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**REPORT OF MEETINGS OF THE
 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
 BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING
 Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

Board members present: Greg Smith (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Daphne Arnason, Joy Crawford, David Dubé, Blaine Favel, Kathryn Ford, Grant Isaac, Peter Stoicheff

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

Guests: Liz Harrison, U of S Visioning Committee (agenda item 3); Cheryl Carver, AVP Human Resources (agenda item 4)

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Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Identification of conflict of interest	With respect to the items on the meeting agenda, the following potential conflicts of interest were noted: Kathryn Ford, as a sessional lecturer in the College of Law is a member of CUPE 3287; the president of the USSU had a potential conflict of interest regarding agenda item 7.3.10 on the expansion of the USSU Child Care centre in RJD Williams Building.
2.	Minutes of December 14, 2015 and December 15, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business arising 	The minutes were received for information. There was no business arising.
3.	Visioning Document	Professor Liz Harrison and Lee Ahenakew, Board member on the Visioning Committee, spoke to the Board about the process the Visioning Committee followed in consulting with the university community and writing the first draft of the Vision, Mission and Values statement. Professor Harrison advised that all of the information being collected by the committee is being tracked and will be a good resource for future work.
4.	Risk Discussion – Total Rewards Strategy	Cheryl Carver, associate vice-president human resources spoke to: the university’s approach to total rewards strategy design; the key risks in the area of total rewards; the factors to consider; and next

		steps/mitigation strategies.
5.	Board only session	The Board met with the President Stoicheff
6.	President's report	President Stoicheff spoke to his report.
7.1	Human Resources Committee	<i>The committee met on March 28. Members in attendance: Kathryn Ford (chair), Daphne Arnason, Joy Crawford, Peter Stoicheff</i>
7.1.1	Minutes of Human Resources Committee meeting of December 15, 2015	The minutes were received for information.
7.1.2	Approval of the ASPA collective agreement	The Board of Governors approved the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association (ASPA), covering the period from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2019.
7.1.3	Approval of the CUPE 3287 (sessional lecturers) collective agreement	The Board of Governors approved the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 3287, covering the period from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2019, contingent upon a positive ratification by CUPE 3287 membership. (Kathryn Ford abstained from the vote due to her conflict of interest.)
7.1.4	Bargaining and labour relations update	This item was received for information.
7.1.5	Support for decanal success	This item was received for information.
7.1.6	Human Resources 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	Renewal, tenure and promotion appeals	The Board of Governors approved the award of Renewal of Probation, Tenure (Continuing Status) and Promotion effective July 1, 2016 as per the Collective Agreement, in accordance with the information provided in the meeting materials.
7.1.9	Provost and vice-president academic report on senior administrative appointments	This item was received for information.
7.1.10	Provost and vice-president academic report on senior academic appointments	This item was received for information.
7.1.11	Re-appointment of Vice-provost, Faculty Relations	The Board of Governors approved the re-appointment of Dr. Jim Germida as Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations for a two-year term effective July 1, 2016.

7.2	Governance and Executive Committee	<i>The committee met on March 28. Members in attendance: Lee Ahenakew (chair), David Dubé, Kathryn Ford, Peter Stoicheff, Greg Smith</i>
7.2.1	Minutes of the Governance and Executive Committee meeting of December 14, 2015	The minutes were received for information.
7.2.2	Business Arising - Board committee structure and work plan	This item was received for information.
7.2.3	Annual Public Accountability meeting and materials	This item was received for information.
7.2.4	Board representative for search committee, vice-president Indigenous engagement	The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Lee Ahenakew to the vice-provost, Indigenous engagement search committee.
7.2.5	Board representative for search committee, associate vice-president research	The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Kathryn Ford to the search committee for an associate vice-president research.
7.2.6	Board representative for search committee, university auditor	The Board of Governors appointed Daphne Arnason to the search committee for the University Auditor; and approved that the search procedures be amended so the University Secretary and Vice-President Finance and Resources designate a member of administration to be on the search committee instead of the Associate Vice-President Financial Services being automatically appointed.
7.2.7	Faculty member on Board	This item was received for information.
7.2.8	Approval of the presidential position profile	The Board of Governors approved the President Position Profile as provided, that was developed by the Presidential Search Committee in January 2015 following extensive consultation.
7.2.9	Presidential transition advisory committee update	This item was received for information.
7.2.10	Board governance documents	The Board of Governors approved the Board Governance Standards, the amendments to the Guidelines for Board Member Expenses, the amendments to the Guidelines Governing Board Member Responsibilities and the amendments to the Guidelines for In Camera and Board-only Sessions, with the further amendments noted from the governance and executive committee meeting, effective immediately with the travel expense reporting requirement commencing in the University's 2016-17 fiscal year.
7.2.11	Amendments to the conflict of interest form	Deferred to next meeting for decision.

