



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, March 27, 2020

**1:00 PM**

**By teleconference**

## MINUTES

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### **Board present:**

Barbara Berger (Chair), Sukh Gill, Brett Fairbairn, Tracy Christianson, Helen Kormendy, Lillian Kwan, Vincent Li, Marilyn McLean, Ali Mulji, Hafiz Rahman, Michelle Stanford, Charlie Wyse, Eric Youd

### **Executive and others present:**

Christine Bovis-Crossen (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lisa Grant (University Governance Assistant),

### **Guests:**

Scott Blackford (General Counsel), Tom Dickinson (Dean of Science), Lucille Gnanasihamany (Marketing and Communications), Rani Srivastava (Dean of Nursing), Sara Wolfe (Interim Dean of Students), Baldev Pooni (Dean of Trades and Technology), Baihua Chadwick (TRU World), Graham Twyford-Miles (Stantec)

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

B. Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She noted that the meeting was being held by teleconference in order to facilitate physical distancing requirements.

### **2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

B. Berger acknowledged that TRU's Kamloops campus is situated on the traditional and unceded lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

### 3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

- a. Ruby Dhand, Law faculty member

The Board Chair announced that Ruby Dhand will receive recognition at a future meeting of the Board, when we are able to present her with a framed Certificate of Recognition. A [link to a news article](#) was circulated on the agenda.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. Berger requested adding agenda item 10.c. (TRU Code of Conduct) to the agenda. No governors objected to this change to the agenda.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as amended.*

### 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of February 14, 2020

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of February 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.*

### 7. BUSINESS ARISING

- a. Proposed Revisions to Board Policies

- i. BRD 16-0 Responsible Use of Information Technology Facilities and Services

M. Milovick commented on the policy, a copy of which was circulated with the Agenda package.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that Policy BRD 16-0 Responsible Use of Information Technology Facilities and Services, be approved as circulated.*

ii. BRD 25-0 Sexual Violence

S. Wolfe commented on the policy, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that Policy BRD 25-0 Sexualized Violence, be approved as circulated.*

**8. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT**

a. 2020-2021 Mandate Letter

B. Berger, Chair, brought everyone's attention to the 2020-2021 Mandate Letter that was circulated with the agenda package. She stated that, if there were no objections, she would be signing the letter, and then invited comments and questions.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the 2020-2021 Mandate Letter, be approved as circulated.*

**9. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

S. Gill, Finance Committee Chair, gave the Committee's report.

a. 2020-2021 Domestic tuition and ancillary fees

S. Gill invited C. Bovis-Crossen to comment on the 2020-2021 Domestic tuition and ancillary fees, which she did. She spoke to the memorandum circulated with the agenda package, indicating that Notice of Motion had been served on February 14, 2020 in relation to this proposed tuition and fee increase.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that a 2% increase to the 2020-2021 domestic tuition and ancillary fees be approved.*

b. Tuition fees for the Master of Science in Data Sciences

Tom Dickinson, Dean of Science, was in attendance at the teleconference to answer any questions with regard to the tuition fees for the Master of Science in Data Sciences. A memorandum with regard to the tuition fees was circulated in the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that for the Master of Science in Data Science: (i) domestic tuition fees be set at \$24,480 and extension fees be set at \$700 plus 3 credits of fees for 2020 entry, and international tuition fees be set at \$35,700 and extension fees be set at \$980 plus 3 credits of fees for 2020 entry, be approved.*

c. 2020-2021 Budget

C. Bovis-Crossen commented that the 2020-2021 budget is a provisional budget for 6 months. M. Milovick reported on the changes to the 2020-2021 budget. A memorandum was circulated with the agenda package explaining this provisional budget and the impact and potential implications resulting from the COVID-19 Global Pandemic to the 2020-2021 Budget.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the provisional 2020-2021 budget to be in effect from April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, be approved as circulated.*

d. Advisory Committee on Investments

M. Milovick updated the Board with respect to TRU's investment management activities to the end of 2019 and provided information regarding the student led initiative, the TRU Student Investment Fund (TRUSIF). A memorandum in this regard was circulated with the agenda package.

## 10. **REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

a. TRU Communications Strategy

B. Berger spoke about the TRU Communications Strategy which was circulated with the agenda package. L. Gnanasiamany joined the meeting and discussed the Strategy.

b. Proposed revisions to the form of the Competency Matrix

A memorandum was circulated with the agenda package that recommended that the Board consider the addition, to the Competency Matrix template, of the competencies on the government's 2019 Competency Matrix template, namely, Construction, Information Technology, Industry, Engineering and Community Institutional Awareness, as well as whether to remove reference to "Generational (<40)".

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the addition to the university's Competency Matrix template, of the competencies Construction,*

*Information Technology, Industry, Engineering and Community Institutional Awareness, and the removal of the reference to “Generational (<40)”, be approved.*

c. TRU Code of Conduct

B. Berger commented that the TRU Code of Conduct was added to the agenda for information purposes only. She stated that Legal Counsel had reviewed the Code of Conduct and had recommended no revisions, noting that the TRU Code of Conduct is as stringent as the government’s conduct guidelines. There were no comments or questions.

## 11. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

a. President’s Report to the Board

President Fairbairn introduced Brian Daly, President and CEO for the University of Winnipeg Foundation. Mr. Daly joined the meeting by teleconference. He stated he will be joining TRU on May 1, as TRU’s first Vice-President University Relations (VPUR).

b. Envision TRU

i. Vision Statement

President Fairbairn reported on the background of the statement. A copy of the Vision Statement was circulated with the agenda package. Comments and questions ensued. B. Fairbairn added that a communications plan for a public launch of the Vision Statement was under development.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Vision Statement, be approved as circulated.*

c. President’s Reports to Senate

President Fairbairn indicated that his reports to Senate for the months of February 2020 and March 2020 were circulated with the agenda package and invited comments and questions.

## 12. SENATE REPORT

The Chair of Senate, B. Fairbairn, presented the Senate Report.

a. New Programs

i. New Graduate Program: Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner

C. Bovis-Crossen spoke about the program and its approval process. Comments ensued.

R. Srivastava, Dean of Nursing, joined the meeting and answered questions.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the new graduate program: Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner, be approved as circulated.*

ii. New Undergraduate Program: Power Engineering Technology Diploma Program (2 year)

C. Bovis-Crossen outlined the program and invited questions and comments. Dean, Baldev Pooni, also joined the meeting to answer any questions.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the new undergraduate program: Power Engineering Technology Diploma Program (2 year), be approved as circulated.*

b. Winter 2021 Semester Start Date

A memorandum requesting a change to the Winter 2021 Semester start date from January 4, 2021 to January 6, 2021 was circulated with the agenda package. B. Chadwick joined the meeting to answer any questions.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that moving the date of the Winter 2021 Semester start date from January 4, 2021 to January 6, 2021 be approved.*

### 13. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Capital Update

i. Nursing and Population Health Building

M. Milovick reported that construction on the Nursing and Population Health Building was ahead of schedule and a timely completion is expected.

b. Proposed Revisions to Design Guidelines

M. Milovick introduced Graham Twyford-Miles (Stantec), who joined the meeting and presented the Proposed Revisions to Design Guidelines. His presentation was uploaded to the SharePoint site after circulation of the agenda package.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Proposed Revisions to Design Guidelines, be approved as circulated.*

**14. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

a. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2020.

**15. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chair terminated the meeting at 3:39 p.m.