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**REPORT OF MEETING OF THE  
 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
 BOARD ROOM, PETER MACKINNON BUILDIN  
 October 10 & 11, 2018**

Board members present: Lee Ahenakew (Chair), Allan Adam, Shelley Brown, Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, Grant Isaac, Jay Kalra, Ritu Malhotra, Brent Kobes, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff

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

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<http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/governing-bodies/board-of-governors/>

Agenda Item	Subject	Comments/Decisions
1.	Call to order	The chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 am on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. He acknowledged the presence of the Board on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Metis. He welcomed Brent Kobes, interim president of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, and thanked him for his participation.
2.	President's opening remarks	<p>The president noted that it is an exciting time for the university and spoke to events such as the recent Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence grand opening, the launching of the University Plan, and several opening events for Merlis Belsher Place.</p> <p>After setting the tone for the meeting, the president concluded by expressing his thanks to Brent Kobes for stepping into the role of interim USSU president.</p>
3.	Governor Conflicts of interest	A member noted that he would not be taking part in any discussion of the Resident Doctors

		of Saskatchewan collective agreement, as he has two children who are medical residents.
4.	Approval of the consent agenda	The Board of Governors approved the consent agenda as presented: Agenda item 3: Minutes of the meeting the meeting of July 27, 2018 Agenda item 7.3.7: Audit Services Audit plan revision Agenda item 7.4.3 Confidential Agenda item 7.4.4 Confidential
5.	Approval of the agenda	The agenda was approved as distributed.
6.	Business arising	None identified.
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Governance and Executive Committee</b>	<i>The committee met on October 10, 2018. Members in attendance: Shelley Brown (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Joy Crawford, Jay Kalra, Peter Stoicheff</i>
7.1.1	The minutes of the June 25 meeting of the Governance and Executive Committee meeting	The minutes were received for information as amended.
7.1.2	Business arising	This item was received for information.
7.1.3	Appointment of acting USSU president to standing committees	The Board of Governors approved the appointment of the acting USSU president Brent Kobes to the Finance and Investment and Land and Facilities committee effective immediately for this meeting only.
7.1.4	Searches and reviews of senior administrators	Provost and vice-president academic, Tony Vannelli provided a verbal report on the six searches and two reviews that his office is currently conducting. Several appointments were recently approved by the Board via electronic ballot.
7.1.5	Update on Browne Governance recommendations	This item was provided for information.
7.1.6	Update on bylaw review	This item was provided for information.
7.1.7	Approval of Board governance standards	This item was deferred to December.
7.1.8	Reception with Cabinet	This item was received for information.
7.1.9	Reception with St. Thomas More College Board of Directors	This item was received for information.

7.1.10	Review of committee work plan	This item was received for information.
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Finance and Investment Committee</b>	<i>The committee met October 10, 2018. Members in attendance: Grant Isaac (chair), Shelley Brown, Grant Devine, Jay Kalra, Brent Kobes</i>
7.2.1	The minutes of the June 25, 2018 Finance and Investment Committee	The minutes were received for information.
7.2.2	Business arising	None
7.2.3	Quarterly financial report information	This item was received for information.
7.2.4	Financial sustainability project	This item was received for information.
7.2.5	2019-20 Operations forecast	This item was received for information.
7.2.6	Confidential	
7.2.7	Fundraising/Advancement report	This item was received for information.
7.2.8	Debt report	The report was received with no discussion.
7.2.9	Tuition and Fees Authorization Policy	The Board approved the revisions of the Tuition and Fees Authorization Policy.
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<i>The committee met October 10, 2018. Members in attendance: Joy Crawford (chair), Allan Adam, Lee Ahenakew, Roy Romanow</i>
7.3.1	The minutes of the July 27, 2019 meeting of the Audit Committee	The minutes were received for information as amended.
7.3.2	Business arising and action items	Action items are being addressed according to established timelines.
7.3.3	Progress report on Provincial Auditor's recommendations	Mr. Greg Fowler, Vice-President, Finance and Resources, provided an update to the committee on progress made on recommendations from the Provincial Auditor's Certain Other Matters letter.
7.3.4	University Risk Management updated	Mr. Fowler provided the report updating management's progress implementing the university risk management (URM) program.
7.3.5	University Risk Management Risk Validation Session	Ms. Dailene Kells, Chief Audit Executive, led the risk validation session which is part of the committee's risk oversight role.
7.3.6	Audit Services activities update	The update was provided for information.

