. |
| 8.1.4 | Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy Revisions | The Board approved the proposed revisions to the <i>Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Policy</i> effective March 17, 2014. |
| 8.1.5 | Appointment of Dean, College of Education | Board of Governors approved the appointment of Dr. Michelle Prytula as Dean, College of Education for a five-year renewable term effective July 1, 2014.d |
| 8.1.6 | Bargaining and Labour Relations Update | A verbal update was received for information. |
| 8.1.7 | Safety, Environment, Health and Wellness Report | A verbal update was received for information. |
| 8.1.8 | Senior Administrative Appointments | This item was received for information. |
| 8.1.9 | Senior Academic Appointments | This item was received for information. |
| 8.2 | Governance and Executive Committee | <i>The committee met March 17, 2014. Members in attendance: G. Smith (chair), I. Busch-Vishniac, K. Ford. G. Isaac, S. Milburn</i> |
| 8.2.1 | Minutes of the meeting, December 16, 2013 | The minutes were received for information. |
| 8.2.2 | Annual Strategic Plan Review (IP3 Promise and Potential | This item was received for information. |
| 8.2.3 | Board Oversight of Senior Administrative Positions | This item was received for information. |
| 8.2.4 | Annual Review of Delegations Made by the Board | This item was received for information. |
| 8.2.5 | Update on Board Terms/Appointments | This item was received for information. |
| 8.2.6 | Conflict of Interest Forms | This item was received for information. |
| 8.2.7 | Preparation for Board's Annual Public Meeting | This item was received for information. |
| 8.3 | Land and Facilities Committee | <i>The committee met on March 17, 2014. Members in attendance: D. Dubé (chair), L. Ferguson, M. FineDay, G. McCreath</i> |
| 8.3.1 | Minutes of the meeting December 16, 2013 | The minutes were received for information. |

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| 8.3.2 | Goodale Land Sale | The Board approved the disposal of 15.8 acres and the acquisition of 13.6 acres of land at the Goodale Research Farm. |
| 8.3.3 | Matador Grasslands Lease | The Board approved the lease renewal for the Matador Grasslands terminating on March 31, 2030 |
| 8.3.4 | Griffiths Stadium at PotashCorp Park Graham Huskie Clubhouse Expansion – Final Project Reconciliation and Close Out | The Board approved the board 2A ratification of the final costs for the Griffiths Stadium at PotashCorp Park Graham Huskie Clubhouse expansion. |
| 8.3.5 | Heritage Preservation – University of Saskatchewan | The Board endorsed the implementation of the guidelines for the Internal Register of Historic Sites on Campus effective April 1, 2014 |
| 8.3.6 | Revised Parking Capital Program 2014/15 | This item was received for information. |
| 8.3.7 | Ice Arena (Board FYI) | This item was received for information. |
| 8.3.8 | Summary of Off Campus Real Estate Holdings | This item was received for information. |
| 8.3.9 | Major Capital Projects Status Reports | This item was received for information. |
| 8.3.10 | Update on Delegated Administrative Approvals | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4 | Finance and Investment Committee | <i>The committee met on March 17, 2014. Members in attendance: G. Isaac (chair), B. Favel, D. Dubé, G. Smith</i> |
| 8.4.1 | Minutes of the meeting December 16, 2013 | The minutes were received for information. |
| 8.4.2 | Institutional Costs of Research Policy | The Board approved the Institutional Costs of Research Policy, effective May 1, 2014. |
| 8.4.3 | OBA Transition Fund | The Board agreed to defer this item to May 2014. |
| 8.4.4 | Global Food Security Institute | The Board approved the recommendation that the ongoing payment of interest on core funding cash surpluses for the Global Institute of Food Security be applied retroactively to May 1, 2013 and the investment income allocation rate be established equivalent to a locked-in 5 year GIC rate. |
| 8.4.5 | The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, Robert Arscott Chair – Honorary Naming | The Board approved the name change from the “Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair” to “Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, Robert Arscott Chair”. |
| 8.4.6 | Gerda R. Bloemraad – Collapse Endowment Fund | The Board approved the collapse of The Gerda R. Bloemraad Award Endowment and the reinvestment of the balance into an investment earning trust fund. |
| 8.4.7 | Quarterly Financial Report – Interim Report for nine months ended January 31, 2014 | This item was received for information. |

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| 8.4.8 | Operating Budget Adjustments (OBA) – Update No. 9 | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.9 | Update on Planning University-wide Comprehensive Campaign | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.10 | Update Report on CERC in Water Security | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.11 | Canada Research Chairs Program Annual Update | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.12 | Canada Foundation for Innovation Annual Update | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.13 | Saskatchewan Innovation and Science Fund (ISF) Annual Update | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.14 | Federal Indirect Costs of Research Program Annual Update | This item was received for information. |
| 8.4.15 | University Advancement and Community Engagement Development Activity Report | This item was received for information. |
| 8.5 | Audit Committee | <i>The committee met on March 17, 2014. Members in attendance: L. Ahenakew (chair), B. Favel, L. Ferguson, S. Milburn, G. Smith</i> |
| 8.5.1 | Minutes of December 12, 2013 | This item was received for information. |
| 8.5.2 | Draft Financial Statement Format | The Board approved the Draft Consolidated Financial Statements format for preparation of the 2013/14 Consolidated Financial Statements. |
| 8.5.3 | Report on Audit Services Activity | This item was received for information. |
| 8.5.4 | Compliance Declaration | This item was received for information. |
| 9. | Information Items | <p>The Board chair noted the following items approved the Board of Governors since the December 16, 2013 meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 31, 2014 - Mark Roman was appointed as Chief Information Officer and Vice-President, Information and Communications Technology effective March 1, 2014. • January 31, 2014 - Dr. Kishor Wasan was appointed as Dean, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, for a five-year renewable term effective August 1, 2014. • January 31, 2014 - Dr. Mary Buhr was re-appointed as Dean, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, for a five-year renewable term effective July 1, 2014. |
| 10. | Communications | 10.1 A letter from Board to Accounting Standards and Public Sector Accounting Organizations was received for information. |

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| | | 10.2 Communications from seniors in support of CCDE. A number of letters from senior citizens regarding the continuing education services provided by the university were received for information. The university secretary was asked to draft a response and circulate it to the Board for comment. |
| 11. | Other Business | The Board chair invited Max FineDay to speak to issues regarding concerns the USSU has about TransformUS process and how it was rolled out. |
| 12. | <i>In camera</i> session | The Board met in camera without the President or resource officers present. |
| 13. | Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am. The next meeting of the Board is May 27, 2014. |