



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, October 4, 2024

1:00 PM

Clock Tower Boardroom, CT309

MINUTES

Board members present:

Hee Young Chung, DeDe DeRose, Hasnat Dewan, Brett Fairbairn, David Hallinan, Jim Hamilton, Dian Henderson, Mugesh Narayanasamy, Tim Webber

Regrets:

Heather Fader, Cindy Ozouf, Rohini Ranganatha, Niki Remesz, Christine Sorensen

Absent:

Dancing Water Sandy

Executive and others present:

Gillian Balfour (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Baihua Chadwick (Vice-President International), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Shannon Wagner (Vice-President Research), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator), Adrian Conradi (*for agenda item 8.e. only*), Shayne Olson (People and Culture; *for agenda item 12.b. only*), Hannah Ruffridge (Director of Education Professional Services, Lightcast; *for agenda item 13.a. only*)

1. CALL TO ORDER — Hee Young Chung

The board chair, H. Chung, called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

a. Welcome new governors (Information)

H. Chung welcomed the following new governors:

- i. Nicole (Niki) Remesz (Appointed community member)
 - ii. Dancing Water Sandy (Appointed community member)
 - iii. Christine Sorensen (Appointed community member)
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- iv. Timothy Webber (Appointed community member)
- v. Mugesh Narayanasamy (Elected student)
- vi. Rohini Ranganatha (Elected student)

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT — Hee Young Chung

H. Chung delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE — Hee Young Chung

- a. Dr. Roderick (Rod) McCormick

On behalf of the board, H. Chung presented Dr. Rod McCormick with the board's recognition of excellence and a framed certificate.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the public board meeting of October 4, 2024 be approved as circulated.*

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No governors declared conflicts of interest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of Board Public meeting of June 14, 2024

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public board meeting of June 14, 2024 be approved as circulated.*

7. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT — Hee Young Chung

- a. Presidential search update

H. Chung, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, provided an update on the work of the committee.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE — David Hallinan

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

a. Statement of Financial Information

D. Hallinan spoke to the Statement of Financial Information report, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approve the Financial Information Act reporting for submission to government as provided.*

b. Fee approvals

D. Hallinan invited G. Balfour to present the fee approval requests, which she did.

i. Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the proposed budget for delivery of the Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity.*

ii. Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering (Tuition correction)

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the proposed updated domestic tuition rate for the Bachelor of Engineering – Computer Engineering at \$195.23 for the 2024/25 academic year.*

c. Q1 Results

D. Hallinan, M. Milovick, and Y. Laflamme reported on the Q1 results.

d. Budget Update

D. Hallinan provided a budget update.

e. Guaranteed fee model for international students

B. Chadwick and A. Conradi presented the proposed guaranteed fee model, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package, for notice of motion.

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT — Brett Fairbairn

a. President’s Report to the Board

B. Fairbairn presented his written report, speaking to several matters mentioned in the report.

i. Letter to Public Post-Secondary Institution Board Chairs

B. Fairbairn shared a letter sent to board chairs, and the university's preliminary report in response to that letter, both of which were circulated with the agenda package.

- ii. Revisions to regulations of policy BRD 17-0 Respectful Workplace and Harassment Prevention

B. Fairbairn presented some revisions he had made to the regulations of this policy, enacted in accordance with the process provided in the Policy Development and Approval policy.

- iii. President's Leadership Group leadership competencies

B. Fairbairn reported on President's Leadership Group (PLG) leadership competencies. He noted that work was underway in this regard and that he would bring further information to the board when it was ready.

- b. President's Report to Senate

The September 2024 President's Report to Senate was shared via a link on the agenda.

10. SENATE REPORT — Brett Fairbairn

- a. Bachelor of Arts, Major in Applied Creative Arts; Category III revision

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

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the Category III BA Major in Applied Creative Arts as presented.*

11. BUSINESS

- a. New Policy, Public Interest Disclosure AND Proposed revisions to policy BRD 18-0, Whistle Blower; *Notice of Motion served June 14, 2024*

S. Blackford presented the proposed new policy and the revisions to the Whistle Blower policy, for which notice of motion was served at the board meeting in June 2024.

- i. Comments received during notice of motion period

Comments on the policies were circulated with the agenda package for the board's information.

- ii. Revised versions of policies showing proposed additional revisions in response

to feedback

1. Public Interest Disclosure

S. Blackford spoke to the additional proposed revisions made to the Public Interest Disclosure Policy in response to the comments received during the notice of motion period.

2. Whistle Blower

S. Blackford also presented additional revisions proposed to the Whistle Blower Policy in response to the comments received during the notice of motion period.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approve the Public Interest Disclosure Policy and changes to the Whistleblower Policy, BRD 18-0 as drafted.*

b. Proposed revisions to policy BRD 17-0, Respectful Workplace and Harassment Prevention

S. Blackford introduced proposed revisions to the Respectful Workplace and Harassment Prevention policy, for which the board served notice of motion.

12. REPORTS AND UPDATES (Information)

a. TRUBold update

G. Balfour presented an update on TRUBold, for information.

b. Culture Conversation and follow up

G. Balfour and S. Olson updated the board on the Culture Conversation and follow-up.

c. BCNET update

M. Milovick delivered an update on BCNET.

13. PRESENTATION

a. Economic Impact Study

M. Milovick and H. Ruffridge presented an economic impact study. Discussion ensued.

14. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024 in the Clock Tower Boardroom.

15. TERMINATION OF MEETING

As there were no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 3:37pm.