

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Friday, December 5, 2014

Public Minutes of the Thompson Rivers University Board of Governors, held in the Clock Tower Boardroom, commencing at 1:00 PM

**Board Present:** Brian Ross (Chair), Paul Dagg (Vice-Chair), Alan Shaver, Bob Holden, Jim Thomson, Blessing Chiduro, Hoberly Hove, Guenter Weckerle, Ruth Williams, Stacey Jyrkkanen, Peter Tsigaris, Rob Anderson, Brenda Aynsley

**Board Regrets:** Wally Oppal

**Executive and Others Present:** Uli Scheck (Vice-President, Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice President, Finance and Administration), Christopher Seguin (Vice-President, Advancement), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), Dorys Crespín-Mueller (Director, Institutional Planning and Analysis), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Mark Weir (articling student), Scott Blackford (A/Coordinator, University Governance)

**Observers:** Diana Skoglund, Angelo Iacobucci (Radio NL), Tom Friedman (TRUFA)

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	The Chair called the meeting to order at 1 pm.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED that the Agenda be adopted.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>On Motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of September 26, 2014 as circulated.</i>	S. Blackford
	<i>On Motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of November 27, 2014 as circulated.</i>	S. Blackford

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	As discussed at the meeting of November 27 <sup>th</sup> :	
	<i>On Motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED to approve amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Governance and HR Committee and the Executive Committee, respectively, so that the Chair of the Governance and HR Committee can be any Governor on the Board so appointed.</i>	S. Blackford
PRESENTATIONS	<p><u>Truly United Campaign</u> B. Aynsley and C. Seguin presented figures from this year's campaign, which was expanded to external events for the first time.</p> <p><u>National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and Canadian University Student Consortium (CUSC)</u> D. Crespin-Mueller presented findings from these two surveys. U. Scheck suggested following up in 1-2 years to see if reported expectations match reality.</p> <p><u>Fall Enrolment Update</u> D. Crespin-Mueller reported on enrolment for the Fall, 2015.</p>	
REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	The Finance Committee proposed looking at a 2% tuition increase, which does not cover cost increases to TRU, but is the maximum allowed by AVED.	
REPORTS AND UPDATES	<p><u>Occupational Health and Safety Report</u> The findings of the report were typical, and better than usual in terms of number of incidents.</p>	

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SENATE REPORT	<p>1. <u>Faculty of Arts—Open Learning</u>  Proposal to offer the following new minor programs:  -Minor in English  -Minor in History  -Minor in Psychology  -Minor in Sociology</p> <p>2. <u>Faculty of Culinary Arts, Adventure Studies and Tourism</u>  New program proposals:  -Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Managing Festivals and Events  --Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Resort Experience Management  -Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Tourism in Mountain Environments  -Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Tourism</p> <p>3. <u>School of Business and Economics</u>  New minor program proposal:  -Financial Services Minor</p> <p>4. <u>Department of Physical Science</u>  New program proposal:  -Engineering Transfer Program (year 2)</p> <p>5. <u>Program Deletions:</u>  -Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Pre-MBA Studies, OL  -Bachelor of Commerce, Information Systems Management, OL  -Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Commerce, Information Systems Management, OL  -Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Commerce, Information Systems Management, OL</p>	

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	<p><i>On Motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED to approve programs recommended by Senate.</i></p>	S. Blackford
	<p>6. <u>Convocation Schedule Change</u> The Fall Convocation is moved to the Friday after Thanksgiving long weekend.</p>	
	<p><i>On Motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED to approve the Convocation Schedule recommended by Senate.</i></p>	S. Blackford
	<p>7. <u>Revised "Faculty Participation in Graduate Studies" regulation (as provided)</u></p>	
	<p><i>On Motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED to approve the revised Faculty Participation in Graduate Studies regulation as recommended by Senate.</i></p>	S. Blackford
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Notice of Motion, Risk Management Policy</u> Notice of Motion was served on a Risk Management Policy, to be considered at the next meeting of the Board.</p>	S. Blackford
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<p>The President drew the Board's attention to the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre; 28 people were shot and 14 of them, all women, were killed at Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989. A moment of silence was observed commemorating fallen women and the need to promote equality in all areas of study.</p> <p>The President introduced Paul Michel, newly appointed Executive Director of Aboriginal Education at TRU.</p> <p>The President went on to congratulate Cynthia Ross-Friedman on being named to the College of New</p>	

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Scholars, Artists and Scientists by the Royal Society of Canada.

Governor Stacey Jyrkkanen thanked the Board for contributing to her education during her term as a Governor.

ADJOURNMENT      The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

<u>ACTION ITEM</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Post amended changes to Terms of Reference, Gov and HR Committee and Executive Committee on governance web-page and in Board Manual	Dec. 5, 2014	S. Blackford	In progress