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**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING
March 24, 2015**

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

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

Guests: Patti McDougall, Jeff Dumba, Mark Roman and Quintin Zook

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Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Identification of Conflicts of Interest	Two members identified conflicts of interest: Linda Ferguson, relating to any USFA discussions as she is a member of that bargaining unit; and the President relating to the presidential search as he may be a potential candidate.
2.	Minutes of the December 16 and December 21, 2014; January 30 and February 26, 2015 meetings	The minutes were approved as circulated.
3.	Business from minutes	No additional business was identified.
4.	Risk Presentation – Internationalization	Karen Chad, vice-president research, presented on the importance of internationalization for the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Chad advised that the key ingredients for success include: an institutional strategic plan for

		internationalization with concrete goals and key performance indicators and metrics to guide planning and decision making. The proposed next steps are: to develop an international framework with defined accountability, shared roles and responsibilities, and coordination and integration; will also develop a blueprint for action that will: enhance the capability and opportunities for our students, faculty and staff; raise the bar in areas of vulnerability; and enhance our capacity to take on leadership roles within and beyond Canada.
5.	Presentation on Customer Experience Enhancement - USales	Jeff Dumba, associate vice-president financial services, Mark Roman, associate vice-president, information and communications technology and chief information officer, and Quintin Zook, director, consumer services, presented on the USales project explaining that it is taking the concept of sales at the university and looking at everything sold on campus in a more holistic manner to ensure that the process is easy, universal and common. The project aims to: provide an enhanced customer experience; to grow revenue; and to improve efficiencies.
6.	Board only session	The board met with the president only.
7.	Report of the president	The president presented his report with updates on priority issues and ongoing initiatives.
8.	Standing Committees	
8.1	Human Resources Committee	<i>The committee met on March 23. Members in attendance: Kathryn Ford (chair), Gordon Barnhart, Joy Crawford, Grit McCreath.</i>
8.1.1	Minutes of Human Resources Committee meeting of December 16, 2014	The minutes were received for information.
8.1.2	Appointment of Director, Saskatoon Campus, Johnson Shoyama School of Public Policy	The board endorsed the appointment of Dr. Kathy McNutt as Executive Director of Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and appointed Dr. Jeremy Rayner as Director of the Saskatoon Campus, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.
8.1.3	Undergraduate and graduate hourly rates of pay	This item was postponed until the May board meeting.
8.1.4	Renewal, tenure and promotion approvals	The board approved the award of renewal of probation, tenure (continuing status) and promotion effective July 1,

		2015 as per the collective agreement with the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association.
8.1.5	Bargaining and labour relations update	This item was received for information.
8.1.6	Safety, environment, health and wellness annual report	This item was received for information.
8.1.7	Provost and vice-president's report on senior administrative appointments	This item was received for information.
8.1.8	Provost and vice-president's report on senior academic appointments	This item was received for information.
8.2	Governance and Executive Committee	<i>The committee met on March 23. Members in attendance: Lee Ahenakew (chair), Gordon Barnhart, Blaine Favel, Kathryn Ford, Greg Smith.</i>
8.2.1	Minutes of the Governance and Executive Committee meeting of December 15, 2014 and January 5, 2015	The minutes were received for information.
8.2.2	Presidential Search Committee Budget	The board approved the presidential search committee budget.
8.2.3	Role of Authority of the Governance and Executive Committee	The board was advised that after discussion, the Governance and Executive Committee decided not to seek any changes to its terms of reference.
8.2.4	Approval additional board member on Prairie Swine Centre Inc.'s board	The board appointed Dr. Dora Rodriguez, Director - Health, Quality, Research and Development, Les Eleveurs de porcs du Quebec, to the Board of Directors of the Prairie Swine Centre Inc. for a two year term effective March 5, 2015 to December 31, 2017.
8.2.5	Approval of exception re: Search and Review Procedures for Senior Administrators	The board approved a one-time exception to the Search and Review Procedures for Senior Administrators for the Search Committee for Associate Dean, Faculty Engagement, College of Medicine, to allow for two faculty representatives on the search committee, one from the university faculty chosen by the faculty members of the college of medicine and one from the community faculty chosen by the faculty members of the community through an electronic expression of interest and ballot process.

