



BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, February 20, 2026
1:00PM
Clock Tower Boardroom, CT309

MINUTES

Board members present:

President Airini, Hee Young Chung, Hasnat Dewan, Heather Fader, David Hallinan, Dian Henderson, Amisha Patel, Niki Remesz, Christine Sorensen, Tim Webber

Regrets:

Inderpreet Bains, Chancellor DeDe DeRose, Jim Hamilton, Cindy Ozouf, Dancing Water Sandy,

Executive and others present:

Baihua Chadwick (Vice-President International), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Shannon Wagner (Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic, Vice-President Research), Gordon Binsted (Provost and Vice-President Academic, designate), Mike Henry (Chief of Staff), Andrea Li (Special Advisor to the President), Scott Blackford (Interim General Counsel), Dina Duquette (AVP, Finance), Michael Bluhm (AVP Enrolment Services and Registrar), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lily Copeland (Office of the President)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair, C. Sorensen, called the meeting to order at 1:23pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

C. Sorensen delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Introduction of Dr. Gordon Binsted, Provost and Vice-President Academic (designate)

President Airini introduced Dr. Gordon Binsted.

4. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

On behalf of the board, C. Sorensen presented Dr. Melba D'Souza with a framed certificate for being awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Dr. D'Souza spoke about her work and thanked the board for their recognition.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair, C. Sorensen, reported that agenda item 11.b. (2028/29 Academic Schedule of Dates) had been deferred to the March meeting, so was being removed from this agenda.

She asked if there were any more changes to the agenda, but there were none.

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

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of board public meeting of December 5, 2025

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the board public meeting of December 5, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

8. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

The board chair, C. Sorensen, reported that the board had a meeting upcoming with the School District 73 Board of Education and looked forward to meeting with them and the new superintendent.

9. PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

- a. President's Report to the Board

President Airini presented a slide with a summary of her report, speaking to several topics, including "Envision TRU", "Research, innovation and technology", and "Striving ahead".

A governor proposed a motion to send a letter of congratulations to the TRU Law Moot Team.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors send a letter of recognition to the TRU Law Moot Team for the work that they did as a team, and as individuals, in representing TRU.*

10. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

D. Hallinan, chair of the Finance Committee, presented the committee's report.

a. 2025-2026 Financial Update

D. Hallinan presented the 2025-2026 financial update and deficit mitigation update. Discussion ensued.

b. Proposed annual increase to domestic tuition and fees

D. Hallinan presented the proposal to increase domestic tuition fees, as circulated, for which notice of motion had been served on December 5, 2025. Discussion ensued.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approve an increase of 2% to domestic tuition and other fees effective starting Fall 2026 for the 2026/27 academic year.*

c. Proposed increase to international tuition and fees

D. Hallinan presented the proposal to increase international tuition fees, for which notice of motion had been served on December 5, 2025. Discussion ensued.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approve an increase to international tuition and other fees by 3% for new international students effective starting Fall 2026 for the 2026/27 academic year, as well as for international students in programs excluded from the Guaranteed Tuition Model, consistent with projected inflation and the university's financial planning assumptions.*

d. Procurement policy revisions

D. Hallinan reported that the Finance Committee had recommended that the board serve notice of motion for the proposed revisions to this policy. He invited D. Duquette to speak to the proposed revisions to the policy, which she did. D. Duquette also noted that the Finance Committee had suggested some additional revisions, so those changes were made to the draft policy (highlighted in red on the updated draft) after the Finance Committee meeting. D. Hallinan also

commented on the proposed revisions to the policy, noting the matter would come to the March board meeting for decision.

11. BUSINESS

a. Planning Goals (2025-2030)

President Airini presented the draft Planning Goals (2025-2030), for notice of motion. She added that the board was being asked to seek senate's advice on the Planning Goals, to be shared at the March 27 meeting of the board.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors seek Senate advice on the Planning Goals (2025–2030); and authorizes Administration to implement as necessary to do so and to provide a record of that advice to the Board of Governors to inform deliberations at their March 27, 2026 meeting.*

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from TRU Faculty Association (TRUFA) Executive

C. Sorensen reported that the board had received a letter from the TRUFA Executive, which they had reviewed in their morning meeting. She thanked TRUFA for the letter and reported that the board had decided to respond to TRUFA and ask them to schedule a meeting with the president. C. Sorensen added that she would also attend the meeting, since the letter was addressed to the board.

13. PRESENTATION

a. Fall 2025 Domestic Enrolment Summary

S. Wagner introduced M. Bluhm, AVP Enrolment Services and Registrar. M. Bluhm then presented a Fall 2025 domestic enrolment summary.

14. NEXT BOARD MEETING

a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2026 in the Clock Tower Boardroom, room CT309.

15. TERMINATION OF MEETING

As there was no further business, the meeting terminated at 2:40pm.