



## Board of Governors Report to Senate

### FOR INFORMATION

**Presented by:** Mike Marsh, Senate-elected member of the Board of Governors  
**Date of Meeting:** April 26, 2025  
**Subject:** Board of Governors Report to Senate

#### Background:

It is a longstanding tradition for the Senate-elected member of the Board of Governors to report on the Board's activities to the Senate. This practice keeps Senate members informed about the Board's current engagements and upcoming agenda items. Maintaining this communication is essential for connecting all governing bodies and promoting good governance at USask.

#### Board Composition:

The Board of Governors is responsible for overseeing and directing all matters respecting the management, administration and control of the university's property, revenues and financial affairs.

The Board and each Committee meets approximately six times a year.

Please note that public minutes from the board meetings are posted regularly on the [Governance Office website](#). The most recent minutes published are from December 2024 meeting.

#### Board Highlights:

Since the October 2024 Senate meeting, the Board of Governors has convened on three occasions: October 22-23, December 16-17, and April 14-15, 2025. My term as a Senate-elected member commenced on July 1, 2024, and I have now attended four board meetings.

At the October 2024 meeting, the Board of Governors met with University Council Chairs to ensure both governing bodies remain connected. During that meeting the Board met with Brad Zurevinski, CEO, and Grant Kook, Board Chair of the Land Trust, who provided updates on the Land Trust's current and future activities.

During the December 2024 meeting, the Board engaged with all Deans and Executive Directors as part of its strategy to connect with various stakeholders. This meeting also marked the first for the new Board Chair, Keith Martel, while Shelley Brown, the previous Chair, now serves as Vice-Chair.

In February the Board held a Two-Day Retreat session to discuss many of the issues facing post-secondary education. Topics such as changing approaches to EDI at other universities, public and political support and more recent financial impacts to universities, and the potential impact to USASK. On the second day the Board reviewed the Capital Prioritization and Heritage Building Processes in some detail with the Leadership Team.

At the most recent meeting held in Regina, the Board had the opportunity to learn more about the College of Medicine's programming in Regina and toured the facilities. The Board also engaged with provincial government officials and key USask donors at a reception and dinner.

The Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister of Trade and Export Development and Minister Responsible for Innovation, and the Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister of Advanced Education, met with the Board to discuss provincial priorities and the strong relationship and partnership with USask.

There were several regular agenda items covered including the use of donated lands to USASK, approving the budget for 2025-2026 and of course the Board's decision on 114 Seminary Crescent.

#### **Current Focus:**

The Board of Governors is currently focused on selecting the next university president. The Presidential Search Committee was struck in late 2024 and includes some members of the Board. The search process has reached the stage of receiving applications, and the board aims to identify the final candidate by the end of the summer.

The Board establishes the criteria and guidelines for the selection process, ensuring that candidates align with the university's needs and strategic goals. After the Search Committee makes its recommendation, the Board of Governors reviews and approves the final candidate.

Once appointed, the Board will continue to monitor and evaluate the president's performance, providing guidance and support as needed. This process ensures that the university's leadership aligns with the mission and values of USASK, fostering a stable and effective administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my first Board of Governors report to Senate as a Senate-elected member of the Board. I look forward to engaging with this group at the next meeting in October 2025.

Sincerely,  
Mike Marsh

### The Board and Committee Membership for 2024-2025:

The Board consists of eleven members:

- **President:** Peter Stoicheff
- **Chancellor:** Grit McCreath
- **Five members appointed by the government:** Shelley Brown, Grant Devine, Keith Martell, Marty Seymour and Herb McFaull
- **Two Senate elected members:** Mike Marsh and Corinna Stevenson
- **Faculty member:** Nadeem Jamali
- **Student member:** Krunal Chavda, USSU President

#### **Audit and Finance Committee:**

Shelley Brown (Chair), Corinna Stevenson, Mike Marsh, Krunal Chavda, Nadeem Jamali, Keith Martell

#### **Land and Facilities Committee:**

Marty Seymour (Chair), Grant Devine, Nadeem Jamali, Herb McFaull, Mike Marsh, Krunal Chavda, Keith Martell

#### **Human Resources Committee:**

Herb McFaull (Chair), Corinna Stevenson, Grant Devine, Grit McCreath, Peter Stoicheff, Keith Martell

#### **Governance and Executive Committee:**

Shelley Brown (Chair), Peter Stoicheff, Herb McFaull, Marty Seymour, Keith Martell

### The Presidential Search Committee Members:

- **Chair:** Keith Martell
- **Two Board Members:** Shelley Brown, Mike Marsh
- **One Senate Member:** Grit McCreath
- **Two Deans or Executive Directors:** Brooke Milne, Gillian Muir
- **Four GAA Members:** Candince Dahl, Shelley Kirychuk, Jake Moore, Vicki Squires
- **Two Students:** Krunal Chavda, President of the USSU and David Ohene-Amoako, President of the GSA