8.2.6	Searches and reviews of senior administrators – appointment of board member to review committee Update on Searches and reviews	The board appointed Grit McCreath to the review committee for the review of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations. This item was received for information
8.2.7	Annual Strategic Plan update	This item was received for information.
8.2.8	Report from ad-hoc committee on Board Annual Public Meeting and preparation for meeting	This item was received for information.
8.2.9	Update on Meridian Development case	This item was received for information.
8.2.10	Annual review of delegations made by the board	This item was received for information.
8.2.11	Naming item – Endowed Chair in Rational Drug Design renamed SK-GSK Endowed Research Chair	This item was received for information.
8.2.12	Transition Committee for new president	This item was received for information.
8.2.13	Brown Governance - update on implementation of changes as per governance assessment	This item was received for information.
8.2.14	Board nominations – update on process	This item was received for information.
8.2.15	Peer review of board members	This item was received for information.
8.3	Land and Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on March 23. Members in attendance: David Dubé (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Linda Ferguson, Grit McCreath.</i>
8.3.1	Minutes of the Land and Facilities Committee meeting of December 15, 2014.	The minutes were received for information.
8.3.2	Business arising	There was no business arising.

8.3.3	Re-location of Advancement and Community Engagement from Innovation Place to Thorvaldson	The board provided board 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for re-location of Advancement and Community Engagement (ACE) to Thorvaldson.
8.3.4	Mine Overlay site testing facility (MOST) Board 1 and 2	The board provided board 1 and 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule and capital budget and operating budget for the Mine Overlay Site Testing (MOST) Facility project.
8.3.5	Edwards School of Business renovations Board 1 and 2	The board provided board 1 and 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule and capital and operating budgets for the Edwards School of Business – Renovations, Phase 1 – Renovate Classroom 243 & Create Break out Rooms 247/251 project; and board 1 and 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule and capital and operating budgets for the Edwards School of Business – Renovations, Phase 2 – Renovate Classroom 244/245 – Reading Room and Student Lounge projected subject to finalization of the funding sources.
8.3.6	RJF Smith Centre for Aquatic Ecology – Building Renewal – Board 1 and 2	The board provided board 1 and 2 approval of the final project programme, design, schedule and capital and operating budgets for the R.J.F. Smith Centre for Aquatic Ecology - Building Renewal project.
8.3.7	University of Saskatchewan Health Sciences – E Wing, Physical Therapy Fit-up	The board provided board 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule, capital and operating budgets for the University of Saskatchewan Health Sciences – E Wing, Physical Therapy Fit-up.
8.3.8	Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Proposals exceeding \$500,000 – Board 1 and 2	The board provided Board 1 and 2 approval of the final programme, capital and operating budgets for the High Throughput Molecular Imaging Platform CFI proposal.
8.3.9	WCVM Paddock Drainage – Board 1 and 2	The board provided board 1 and 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule, and operating budgets for WCVM Paddock Drainage Project, Phase 1.
8.3.10	Smudging and Pipe Ceremonies Policy	This item was received for information.
8.3.11	GHG Emissions Targets at the University of Saskatchewan	This item was received for information.
8.3.12	Off Campus Land Holdings	This item was received for information.

