

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC MEETING**

Friday, December 4, 2015
1:00-3:00 PM
CN Boardroom, Clock Tower Building

MINUTES

Board Present:

Paul Dagg (Chair), Jim Thomson (Vice-Chair), Alan Shaver (President and Vice-Chancellor), Rob Anderson, Barbara Berger, Sandra Blair, Rick Heney, Hoberly Hove, Bonnie Leonard, Hafiz Rahman, Kenna Sim, Guenter Weckerle, Eric Youd

Board Regrets:

Eunice Aniogbe

Executive and Others Present:

Christine Bovis-Crossen (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Christopher Seguin (Vice-President Advancement), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance; Recording)

Mike Henry (Dean, School of Business and Economics), Yael La Rose (Office of the Provost), Dorys Crespín-Mueller (Institutional Planning and Analysis), Diana Skoglund (Marketing and Communications), Jim Elliot (The Omega), Alex McLellan (TRUSU), A. Iacobucci (Radio CHNL)

MBA Silver Medal Team:

Felipe Castillo, Gunveet Singh, Kim Annis, Leasy Li, Sabab Alam, Thomas Lowe, Titilope Ajetunmobi, Natasha Kurien, Kenneth Glass, Jasmine Wang, Mayur Marakana

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

President Shaver noted that December 7 was the anniversary of the massacre, at École Polytechnique de Montréal, of 14 women, who were targeted simply because these women wanted to be engineers. He proposed a moment of silence, which Governors observed.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW GOVERNORS

The Chair introduced new Governors Eunice Aniogbe, Barbara Berger, Sandra Blair, Rick Heney, Bonnie Leonard, and Kenna Sim.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

a. British Columbia MBA Games silver medalists

Dean of the School of Business and Economics, Dr. Mike Henry, introduced the students who had participated in the MBA Games. He provided background information about the competition and reported that the competing students came in a close second. The students introduced themselves and spoke about their experience in the competition.

P. Dagg thanked the students for their efforts and for attending the meeting to share their experiences with the Board.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair noted that item 10.b. (Capital Plan Update) should be removed from the agenda. There were no objections to the removal of this agenda item.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of September 25, 2015

A Board member noted that the adjournment time for the meeting of September 25, 2015 must be incorrect as it was shown as being 12:15 p.m.

C. Myers agreed to determine the correct meeting adjournment time and revise the minutes accordingly.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of September 25, 2015 be approved as amended.*

Action: C. Myers to confirm the meeting adjournment time and revise the minutes accordingly.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

7. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Ranching Enterprise Sustainability Certificate Program Fees

J. Thomson invited M. Milovick to speak about this agenda item. M. Milovick indicated that the Finance Committee was recommending approval of the fees as proposed. G. Weckerle added that there was excitement about the program in Williams Lake and that the Lieutenant Governor had been present for the program launch. The Board Chair congratulated everyone who had worked to create this certificate program.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the tuition for the Ranching Enterprise Sustainability Certificate program be approved as follows:*

- Year 1: \$5850 (\$300 for residency lab + \$211/credit X 27 credits)
- Year 2: \$5200 (\$275/credit * 20 credits)

8. REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

J. Thomson delivered the report from the Audit Committee. He reported that the Audit Committee had recommended, and the Executive Committee had approved, the appointment of KPMG as TRU's External Auditor.

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

P. Dagg, Committee Chair, reported that the Executive Committee had approved the appointment of KPMG and that the Committee has had no further meetings since.

10. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Budget 2016/17 update

M. Milovick reported that the University was deep into budget planning. A decrease of 2.4% across the University is required to balance the budget. He did not see a challenge with meeting that reduction goal. The budget will be presented to the Board in March.

b. TRU Community Trust update

M. Milovick provided information for new Board members about the Trust. He also reported that the University is currently working with government to remove a right of reverter on some property intended for development and hoped to move forward in the near future.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Written reports from the Office of the President

President Shaver highlighted information from the President's Reports of October and November 2015, hard copies of which were included with the agenda package.

b. Administrative policies recently approved or revised

President Shaver explained to Governors the process used for the recent approval of, and revisions to, Administrative Policies, namely policies ADM 21-1, "Chaplains", ADM 23-1, "Emergency Management", and ADM 24-0, "Licensed Product Purchasing." He also noted the substantive changes and that the policies were included in the agenda package.

c. Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion was served with regard to policies BRD 22-0 "Investment Objectives" and BRD 21-1 "Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching."

