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**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING
October 9, 2014**

Board members present: Susan Milburn (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Gordon Barnhart, David Dubé, Blaine Favel, Linda Ferguson, Max FineDay, Kathryn Ford, Grant Isaac, Grit McCreath, Greg Smith

Resource officers: Ernie Barber, Karen Chad, Greg Fowler, Heather Magotiaux, Elizabeth Williamson (secretary)

Guests: Mark Roman, ICT (agenda item 4 only)

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http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/board/

Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Identification of Conflicts of Interest	Four members identified conflicts of interest: Linda Ferguson, relating to the USFA discussion, as she is a member of that bargaining unit; two other members declared conflicts of interest regarding the discussions and vote on board chair and vice-chair as they were both up for nomination; and the President regarding any discussions about the Presidential search, as he may put his name forward.
2.	Minutes of the July 29, 2014	The minutes were approved as circulated.
3.	Business from minutes	No additional business was identified.

4.	Risk Presentation – Mitigation of Information & Communications Technology	Mark Roman, chief information officer and associate vice-president, information and communications technology presented on the mitigation of risks associated with the security of the university's information systems.
5.	Board only session	The board met with the president only.
6.	Report of the president	The president presented his report with updates on priority issues and ongoing initiatives.
7.	Standing Committees	
7.1	Human Resources Committee	<i>The committee met on October 8, 2014. Committee members in attendance: K. Ford (chair), G. Barnhart, G. McCreath, S. Milburn</i>
7.1.1	Minutes of Human Resources Committee meeting of June 23, 2014	The minutes were received for information. The committee did not meet in July 2014.
7.1.2	Ratification of the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) Collective Agreement	The Board of Governors approved the tentative agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) covering the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.
7.1.3	Senior Administration Total Rewards	The board approved the proposed changes to the Senior Administration Total Rewards program.
7.1.4	Aboriginal employee recruitment and retention	This item was received for information.
7.1.5	Update on intellectual property strategy	This item was received for information.
7.1.6	Bargaining and labour relations update	This item was received for information.
7.1.7	Safety, environment, health and wellness update	This item was received for information.
7.1.8	Provost and vice-president report on senior administrative appointments	This item was received for information.
7.1.9	Provost and vice-president report on senior academic appointments	This item was received for information.
7.2	Governance and Executive Committee	<i>The committee met on October 8. Members in attendance: G. Smith (chair), G. Barnhart, K. Ford, S. Milburn</i>

7.2.1	Minutes of the Governance and Executive Committee meeting of July 29, 2014.	The minutes were received for information.
7.2.2	Business Arising	There was no business arising.
7.2.3	Appointment of search consultant	The board approved the appointment of Perrett Laver as the Presidential Search Consultant, effective October 9, 2014.
7.2.4	Re-appointment of university solicitor	The board approved the re-appointment of Douglas Richardson, Q.C. from the firm McKercher, LLP as the University Solicitor for 2014/2015.
7.2.5	Board appointments to ad hoc committees	The board approved the appointment of Kathryn Ford to the Amati Committee effective immediately.
7.2.6	Update on supplemental board interests and issues for 2014-15	This item was received for information.
7.2.7	Review of Brown Governance Action Plan tracking sheet	This item was received for information.
7.2.8	Periodic assessments of board and board member performance	This item was received for information.
7.2.9	Board orientation	This item was received for information.
7.2.10	Report on senior administration search and review committees	This item was received for information.
7.2.11	Presidential historical record	This item was received for information.
7.2.12	Discussion regarding criminal record checks for board members	This item was received for information.
7.3	Land and Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on October 8. Members in attendance: D. Dubé (chair), L. Ferguson, M. FineDay, G. McCreath</i>
7.3.1	Minutes of the Land and Facilities Committee meeting of June 23, 2014.	The minutes were received for information. The committee did not meet in July, 2014.
7.3.2	Business arising	There was no business arising.
7.3.3	Childcare Expansion Project	The board provided Board 1 approval for the expansion of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Childcare

