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**REPORT OF MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDING
Wednesday, October 11 & Thursday, October 12, 2017**

Board members present: Lee Ahenakew (Chair), Daphne Arnason, Shelley Brown, Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, David D'Eon, Grant Isaac, Jay Kalra, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff

Resource officers: Beth Bilson (secretary), Karen Chad, Greg Fowler, Debra Pozega Osburn, Tony Vannelli

Guests: John Root (executive director Sylvia Fedoruk Centre for Nuclear Innovation Inc.

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.	Approval of agenda and identification of conflicts	The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and acknowledged that the Board was meeting on Treaty Six territory and the homeland of the Métis. The agenda was approved as distributed. New Board members were welcomed. No conflicts were identified.
2.	Minutes of meeting of July 24, 2017	The minutes were approved as distributed.
2.1	Business arising	None.
3.	In-camera session - appointment of the vice-chair	On the recommendation of the Board's Special Committee for Nomination of the Board chair and vice-chair, the Board approved the appointment of Shelley Brown as Board vice-chair for a two year term effective October 11, 2017.
4.	President's statement	President Stoicheff used his statement to set the scene for new Board members, and alluded to some of the positive and negative features of the university's current situation.
5,	University plan	The Board was briefed on the University plan at its June 2017 meeting. The Provost and vice-president academic, Tony Vannelli and the vice-president University Relations,

		Debra Pozega Osburn provided an update describing the way the plan is being formulated.
6.	Standing Committees	
6.1	Governance and Executive Committee	<i>The committee met October 12, 2017. Members in attendance: Shelley Brown (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Jay Kalra, Peter Stoicheff</i>
6.1.1	Minutes of the Governance and Executive Committee meeting of June 20, 2017	The minutes were received for information.
6.1.2	Appointments 6.1.2.1 Appointment of members to standing and ad hoc committees and appointment of chairs to standing committees 6.1.2.2 Appointment of Board member to Joint Committee on Search and Review Procedures for Senior Administrators	The Board approved that the appointment of chairs be as indicated in the chart circulated prior to the meeting; and that Daphne Arnason be appointed as the Board representative on the Amati Committee; And That Grant Isaac be appointed as the Board representative to the Joint Committee on Search and Review Procedures for Senior Administrators
6.1.3	Board orientation	A verbal report was received for information.
6.1.4	Board retreat – Regina	A verbal update to plans for a Board retreat in Regina was received for information. The retreat was postponed.
6.1.5	Reception with St. Thomas More Board of Governors	This item was received for information.
6.1.6	Board and Board member assessment	This item was received for information.
6.1.7	Guidelines for communications	The Board of Governors approved the guidelines for Board communications. The guidelines replace the previous statement on media calls, effective immediately.
6.1.8	Guidelines on use of personal email accounts	The Board approved the guidelines on use of personal e-mail accounts effective immediately.
6.1.9	Annual work plan and terms of reference	This item was received for information.
6.2	Finance and Investment Committee	<i>The committee met on October 11. Members in attendance: Grant Isaac (chair), Shelley Brown, David D'Eon, Jay Kalra</i>
6.2.1	Minutes of the Finance and Investment Committee meeting of July 24, 2017	The minutes were received for information.
6.2.2	Business arising	This item was received for information.

6.2.3	Quarterly financial report	This item was received for information.
6.2.4	Tuition rate approval timelines 2018-2019	The Board approved the change in timing of annual tuition rate-setting to its March meeting (instead of December), to commence with the setting of the new 2018-19 tuition and fee rates.
6.2.5	Fundraising/Advancement report	This item was received for information.
6.2.6	Debt report (previously called capital loans and debt report)	This item was received for information.
6.2.7	Statement of Investment Policy and Goals (long term and long term diversified strategies pool)	The Board approved the updated Statement of Investment Policy and Goals (Long-term Pool and Long-term Diversified Strategies Pool) effective October 12, 2017.
6.2.8	Non Academic Pension Plan – filing of actuarial valuation report	The Board approved the actuarial valuation for the Non Academic Pension Plan for filing with revised payments retroactive to January 1, 2017.
6.2.9	Academic defined benefit pension plan investment manager changes – Canadian real estate and global low volatility equity	The Board approved: 1. Greystone Managed Investments Inc. be appointed as the Canadian Real Estate manager effective October 31, 2017 or as soon as feasible. 2. Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. be appointed for the new Global low volatility equity strategy effective October 31, 2017 or as soon as feasible.
6.2.10	Terms of reference and work plan	This item was received for information.
6.2.11	Revised signing authority policy	The Board approved the revised Signing Authority Policy, effective immediately.
6.3	Human Resources Committee	<i>The committee met on October 11, 2017. Members in attendance were: Joy Crawford, Lee Ahenakew, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff</i>
6.3.1	Minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of June 19, 2017	The minutes were received for information.
6.3.1.1	Business arising	This item was received for information.
6.3.2	Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) – Graduate student employee collective agreement	The Board approved the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) representing graduate student employees, covering the period from April 23, 2015 to August 31, 2019, contingent upon a positive ratification by PSAC membership.

