



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, February 23, 2024

**1:00 PM**

***Clock Tower Boardroom, CT309***

### MINUTES

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#### **Board members Present:**

Marilyn McLean (Chair), David Hallinan, Dian Henderson, Hee-Young Chung, Hasnat Dewan, Heather Fader, Brett Fairbairn, Jim Hamilton, Cindy Ozouf, Nathan Matthew, Anshuman Walia, Shariyer Chowdhury

**Absent:** Katy Gottfriedson-Jasper, Jimmy Lulua (vacated seat)

#### **Executive and Others Present:**

Gillian Balfour (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Baihua Chadwick (Vice-President International), Brian Daly (Vice-President University Relations), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Shannon Wagner (Vice-President Research), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator), Will Garrett-Petts (former Vice-President Research; *present for agenda item 3.a. only*), Laura Doan (TRU faculty member; *present for agenda item 3.a. only*)

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

The chair, M. McLean called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The chair delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

### 3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

#### a. Top 50 Research Award

B. Fairbairn spoke about the Top 50 Research Award. S. Wagner introduced the W. Garrett-Petts and L. Doan, who were accepting the Recognition of Excellence, respectively, on behalf of the Office of the Vice-President Research and TRU faculty members who contributed to TRU receiving the award. She then presented W. Garrett-Petts and L. Doan with framed certificates. The recipients said a few words, after which M. McLean congratulated them on behalf of the board.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No governors declared conflicts.

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### a. Minutes of December 1, 2023

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public board meeting of December 1, 2023 be approved as circulated.*

### 7. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

M. McLean gave her report.

#### a. Presidential Search Committee appointments

M. McLean reported that the Presidential Search Committee would be getting underway soon and that, therefore, the board planned to appoint the required Board members (two in addition to the board chair, who chairs the search committee) at the March 28 board meeting.

## 8. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

- a. 2023-24 Third Quarter Forecast for Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

At the request of the committee chair, M. Milovick presented the Third Quarter Forecast for the Ministry. B. Fairbairn also commented.

- b. 2023/24 Third Quarter Financial Results and Forecast

M. Milovick also presented the 2023-2024 Third Quarter Financial Results and Forecast.

- c. 2024-2025 Domestic Tuition and Other Fees

G. Balfour presented the proposed 2024-2025 domestic tuition and other fees, notice of motion for which had been served at the board meeting on December 1, 2024, and for which the Finance Committee had recommended approval at its meeting on February 14, 2024.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the 2024-2025 Domestic Tuition and Other Fees, as circulated.*

- d. 2024-2025 International Tuition and Other Fees

G. Balfour, M. Milovick, and B. Chadwick presented the proposed 2024-2025 international tuition and other fees, notice of motion for which had been served at the board meeting on December 1, 2024, and for which the Finance Committee had recommended approval at its meeting on February 14, 2024. Discussion ensued.

Based on the recommendation made by administration in the memorandum circulated with the agenda package, a motion was moved and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED that the university will:

1. Increase international tuition fees for all courses and programs, including vocational, that lead to academic credit at Thompson Rivers University (face-to-face and open learning) as per CPI as of September 2023 for the preceding 12 months (at 5.0%).
2. Increase all other international student fees as per CPI as of September 2023 for the preceding 12 months (at 5.0%).

A governor then moved to amend that motion, to change the amount of the increase for international tuition and other student fees from 5% to 3.9%, which was seconded. Discussion ensued.

The motion to amend the main motion (to change the increase amount for international tuition and other student fees from 5% to 3.9%) was **DEFEATED**.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the 2024-2025 International Tuition and Other Fees, as circulated.*

i. Letter from TRUSU

M. Milovick stated that the letter from the TRU Students' Association was circulated to the board for information.

e. 2024-2025 Budget Update

G. Balfour and M. Milovick presented a 2024-2025 budget update. A link to the presentation had been circulated on the agenda. Discussion ensued.

## 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. President's Report to the Board

President Fairbairn spoke to some matters in his written report, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package.

b. President's Reports to Senate

President's Reports to Senate for the following months were circulated with the agenda package, for information:

- i. December 2023
- ii. January 2024

## 10. SENATE REPORT

B. Fairbairn, Chair of Senate, delivered the report from senate, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package.

He drew governors' attention to recommendations from senate that the board approve proposed revisions to several academic credentials.

- a. Proposed Category III revisions, Regenerative Agriculture Certificate

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the program modifications to the Regenerative Agriculture Certificate Program, as circulated.*

- b. Proposed Category III revisions, Regenerative Agriculture Diploma

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the program modifications to the Regenerative Agriculture Diploma Program, as circulated.*

- c. Proposed Category III revisions, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Law Minor

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the Category III program modifications to the Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Law Minor, as circulated.*

- d. Proposed Category III revisions, Architectural and Engineering Technology Diploma

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the Category III program revisions to the Architectural and Engineering Technology Diploma and associated courses proposal, as circulated.*

- e. Proposed revisions to BRD 26-0 Annual Academic Schedule

B. Fairbairn noted that the board was being asked to serve Notice of Motion for the proposed revisions to this policy, to be considered for approval at the March 28 board meeting. The board chair added that policy ED 03-9 was also circulated with the report from the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, for information, because neither policy would be revised in the absence of both policies being revised. She added that the changes to this policy would be considered for approval at the board meeting on March 28, 2024.

## **11. BUSINESS**

- a. BRD 27-0 Fraud Risk Management Policy

S. Blackford and C. Duquette attended the meeting to present and respond to questions regarding this proposed new policy, notice of motion for which had been served at the board meeting on December 1, 2023.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the new policy BRD 27-0 Fraud Risk Management be approved as circulated.*

b. Proposed revisions to BRD 02-1 Signing Authority Policy

S. Blackford attended the meeting to respond to questions regarding the proposed revisions to this policy, notice of motion for which had been served at the board meeting on December 1, 2023. Questions and answers ensued.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed revisions to policy BRD 02-1 Signing Authority be approved as circulated.*

c. BRD 28-0 Indigenous Building Naming (renamed to “Secwépemc Names for Buildings”) Policy

M. Milovick spoke to this proposed new policy, for which notice of motion had been served at the board meeting on December 1, 2023.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the new policy BRD 28-0 Secwépemc Names for Buildings be approved as circulated.*

## **12. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

a. Pedestrian Bridge Issue

M. Milovick reported on issues with the proposed pedestrian bridge, for information.

## **13. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024 in the Clock Tower Boardroom.

## **14. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

As there were no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 2:43pm.