		Centre in the Williams Building, and Board 2 approval of the final project location, program, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for the standalone site build childcare facility located in the College Quarter to the west of Souris Hall under the Childcare Expansion Project.
7.3.4	Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Data Center Completion – Health Sciences E Wing	The board provided Board 2 approval of the final project location, program, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for ICT Data Center Completion.
7.3.5	Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals Exceeding \$500,000	The board provided Board 1 & 2 approval of the final project programme, capital and operating budgets for the Live Cell Imaging Microscope for Research in Reproductive and Developmental Biology CFI proposals.
7.3.6	Student Health and Counselling Centre Fit-up – Final capital project reconciliation and close-out	The board provided Board 2A ratification of the final capital costs for the Student Health and Counselling Centre Fit-up project.
7.3.7	Diefenbaker building rejuvenation – final capital project reconciliation	The board provided Board 2B ratification of the final capital costs for the Diefenbaker building rejuvenation – Final capital project reconciliation.
7.3.8	Energy and Water Conservation Policy	The board approved the Energy and Water Conservation Policy effective October 9, 2014
7.3.9	Rink Facility Development Update	This item was received for information.
7.3.10	Sustainability Update	This item was received for information.
7.3.11	Major Capital Project Status Report	This item was received for information.
7.3.12	Update on delegated administrative approvals	This item was received for information.
7.3.14	Seed Enhancement Expression and Development (SEED) Infrastructure	This item was received for information.
7.4	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on October 7. Committee members in attendance: G. Isaac (chair), D. Dubé, M. FineDay, G. Smith</i>
7.4.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee meeting of July 29	The minutes were received for information.

7.4.2	Business arising	There was no business arising.
7.4.3	Supplementary Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) Membership	The board approved the memberships of the CIO and AVP Information and Communications Technology, and the AVP Financial Services Division, in the Supplementary Executive Retirement Plan.
7.4.4	Board appointment to Internal Investment Committee	The board approved Grant Isaac as the board's appointment to the Internal Investment Committee effective as of the date when Susan Milburn ceases to be a member of the Board of Governors.
7.4.5	Statement of Investment Policy and Goals	The board approved the Statement of Investment Policy and Goals (SIP&G) for the Fixed Income Investment Pool as represented in the reference document provided in the materials.
7.4.6	Long-term Disability Plan	The board approved the Resolution of the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan as provided to formalize the wind down of the LTD Trust Fund.
7.4.7	Operating Budget Adjustment	This item was received for information.
7.4.8	Quarterly Financial Report - interim report ended July 31, 2014.	This item was received for information.
7.4.9	Accumulated Fund Balances at April 30, 2014	This item was received for information.
7.4.10	Canada Excellence Research Chair in Water Security – financial update	This item was received for information.
7.4.11	University Advancement and Community Engagement – Development Activity report	This item was received for information.
7.4.12	Student and Staff Transit – alternative bus servicing during the transit lock-out	This item was received for information.
7.5	Audit Committee	<i>The committee met on October 7. Committee members in attendance: L. Ahenakew (chair), L. Ferguson, G. Isaac, S. Milburn, G. Smith</i>
7.5.1	Minutes of the Audit Committee, July 29, 2014	The minutes were received for information

7.5.2	Outstanding items	It was noted that the outstanding item of a meeting between the Board Chair and the Minister of Advanced Education to discuss the issue of public reporting had been completed.
7.5.3	Audit Committee Annual Work Plan and Terms of Reference	Recommended amendments to the work plan were noted and will be presented to the December meeting of the board for approval.
7.5.4	Final Audit Services Reports	This item was received for information.
7.5.5	Report on Audit Services Activities	This item was received for information.
7.5.6	Compliance Declaration	This item was received for information.
7.5.7	Closed session items	This item was received for information.
8.	Special Committee – Board Chair and Vice-chair	The report was presented by the Chancellor, chair of the committee.
8.1	Bylaw amendment of the board chair and vice chair terms	On the recommendation of the special committee, the board approved the amendment to the Board Bylaws to reduce the usual term of the board chair and vice-chair from three years to two years, effective immediately.
8.2	Special Committee – nomination of board chair	On the recommendation of the special committee, the board approved Greg Smith as board chair and Lee Ahenakew as vice-chair, each for a two year term (conditional on being a member of the board) commencing upon the current chair, Susan Milburn, ceasing to be the board chair.
9.	Information	
9.1	Policy Oversight Committee Report 2013-14	The report was received for information.
9.2	Resolution with RBC Phillips, Hager and North Investment Counsel Inc.	It was noted the resolution was passed between meetings.
10.	Communications	The board received a letter from Advanced Education providing approval to proceed with the renovation and renewal of Room 106 in the Biology Building and the rehabilitation of the Devil's Dip Sewage Lift Station in accordance with section 49 of The University of

		Saskatchewan Act and to confirm the maximum capital grant for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The President advised that he will send a letter of thanks to the Minister.
11.	Other Business	Mr. Fowler provided follow-up on a question that arose in connection with agenda item 7.4.11 University Advancement & Community Engagement – Development Activity Report.
12.	<i>In camera</i> session	The board met in camera without the president present.
13.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, December 16, 2014.