8.3.13	Major Capital Projects Status and Operating Costs Status Report	This item was received for information.
8.3.14	Update on Delegated Administrative Approvals	This item was received for information.
8.4	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on March 23. Members in attendance: Grant Isaac (chair), David Dubé, Blaine Favel, Greg Smith.</i>
8.4.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee meeting of December 15, 2014	The minutes were received for information.
8.4.2	Business arising	Business arising from the meeting was noted for information.
8.4.3	Statement of Investments Policies and Goals (SIP&G) – Long Term Diversified	The board approved the Statement of Investment Policies and Goals for the Long Term Diversified Strategies Investment Pool effective March 24, 2015, as provided, with an amendment to clarify that the Statement will apply to all potential eligible donors. <i>Secretary's note: Upon review of the SIP&G for the Long Term Diversified Strategies Investment Pool it was determined that "donors" are not defined or classified within the SIP&G, therefore no amendment was required.</i>
8.4.4	Capital Renewal Funding – high level financial model	This item was received for information.
8.4.5	Internal Investment Committee Terms of Reference	The board approved Joy Crawford as an additional voting member to the Internal Investment Committee and that the Manager, Pension and Investments be added as a voting member of the Internal Investment Committee.
8.4.5.1	Amendment to Annual Finance and Investment Committee and Board Work Plan	Effective March 24, 2015, the board approved a motion to amend the annual work plan of the Finance and Investment Committee, with changes applicable in 2014/15 and 2015/16, deferring the following items from the May to the June Board meetings: 1) Detailed Operating Budget approval (D.1.g); 2) Resource Allocation decisions (D.1.g). The Interim (11 month) Financial Report (D.4.a) will continue to be presented at the May meeting of the Board and the Operations Forecast (D.2.d) will continue to be presented in

		June. The board approved moving the “Pension Governance Document Review” (D.3.d) to the October meeting of the Board.
8.4.6	Quarterly Financial Reports	This item was received for information.
8.4.7	Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures Update	This item was received for information.
8.4.8	Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) Report Water Security – full update	This item was received for information.
8.4.9	Canada Research Chairs Status Update	This item was received for information.
8.4.10	Canada Foundation for Innovation Annual Update	This item was received for information.
8.4.11	Saskatchewan Innovation and Science Fund (ISF) Annual Update	This item was received for information.
8.4.12	Federal Indirect Costs of Research Program Annual Update	This item was received for information.
8.4.13	Residence and Meal Plan Rates for 2015/16	This item was received for information.
8.4.14	University Advancement and Community Engagement - Development Activity	This item was received for information.
8.4.15	Fixed Assets Policy Update	This item was received for information.
8.4.16	The George J. McLeod Chair – revision to Enhancement Chair	This item was received for information.
8.4.17	Presentation – Answering Council’s Question on Deficits and Financial Matters	This item was received for information.
8.5	Audit Committee	<i>The committee met on March 23. Members in attendance: Lee Ahenakew (chair), Joy Crawford, Linda Ferguson, Grant Isaac, Greg Smith.</i>
8.5.1	Minutes of the Audit Committee, December 15,	The minutes were received for information

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8.5.2	Draft Financial Statement Format	The board approved the draft Consolidated Financial Statements format for preparation of the 2014-15 Consolidated Financial Statements.
8.5.3	Audit Services Restructuring	The Audit Committee approved the restructuring of the Division of Audit Services and support for the applicable resources requirements effective May 1, 2015.
8.5.4	College of Medicine Audit	The Audit Committee approved that the College of Medicine audit be dropped from the 2014-2015 audit plan effective March 24, 2015
8.5.5	Final Audit Services Reports	This item was received for information.
8.5.6	Report on Audit Services Activities	This item was received for information.
8.5.7	Discussion re: reporting Provincial Audit Results	This item was received for information.
8.5.8	Compliance Declaration	This item was received for information.
8.5.9	Significant Legal Matters	This item was received for information.
9.	Information Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items Approved by Board of Governors between meetings since the December 16, 2014 meeting – None • Briefing on Tour and Reception for participants of the Governor Development and Certification Program – Dr. Ferguson communicated the participants' thanks. • Proposed dates for 2016-2018 Board Meetings
10.	Communications	Copies of correspondence between Premier Brad Wall and Greg Smith regarding revenue challenge facing Government of Saskatchewan were included in the materials.
11.	Other Business	No other business.
12.	<i>In camera</i> session	The board met <i>in camera</i> .
13.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 26, 2015.