

University Board Public Minutes – April 2023

April 17 & 18, 2023

Emmett Hall Boardroom – PMB 238

- Present:** Shelley Brown (chair), Joy Crawford, Grant Devine, Nadeem Jamail, Abhineet Goswami, Ritu Malhotra, Marty Seymour, Louise Simard, Grit McCreath, Peter Stoicheff, Keith Martell (via zoom)
- Regrets:** Airini (for most of the meeting)
- Also in Attendance:** Patti McDougall, Greg Fowler, Devan Mescal, David Stack, Cheryl Hamelin, Baljit Singh, Dara Hrytzak, Julian Demkiw (secretary), Anna Okapiec (recording secretary)
- Guests:** Janet Tootoosis, Vice-Dean Indigenous Health, College of Medicine, and Elder Harvey Thunderchild (agenda item 14)

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed

CARRIED

2. Chair's Remarks – in-camera board only

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 am starting with a land acknowledgment. The chair went over the agenda for the next two days.

3. Welcome and introductions – management joins the meeting

Management joined the meeting at 8:45 am

4. President's statement

The President noted the balanced budget, the growing profile of USask beyond the province, the Singapore conference he attended, the recent BMO donation, and the progress on EDI work as well as the next steps in the implementation of the indigenous verification policy that was approved by the board last July.

5. Declaration of conflict of interest

Nadeem Jamali declared a conflict with URC's renewal, tenure and promotion recommendations from the College of Arts & Science.

6. Approval of Board minutes from December 2022 (regular & public)

The minutes were approved as presented.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the consent agenda

Committee and Board proper decision items were presented via consent agenda.
The Board of Governors approved the agenda as distributed.

CARRIED

Audit and Finance Committee

6.7 Approval of start-up financing for the land trust

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit and Finance committee, the Board of Governors approves a loan to USask Properties Investment Inc. in a maximum amount of \$5 million for startup funding.*

6.8 Procurement policy

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit and Finance committee, the Board of Governors approves the new Procurement policy effective May 1, 2023.*

6.9 Proposed 2023-2024 internal audit plan

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approves the 2023-2024 Internal Audit Plan and budget as presented effective April 17, 2023.*

6.13 2023-24 University Budget

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approves the 2023/24 comprehensive budget as presented in the attached schedules.*

Governance and Executive Committee

7.3 USask Properties Investment Inc. shareholder representative

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Governance & Executive Committee, and pursuant to s. 134(2) of The Business Corporations Act (Saskatchewan), the Board of Governors authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to act as the university's representative at meetings of the shareholders of USask Properties Investment Inc.*

7.4. Board appointees to searches

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Governance and Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approves the appointment of the following members to the following search and review committees effective immediately.*

Grant Devine - Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS), Executive Director Review

Grit McCreath - Director and CEO of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) Review

Louise Simard - Associate Vice-president People & Chief Human Resources Officer Search

Joy Crawford - Associate Vice-president Information and Communications Technology and Chief Information Officer Search



Human Resources Committee

8.6 CUPE 3287 – USask Collective Agreement

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Human Resources committee, the Board of Governors approves the tentative collective agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 3287, covering the period from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2025, contingent on CUPE 3287 membership ratifying these terms.*

8.7 Principles and roles guiding collective bargaining

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Human Resources committee, the Board of Governors approves the updated principles and roles guiding collective bargaining, effective immediately.*

8.8 Renewal, tenure, and promotion recommendations

Motion: *It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the award of Renewal of Probation, Tenure, and Promotion to faculty who received positive recommendations effective July 1, 2023.*

8.9 Promotion approval from 2021-22

Motion: *It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the award of Promotion to Associate Professor for two faculty who received positive recommendations effective July 1, 2022.*

8.10 Arts and Science Dean recommendation

Motion: *That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Dr. Brooke Milne as Dean, College of Arts and Science for a five-year renewable term effective August 1, 2023.*

Land and Facilities Committee

9.5 Annual PMR plan

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land & Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the 2023/24 Annual Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) plan effective May 1, 2023.*

9.6 Electrical infrastructure upgrades program

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors provides final approval to proceed with the Engineering Distribution Equipment Replacement project under the Electrical Infrastructure Renewal Program with preliminary expenditures for the procurement of the long lead items (at a cost of approximately \$775,000) and an overall capital cost of \$3.386 million.*

