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**REPORT OF MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING
Thursday, October 6, 2016**

Board members present: Lee Ahenakew (chair), Daphne Arnason, Joy Crawford, David Dubé, Blaine Favel, Kathryn Ford, Kehan Fu, Jay Kalra, Peter Stoicheff

Resource officers: Michael Atkinson, Karen Chad, Greg Fowler, Debra Pozega Osburn, Elizabeth Williamson (secretary)

Guests: Doug Freeman, Dean, Western College of Veterinary Medicine; Johannes Dyring, Managing Director, Industry Liaison Office

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/>

Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Identification of conflict of interest	The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 am on Thursday, October 6, 2016 and acknowledged that the Board was meeting on Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. With respect to items on the meeting agenda, no potential conflicts of interest were identified.
2.	Minutes of July 25, 2016 and August 30, 2016	The minutes of July 25, 2016 were approved. The minutes of the August 30, 2016 were approved with one amendment.
3.	Dean's presentation	Dean Doug Freeman, Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WVCM) provided information to the Board on a number of recent notable events and accomplishments of the WVCM. Dean Freeman explained that WVCM's biggest challenges are taking advantage of all the opportunities that lie before them. Also, the province has had some difficulties understanding partnering with the three other western provinces. The third challenge he spoke to was having a presence in all four provinces and that there is now another veterinary college in Alberta. Dean Freeman explained that the WVCM is a very

		competitive college receiving far more applications than seats, but still very active in recruiting to ensure recruitment of top students.
4.	Strategy session	<p>Johannes Dyring, Managing Director of the Industry Liaison Office (ILO) explained that ILO strives to turn knowledge into practical applications and assist in knowledge mobilization. The mission of the ILO is to create significant, sustainable and measurable value for society and industry. The ILO's business idea is to initiate, support and develop, invest in and manage innovative, knowledge based solutions with high impact - moving from just supporting the inventor to developing the ideas in collaboration with the inventor, researcher or student and managing the value creation efforts.</p> <p>He added that the ILO is about maximizing impact. As ideas come to the ILO, the ILO should be able to recognize the most successful pathway to create the greatest value. ILO is very good at licensing start-ups but would like to have a wider mindset when an idea comes in, determine where the idea could fit in in the world, and then focus on results. It should also be possible for the ILO to identify a need in society and encourage the creation of a solution for the need. Universities create start-ups which then create their own ecosystems for innovation. Dr. Dyring also spoke about the office's financial and value creation. The ILO needs to: face stakeholder needs; improve internal processes; work on organizational capacity – such as competencies and capital; and become a proactive office.</p>
5.	<i>Board only</i> session	The Board met with the President only.
6.	President's report	The President spoke to his written report.
7.1	Governance and Executive Committee	<i>The committee met on October 5. Members in attendance: David Dubé (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Kathryn Ford, Jay Kalra, Peter Stoicheff</i>
7.1.1	Minutes of Governance and Executive Committee, June 20, 2016	The minutes were received for information.
7.1.2	Request from Agricultural Organizations for Board Member with Agricultural Experience	This item was received for information.
7.1.3	Board and Board member assessment process	This item was received for information.

7.1.4	Amendment to Bylaws of the Board of Governors	A proposed motion to amend the bylaw regarding appointment of the University Solicitor was made but following much discussion the motion was removed by the mover. It was agreed more information would be brought to the Governance and Executive Committee for further consideration at the next meeting.
7.1.5	Enterprise Risk Management Policy	The Board approved the Enterprise Risk Management Policy effective January 1, 2017 with implementation of specific recommendations made at the Governance and Executive Committee meeting.
7.1.6	Amendment to the Signing Authority Policy	The Board approved the amendments to the Signing Authority Policy as presented to the Governance and Executive Committee with a more complete definition of 'contract'.
7.1.7	Prairies Swine Centre – amending articles and approval of bylaw	The Board of Governors as the current 'members' of Prairie Swine Centre Inc. (PSCI), passed the resolution amending the PSCI articles of incorporation to change the definition of 'member' from the individual members of the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan to the 'University of Saskatchewan' to allow for delegation of the member's responsibilities as set out in the attached Appendix A provided at the meeting.
7.1.8	Language acknowledging Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Métis	The Board adopted the following language for use at the start of its meetings and at the start of any day of the Board committees meeting effective immediately: "As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty Six Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another".
7.1.9	Review of 2016-17 annual budget for the Board of Governors	This item was received for information.
7.2	Human Resources Committee	<i>The committee met on October 5. Members in attendance: Kathryn Ford (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Joy Crawford, Peter Stoicheff</i>
7.2.1	Minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of June 20, 2016	The minutes were received for information.
7.2.2	Bargaining and labour relations update	This item was received for information.
7.2.3	Safety, environment, health and wellness update	This item was received for information.
7.2.4	Appointment of chief information officer and associate vice-president	The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Shari Baraniuk as the Chief Information Officer and