6.3.3	Appointment of Dr. Darcy Marciniuk as associate vice-president, Research	The Board appointed Dr. Darcy Marciniuk to the position of associate vice-president, Research for a term from October 1, 2017 until September 20, 2022.
6.3.4	Bargaining and Labour Relations update	This item was received for information.
6.3.5	Safety, Environment, Health and Wellness	This item was received for information.
6.3.6	Human resources – annual terms of reference and work plan review	This item was received for information.
6.3.7	Senior administrative appointments	This item was received for information.
6.3.8	Senior academic appointments	This item was received for information.
6.4	Land and Facilities Committee	<i>The committee met on October 11, 2017. Members in attendance: Daphne Arnason (chair), David D'Eon, Grant Devine, Jay Kalra</i>
6.4.1	The minutes of the Land and Facilities Committee meeting June 19, 2017	The minutes were received for information.
6.4.1.1	Business arising and action items	This item was received for information.
6.4.2	Land lease in College Quarter to City of Saskatoon	The Board approved the lease of approximately 0.8 acres of land, to the City of Saskatoon for the purpose of building a new firehall, subject to the up-front recovery of the full cost of servicing the site in the lease terms and recovery of annual common area management charges.
6.4.3	Western Economic Diversification (WD) proposals exceeding \$500K	The Board approved for submission the two proposals described in the materials circulated.
6.4.4	University livestock facility	This item was received for information.
6.4.5	6.4.5.1 Naming of the beef cattle research and teaching building at the new Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence (Clavet) 6.4.5.2 Room 45, Edwards School of Business named the Allsopp Learning Lab 6.4.5.3 Peter MacKinnon Building Board Room 238 – named for Emmett Hall	The Board of Governors approved the naming of the beef cattle research and teaching building as the Livestock and Food Building Founding Partner: A&W Food Services Canada Inc. effective immediately. This item was received for information. This item was received for information.
6.4.6	Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) funded projects: ongoing	This discussion item was received for information.

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6.4.7	Update on Preston Crossing retail development	This item was received for information.
6.4.8	Major capital projects – portfolio and status updates	This item was received for information.
6.4.9	Update on delegated administrative approvals	This item was received for information.
6.4.10	Annual terms of reference and work plan review	This discussion item was received for information.
6.5	Audit Committee	<i>The Audit Committee met on October 11, 2017. Members in attendance: Joy Crawford (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Daphne Arnason, Grant Isaac, Roy Romanow</i>
6.5.1	The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of July 24, 2017	The minutes were received for information.
6.5.2	Business arising	This item was received for information.
6.5.3	Progress report on provincial auditor's recommendations	This item was received for information.
6.5.4	Enterprise risk management update	This item was received for information.
6.5.5	Enterprise risk management policy – draft	This discussion item was received for information.
6.5.6	Audit services activities report	This item was received for information.
6.5.7	Compliance, privacy, ethics and legal update	This item was received for information.
6.5.8	Audit committee work plan	This item was received for information.
6.5.9	Closed session items - Vice-president, finance and resources and audit committee members - Interim chief audit executive and audit committee members	Closed session.
7.	Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation, Inc. Annual Meeting	The Board met as the Member of the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation Inc.
8.	Policy Oversight Committee Annual Report 2017	This item was received for information.
9.	Merger of retiree organizations – request for transfer of funds	The Board approved the transfer of residual assets of the Non-academic Retirees' Association to the University of Saskatchewan Retirees' Association, effective October 12, 2017.

10.	Correspondence received	This item was received for information.
11.	Electronic approvals	On August 8, 2017 the Board electronically approved the appointment of Gordon Hunchak to the position of associate vice-president, strategic communications/chief communications officer, University Relations, effective September 19, 2017.
12.	The Allard Foundation Chair in Veterinary Oncology	The Board approved the establishment of the Allard Foundation Chair in Veterinary Oncology effective July 1, 2018.
13.	Adjournment and date of next meeting	The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. The next meetings of committees and the Board will be held December 7 & 8, 2017.