9.8 IntegrOmes (CFI Innovation Fund) – Native Hoofstock Centre

Motion: *The Board of Governors provides final approval for the Native Hoofstock Centre (NHC) renovations (Phase 2 of the Integrated Genomics for Sustainable Animal Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship project) at an estimated total capital cost of \$3.75 million.*



9.9 PacBio Revio (major equipment purchase)

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the Global Institute for Food Security's purchase of the PacBio Revio System at a capital cost of \$995,633.*

9.10 Naming Committee Recommendations

9.10.1 CL3 Hallway entrance within VIDO to be named "Albrechtsen-Leggett Research Wing"

9.10.2 Room 1200 within VIDO to be named "The Ron and Jane Graham Boardroom"

9.10.3 Laboratory within AgBio to be named "BMO Soil Analytical Laboratory"

Motion: *On the recommendation of the President's Advisory Committee on Naming University Assets and Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the honourific naming for the hallway housing a number of CL3 laboratories, to be referred to as the "Albrechtsen-Leggett Research Wing" within the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization building; the naming of the existing boardroom to be referred to as "The Ron and Jane Graham Boardroom" within the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) Building, and the naming of a laboratory (5D11) within the Agriculture Building, to be referred to as the "BMO Soil Analytical Laboratory" within the College of Agriculture.*

9.11 Purchase of research land in Aberdeen

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the purchase of a 149.32 acre Research Farm near Aberdeen for a total cost of up to \$5.27 million.*

9.12 Storm water management facility in College Quarter

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the College Quarter 14th Street location storm water management area which is consistent with the College Quarter Master Plan and supports moving forward with drafting terms for an agreement with the City of Saskatoon.*

9.13 WCVM – LINAC acquisition

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the purchase and installation of a new Linear Accelerator located in the Veterinary Medical Centre at a capital cost of \$2.9 million.*

9.14 Purchase of Condo in La Ronge (Northern Medical Services)

Motion: *On the recommendation of the Land and Facilities Committee, the Board of Governors approves the purchase of a residential condominium with a total purchase cost of up to \$220,000 for Northern Medical Services (NMS) in La Ronge to house medical staff.*



Board Proper Consent Agenda Items

12.2 Wolfe-Saskatchewan Fellowship Revision

Motion: *The Board of Governors approves the revision to the Wolfe-Saskatchewan Fellowship effective immediately.*

12.3 Jarislowsky Chair in Regenerative Agriculture

Motion: *Subject to the approval of University Council at its April meeting, the Board of Governors approves the revision to the Jarislowsky Chair in Regenerative Agriculture.*

12.5 Toxicology Centre Move into SENS

Motion: *That the Board of Governors approve the change in reporting structure for the Toxicology Centre such that the Toxicology Centre will report into the School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) pending the approval of the University Council and confirmation of Senate.*

8. Transfer of subsidiary representation to Chief Financial Officer

The Board approves the transfer of the responsibility of subsidiary Board representation to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position at USask.

CARRIED

The President briefly spoke to this decision item.

9. Proposal for the Department of Indigenous Health & Wellness

If authorized by the University Council, the Board of Governors provides for the establishment of a Department of Indigenous Health and Wellness in the College of Medicine, as presented in the report to the Board, effective April 24, 2023.

CARRIED

The Deputy Provost introduced Dr. Tootoosis, Vice-Dean Indigenous Health, College of Medicine, and Elder Harvey Thunderchild. Dr. Tootoosis referred to the provided package and went over a short presentation on the proposal to establish the Department of Indigenous Health and Wellness.

The President along with the board members expressed gratitude for this accomplishment, it was noted that this is a great move for the future – thank you to all who contributed.

10. Comprehensive campaign update

Cheryl Hamelin, VP University Relations, went over a presentation to provide an update to the board on the comprehensive campaign. Ms. Hamelin expressed excitement about the official Be What the World Needs campaign launch later that day taking place in Merlis Belsher Place.

11. Correspondence since December 2022 meeting

The Chair briefly spoke to the correspondence included in the board package.



12. Items approved electronically since December 2022 meeting

All items approved electronically were listed and full documents are available on the board portal.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 am and moved to in-camera.

13. Board only session - including the president

14. In-camera session - without the president