	information and communications technology	Associate Vice-President Information and Communications Technology for a two-year term effective October 7, 2016.
7.2.5	Provost and vice-president academic reports on senior administrative appointments	This item was received for information.
7.2.6	Provost and vice-president academic reports on senior academic appointments	This item was received for information.
7.3	Land and Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on October 5. Members in attendance: Daphne Arnason (chair), David Dubé, Kehan Fu, Jay Kalra</i>
7.3.1	Minutes of the Land and Facilities Committee meeting July 25, 2016	The minutes were received for information.
7.3.2	Capital planning update	This item was received for information.
7.3.3	Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) proposals exceeding \$500,000	The Board of Governors granted Board 1 and 2 approval of the final programme, capital and operating budgets for the U of S Mobile Animal Metabolism and Morphology Analysis Laboratory CFI proposal.
7.3.4	Preston substation T3 Transformer update	The Board of Governors granted Board 1 and 2 approval of the final project location, programme, design, capital and operating budgets for the Preston Substation T3 Transformer Upgrade.
7.3.5	Major capital projects status	The Board of Governors granted Board 1 and 2 approval of the programme and capital cost for Phase 1 of the University Livestock Facility (construction of the Beef Cattle Research and Teaching Unit (BCRTU) on university land near Clavet, replacing the current feedlot on north Preston in Saskatoon); and granted Board 1 and 2 approval of the project programme and capital cost for Phase 2 of the University Livestock Facility (construction of the Forage and Cow Calf Research and Teaching Unit (FCRTU) (stage 1) on university land adjacent to the BCRTU near Clavet plus a modest refresh of animal handling facilities at Goodale near Floral).
7.3.6	Update on delegated administrative approvals	This item was received for information.
7.4	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on October 5. Members in attendance: David Dubé (chair), Kehan Fu, Jay Kalra</i>
7.4.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee, July 25, 2016	The minutes were received for information.

7.4.2	Quarterly financial report	This item was received for information.
7.4.3	University relations report	This item was received for information.
7.4.4	Capital loans and deficit report	This item was received for information.
7.4.5	Internal loan - Collaborative Sciences Research Building	The Board of Governors approved the following subject to future guidance on internal loans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An internal loan for the Collaborative Science Research Building project. • Repayment of the internal loan over 20 years from the annual operating budget contribution to RenewUS.
7.4.6.	Supplementary executive retirement plan	The Board of Governors approved Plan Amendment 2016-1 for the Supplementary Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) effective July 1, 2016.
7.4.7	Update on accumulated fund balance	This item was received for information.
7.5	Audit Committee	<i>The committee met on October 5. Members in attendance: Joy Crawford (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Daphne Arnason</i>
7.5.1	Minutes of the Audit Committee July 25, 2016 and September 23, 2016 meetings	The minutes were received for information.
7.5.2	Outstanding action items	This item was received for information.
7.5.3	Final internal audit executive reports	This item was received for information.
7.5.4	Report on audit services activities	This item was received for information.
7.5.5	Enterprise risk management status update	This item was received for information.
7.5.6	IT Security	This item was received for information.
7.5.7	Outstanding legal matters	This item was received for information.
7.5.8	Compliance Declaration	This item was received for information.
8.	Correspondence	This item was received for information.
9.	Items from University Council - Disestablishment of divisions of the College of Arts & Science	By request of University Council, the Board of Governors authorized the disestablishment of the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Division of Social Sciences, and the Division of Science from within the College of Arts

		and Science, effective November 1, 2016, conditional upon confirmation by Senate of the disestablishment of these academic divisions.
10.	Other Business	Chancellor Favel thanked the board for his experience noting how much he had enjoyed his role as Chancellor and participating on the Board and stating how proud he was of this institution. The president advised that Chancellor Favel will be moving into an advisory capacity to the president on five different matters and continuing to serve the university in this new capacity. The Board chair thanked Chancellor Favel for his service to the university and for the opportunity to work with him.
11.	<i>In camera session</i>	The Board met <i>in camera</i> without the President.
12.	Adjournment and date of next meeting.	The meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.