THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, February 12, 2021
1:00 PM
Held virtually by MS Teams

MINUTES

Board Present:

Barbara Berger (Chair), Brett Fairbairn (President and Vice-Chancellor), Sukh Gill, Azul Hernandez-Billy, Lillian Kwan, Marilyn McLean, Michele Stanford, Hasnat Dewan
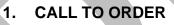
Regrets:

Tracy Christianson, Katy Gottfriedson, Chief Jimmy Lulua, Nathan Matthew, Dev Shah

Executive and Others Present:

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

Guests:

Lisa Bourque-Bearskin (Associate Professor, School of Nursing), Will Garrett-Petts (Associate Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies), Colleen Seymour, Rani Srivastava (Associate Professor and Dean of Nursing)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   B. Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

   a. Welcome new Board member:

   The Chair welcomed the following new Governor. A link to H. Dewan's biography was included in the agenda package.

   i. Hasnat Dewan (elected faculty member, School of Business and Economics)

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Elder Colleen Seymour provided the territorial acknowledgment for this meeting.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

a. Lisa Bourque Bearskin (joined by Colleen Seymour; introductions by Rani Srivastava and Will Garrett-Petts)

Elder Colleen Seymour provided remarks with regard to Lisa's work. Associate Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies, Will Garrett-Petts, and Dean of Nursing, Rani Srivastava, gave their introductory comments and spoke about L. Bourque-Bearskin's exceptional teaching and commitment to Indigenous health education. A link to Lisa Bourque-Bearskin's background information was included with the agenda package. Lisa Bourque Bearskin said a few words, thanking TRU for welcoming her and supporting her research.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of December 4, 2020

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of December 4, 2020 be approved as circulated.*

6. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Government Q3 report

S. Gill commented that this doesn't require board approval and was already dealt with in the Finance Committee meeting this morning and will be submitted to government. A link to the report was included with the agenda package.

b. Third Quarter Results

P. Manhas highlighted third quarter results, and a link to the documents was included in the agenda package.

c. Financial Sustainability Initiative

2021-2022 Budget Process

C. Bovis-Cnossen presented information that was circulated in the memo, including that administration would be proposing, for approval, a balanced budget to the board for the meeting in March. A copy of the memo was included in the agenda package. M. Milovick followed up with additional comments. Discussion ensued.

d. *Notices of Motion:* Tuition fees

   i. *Notice of Motion:* 2021-2022 Domestic tuition and ancillary fees

   ii. *Notice of Motion:* 2021-2022 International Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition Fee Increases

   C. Bovis-Cnossen served Notice of Motion for proposed 2021-2022 Domestic Tuition and Ancillary Fees increases as well as 2021-2022 International Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition fee increases. The motions will be debated and discussed at the next board meeting on March 26, 2021.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. President's Report to the Board

President Fairbairn highlighted some items in his report, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

b. President's Reports to Senate

President Fairbairn noted the links to his reports of December 14, 2020 and January 25, 2021 were included with the agenda package, as follows:

   i. December 14, 2020 (Link to report)
   ii. January 25, 2021 (Link to report)

9. SENATE REPORT

B. Fairbairn noted that information with regard to the Institutional Comparator Criteria for the NWCCU was circulated with the agenda package and he moved the approval of the criteria as presented.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the TRU Institutional Comparator Criteria be approved as presented.*

B. Fairbairn then gave an update on academic integrity, which had been discussed extensively at a recent senate meeting. He concluded by saying there is a task force looking at academic integrity matters.

10. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Office of Safety and Emergency Management Quarterly Report

M. Milovick spoke to the report, including the work of the Office of Safety and Emergency Management, and noted a link to the report was circulated with the agenda package.

c. Limitless Update

B. Daly presented an update on the Limitless Campaign. The presentation is attached to the minutes as "Appendix I".

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2021.

12. TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair terminated the meeting at 2:25p.m.

APPENDIX I

LIMITLESS

February 12, 2021

FUTURE OF TRU
CAMPAIGN

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Campaign History

- The Limitless campaign dates back to 2012

- Between 2012 and 2019, the campaign was in a quiet phase and raised $41-million for the university

- In 2019, the campaign was publicly announced, with a goal to raise $50-million alongside TRU's 50th anniversary in 2020

Key Facts

- Limitless is the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in TRU's history, spanning student assistance, research and capital projects

- The public phase of the campaign emphasizes four priorities:

  - Supporting Students
  - Innovating for the Future
  - Building Capacity
  - Collaborating with Community

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Campaign Cabinet

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Co-Chairs

Fiona Chan
Bruce Gysel
Jack Wong

Honorary Chairs

Nancy Greene Raine
Judith Guichon
Rick Hansen
Sherman Jen
Ken Lepin
Nathan Matthew
Wally Oppal
Frank Quinn

Cabinet Members

Jean-Claude Allaire
Brad Bennett
Greg Brouwer
Spencer Bryson
Paul Dagg
Norm Daley
Stephen Faraday
Richard Game
Greg Garrish
Don Garrish
Sukh Gill
James Harrison
Richard Lewis
Duncan MacRae
James McCreath
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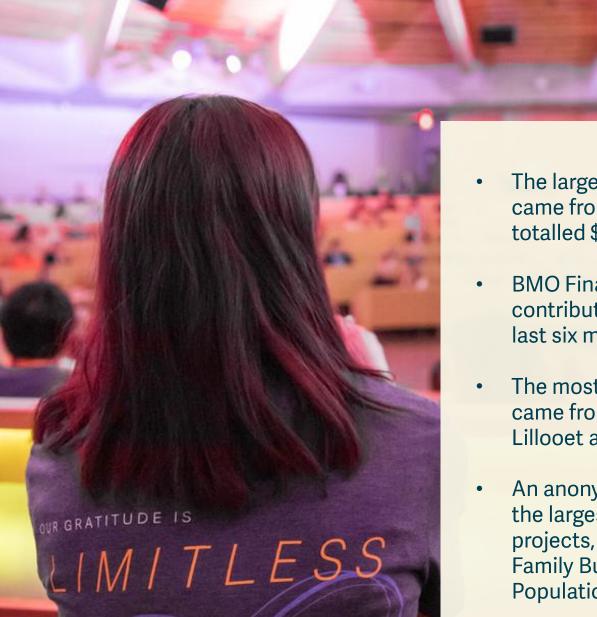John Morgan,
Tim Shoults
Eleanor Thompson

We are pleased to serve as Co-Chairs of the Limitless Campaign in support of Thompson Rivers University because we believe quality education changes lives. Together, we look forward to forging a path of limitless potential for the university, its researchers and, above all, its students.

Jack Wong   Fiona Chan   Bruce Gysel

Status

- Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, Limitless has raised $5.7-million

- In total, the campaign has generated more than $48-million and is on track to exceed $50-million by March 31

- In July 2020, TRU introduced the First-Year Student Resiliency Fund and the generous community of Kamloops contributed $53,800 to create 107 new awards to assist students beginning university during the pandemic

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- The largest campaign gift thus far came from Dr. Sherman Jen and totalled $5-million

- BMO Financial Group has contributed the largest gift in the last six months at $750,000

- The most significant legacy pledge came from the late James Bain of Lillooet and totalled $350,000

- An anonymous gift of $1.5-million is the largest directed to capital projects, supporting the Chappell Family Building for Nursing and Population Health