7.2.12	Approval of position description for Board chair and vice chair	The Board of Governors approved the position descriptions for the board chair and vice chair as provided, effective immediately.
7.2.13	Approval of amendment to Board bylaws	The Board of Governors approved the amendments to the Board bylaws as provided, effective immediately.
7.2.14	Approval of amendment to Flag at Half-Mast Policy	The Board of Governors approved the revisions to the Flag at Half-Mast Policy as provided, effective immediately.
7.2.15	Use of University Seal Policy	The Board of Governors approved the amendments to the Use of the University Seal Policy as provided, effective March 30, 2016.
7.2.16	Report on Code of Conduct	This item was received for information.
7.2.17	Annual review of delegations by the Board	This item was received for information.
7.2.18	Provost's trend analysis of senior academic positions	This item was received for information.
7.2.19	Letter from Chief Felix Thomas	This item was received for information.
7.3	Land and Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on March 28. Members in attendance: Linda Ferguson (chair), Lee Ahenakew, David Dubé, Grant Isaac, Jack Saddleback</i>
7.3.1	Minutes of the Land and Facilities Committee meeting of December 14, 2015	The minutes were received for information.
7.3.2	Update on Capital Planning Progress	This item was received for information.
7.3.3	RenewUS Overview	This item was received for information.
7.3.4	RenewUS – Collaborative Research and Renewal Decant Building	Management was asked to bring this item back to the June meeting with further information.
7.3.5	RenewUS Office Space Decant Building	Management was asked to bring this item back to the June meeting with further information.
7.3.6	RenewUS W.P. Thompson (Biology) Building Renewal	Management was asked to bring this item back to the June meeting with further information.
7.3.7	University Library Transformation Phase 3 – overall schedule	This item was received for information.
7.3.8	University Library Transformation Phase 3 – Closed Access Storage	The Board of Governors granted Board 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule, and capital and operating budgets for the University Library Transformation Phase 3 - Closed Access Storage - General Purpose Building project.
7.3.9	Relationship Management System Phase 1 - ICT	The Board of Governors granted Board 1 and 2 approval for phase 1 of the Relationship Management System (RMS) including a

		capital budget and an ongoing operating allocation.
7.3.10	Expansion of University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) Childcare Centre in RJD Williams Building	The Board of Governors granted Board 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, schedule and capital and operating budgets for the Expansion of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Childcare Centre in RJD Williams Building - Childcare Expansion project, subject to confirmation of the final funding sources. (Jack Saddleback, USSU President, abstained from the vote due to his conflict of interest.)
7.3.11	Ice Facility naming opportunities – values for named assets	The Board of Governors approved the Ice Facility Naming Opportunities List as provided for the proposed Ice Facility.
7.3.12	Naming items approved by the President's Advisory Committee on Naming University Assets	It was reported that the following items were approved by the President's Advisory Committee on Naming University Assets between the December 2015 and March 2016 in-person Board meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rawlinson Resource Centre for Aboriginal Business Students – previously the Rawlco Resource Centre • USSU Childcare Centre – McKeown Park and Williamson Building
7.3.13	Major Capital Projects – status report update	This item was received for information.
7.3.14	Off Campus Holdings	This item was received for information.
7.3.15	Update on Delegated Administrative Approvals	This item was received for information.
7.4	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on March 28. Members in attendance: Grant Isaac (chair), David Dubé, Jack Saddleback, Greg Smith</i>
7.4.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee, December 14, 2015	The minutes were received for information.
7.4.1.1	Business arising and action items	This item was received for information.
7.4.2	Quarterly financial report	This item was received for information.
7.4.3	Approval for 2016/17 tuition rates	The Board of Governors approved the tuition rates as provided.
7.4.4	Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIPPs) for the Money Purchase Pension Plan and the Research Pension Plan	This item was received for information.
7.4.5	Advancement and Communication Engagement	This item was received for information.

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7.4.6	Select research funding annual update	This item was received for information.
7.4.7	Debt Policy	The Board of Governors approved the Debt Policy, effective May 1, 2016; and approved the deletion of the Capital Debt Policy and Internal Loan Policy, effective May 1, 2016.
7.5	Audit Committee	<i>The committee met on March 29. Members in attendance: Joy Crawford (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Daphne Arnason, Linda Ferguson, Greg Smith</i>
7.5.1	Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of December 14, 2015	The minutes were received for information.
7.5.2	Outstanding action items	This item was received for information.
7.5.3	KPMG Review of Audit Services	This item was received for information.
7.5.4	Report on Audit Services activities	This item was received for information.
7.5.5	Review Enterprise Risk Management Implementation Plan	This item was received for information.
7.5.6	2014/15 Financial statements – draft format	The Board of Governors approved the draft form for the 2015-2016 Consolidated Financial Statements as provided in the meeting materials.
7.5.7	Outstanding Legal Matters verbal report	This item was received for information.
7.5.8	Compliance Declaration	This item was received for information.
7.5.9	Closed session items	This item was received for information.
8.	Appointment of Board chair and vice-chair	On the recommendation of the special committee regarding nominations for the positions of chair and vice-chair, the Board of Governors approved that Lee Ahenakew be appointed as chair of the board for a two-year term and that David Dubé be appointed as vice-chair of the board for a two-year term, both commencing the earlier of July 1, 2016 or when Greg Smith's replacement on the board is named.
9.	Correspondence from Deputy Minister of Advanced Education	The Board was informed that a letter was received in February 2016 from Deputy Minister Louise Greenberg, following up on the initiative of the Ministry of Advanced Education to improve governance in the post-secondary education sector in Saskatchewan.
10.	Items approved by board electronically since December	The following three items were approved by the Board via electronic ballot since the last in-person Board meeting:

	15 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of Martin Phillipson as Dean of the College of Law for a five-year renewable term effective July 1, 2016• Appointment of Chad London as Dean of the College of Kinesiology for a five-year renewable term effective November 1, 2016• Naming item – Moeller Resource Room at the Edwards School of Business
11.	<i>In-camera</i> session	The board met in-camera without the president present.
12.	Adjournment and date of next meeting	The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 21, 2016.