7.3.7	Confidential	
7.3.8	Compliance, Privacy, Ethics and Legal update	This report was received with no discussion.
7.3.9	Terms of reference and annual work plan	The Board approved the Audit committee work plan and terms of reference effective October 10, 2018.
<b>7.4</b>	<b>Land and Facilities Committee</b>	<i>The committee met October 11, 2018. Members in attendance: Ritu Malhotra (chair), Allan Adam, Grant Devine, Jay Kalra</i>
7.4.1	Minutes of the June 25 meeting of the Land and Facilities Committee	The minutes were received for information.
7.4.1.1	Business arising from previous minutes and action items	The business arising action items from the previous minutes were accepted as circulated.
7.4.1.2	Action plan for future items	The Action Plan for Future Item as of October 2018 was accepted as circulated. It was noted that the Board members appreciated receiving the information.
7.4.2	Confidential	
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7.4.5	Confidential	
7.4.6	Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association Metabolism Barn	The Board of Governors approved the naming of the metabolism barn (room 126) in the Livestock and Food Building at the Clavet site of the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence to the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association Metabolism Barn.
7.4.7	Merlis Belsher Place, Merlis Belsher Arena, Merlis Belsher Community Rink	The Board of Governors approved the named recognition of the new multi-sport complex and twin ice pads as Merlis Belsher Place, Merlis Belsher Arena and Merlis Belsher Community Rink in recognition of Mr. Belsher's gift in support of the construction of the complex and ice pads.

7.4.8	Report on naming recommendations	This report was received for information.
7.4.9	Land Development update	This update was received for information.
7.4.10	Major capital projects – portfolio and status updates	These updates were received for information.
7.4.11	Update on delegated administrative approvals	The report was accepted as presented.
7.4.12	Land and Facilities annual work plan review	The revisions to the work plan were accepted as presented.
<b>7.5</b>	<b>Human Resources Committee</b>	<i>The committee met on October 10, 2018. Members in attendance: Ritu Malhotra (chair), Lee Ahenakew, Joy Crawford, Roy Romanow, Peter Stoicheff</i>
7.5.1	The minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting of the Human Resources Committee	The minutes were received for information.
7.5.2	Business arising	None.
7.5.3	Smoking, Alcohol and Substances Policy	The Board of Governors approved the Smoking, Alcohol, and Substances Policy effective immediately.  Discussion took place around the education and awareness work that will support this policy, as well as the university's approach for handling medical accommodations and impairment.
7.5.4	Approval of the Resident Doctors of Saskatchewan Collective Agreement	The Board of Governors approved the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Resident Doctors of Saskatchewan (RDoS), covering the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, contingent upon a positive ratification by RDoS membership.
7.5.5	Bargaining & Labour Relations Update	This update was received for information.
7.5.6	Safety, Environment, Health and Wellness update	This update was received for information.
7.5.7	Search procedure for Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS) Executive Director & CEO Search and Appointment of Interim CEO	The Board of Governors approved the outlined process for the search of the Executive Director & CEO of Global Institute of Food Security

		(GIFS); and Appointed Steve Visscher as Interim Executive Director & CEO of GIFS, effective December 1, 2018, while the international search process takes place.
7.5.8	The Provost and Vice-President Academic reports on senior administrative appointments	The report was received for information.
7.5.9	The Provost and Vice-President Academic reports on senior academic appointments	The report was received for information.
7.5.10	HR Committee work plan review	The committee approved the changes to the work plan.
8.	Planning update 2018	Provost and vice-president Tony Vannelli and vice-president University Relations, Debra Pozega Osburn, provided this update and referred to the steps in the evolution of the University Plan since 2015, noting that other plans are necessary to bring the central plan to life. Academic and support units have been asked to provide their plans, and the provost and Vice-President Fowler will use those plans as a basis for aligning resource allocation, budgeting and academic programming. There are also a number of university-wide functional plans in preparation – in teaching and learning, internationalization, Indigenization, research and university relations. Vice-president Debra Pozega Osburn noted that work is going on with each dean to set fundraising goals, and also to look at the capacity that will be required to meet those goals.
9.	Brand Creation	Vice-president Pozega Osburn was joined by associate vice-president Gordon Hunchak to present on the proposed new brand platform for the University. The adoption of the new plan provides a foundation for a fresh consideration of how the university wishes to present itself. This exercise is tied to fundraising, but also to alumni and community engagement, institutional reputation and other considerations.

10.	Policy Oversight Committee annual report	The report was received for information.
11.	Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships 11.1 Edwards Enhancement Chair 11.2 Nutrien Chair in clinical research	The motion to approve the Edwards Enhancement Chair was deferred pending further discussion.  The Board approved the establishment of a Nutrien Chair in Clinical Research on the basis of the terms of reference circulated in the Board materials.
12.	Items approved by the Board electronically	These items were dealt with in the report of the governance and executive committee.
13.	Correspondence received	The correspondence was received for information.
14.	<i>In-camera</i> session	Closed session.
15.	Adjournment and date of next meeting	The meeting adjourned at 12 noon and the Board moved into the first of its strategy sessions. The next meeting will be held December 10 & 11, 2018.