In relation to Policy BRD 22-0, A. Shaver indicated that the Board was being asked to approve changes to the policy to ensure it aligns with industry best practices regarding the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment. The proposed revisions will be open to discussion and debate at the next meeting of the Board.

A. Shaver noted that the proposed changes to Policy BRD 21-1 are to ensure its currency prior to an upcoming site visit from the Canadian Council on Animal Care. The proposed changes to this policy will also be open for consideration at the next Board meeting.

d. Accreditation Self-Evaluation Report for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

A. Shaver invited C. Bovis-Crossen to speak about this agenda item. C. Bovis-Crossen stated that this project had been ongoing for several years and that the current stage requires that TRU submits a self-study document. She reminded Governors that a link to the full draft report had been provided to them on the agenda (http://www.tru.ca/_shared/assets/SelfEvaluationReport34552.pdf), as the report was over 300 pages in length. Y. La Rose was invited to provide additional details and she spoke about the upcoming site visit. The Chair asked about the Board's involvement and Ms. La Rose replied that the Board Vice Chair had been invited to participate in the Board Chair's absence. She added that the Board would be briefed about developments.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that, on the recommendation of the Provost and Vice-President Academic on behalf of the*

Accreditation Steering Committee, the Self-Evaluation Report be approved as presented.

A. Shaver also reported that TRU had recently received \$250,000 in funding from Genome BC for a Research Chair position. He touched on the research of Dr. Lauchlan Fraser, candidate for the position, and noted that the research could be globally important. He added that he would send web links about this information to Governors through C. Myers.

Action:	C. Myers to forward the web links to Governors.
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A. Shaver reported that the Research Universities' Council of BC was advocating the value of university education and distributed a news release about this matter to the Board. He indicated he would circulate to Governors the full results of the report entitled "Putting Degrees to Work."

Action:	C. Myers to forward the report to Board members.
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12. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Confirmation of Committee Chairs and Appointments
 - i. Finance Committee
 - ii. Audit Committee
 - iii. Governance and Human Resources Committee

P. Dagg explained that, in accordance with the Board manual, appointments of Board Committee members and chairs are approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Chair. He also outlined major changes to Committee membership.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that, on the recommendation of the Board Chair, the appointments of Committee Chairs and members be approved as follows:*

Executive Committee

Board Chair	Paul Dagg (Chair)
Board Vice Chair	Jim Thomson
Chair, Finance Committee	Jim Thomson
Chair, Audit Committee	Sandra Blair
Chair, Governance and HR Committee	Hoberly Hove
President	Alan Shaver

Finance Committee

Governor	Jim Thomson (Chair)
Governor	Rob Anderson

Governor
Governor
Governor
President

Sandra Blair
Bonnie Leonard
Guenter Weckerle
Alan Shaver

Audit Committee

Order-in-Council member who
also serves on the Finance Committee
Order-in-Council member
Order-in-Council member

Sandra Blair (Chair)
Rick Heney
Barbara Berger

Governance and Human Resources Committee

Governor
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Governor

Hoberly Hove (Chair)
Paul Dagg
Eric Youd
Hafiz Rahman
Kenna Sim

C. Seguin noted that P. Dagg needed to be replaced on the Foundation Board. P. Dagg invited anyone interested to speak with him about it and indicated that there are four meetings per year. C. Seguin added that the next meeting is in February.

iv. Environmental Advisory Committee

H. Hove reported that the Environmental Advisory Committee still has a vacancy for a Board-appointed member and asked anyone interested in serving on the Committee to let him know.

13. PRESENTATION

a. 2015 Fall Enrolment Report

D. Crespin-Mueller reported on fall enrolment. A copy of her presentation was included in the agenda package.

14. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, February 5, 2016.

15. ADJOURNMENT

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.