



## Board of Governors

### Summary of Activities

May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

#### Responsibilities

The powers and duties of the Board of Governors are outlined in the *Thompson Rivers University Act*. In summary, the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the University, except for the responsibilities vested in the Senate or the Planning Council for Open Learning, are vested in the Board.

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#### Membership

Fifteen Governors serve on the Board: the Chancellor, the President, eight external members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two faculty members, two students, and one employee who is not a faculty member.

Membership effective April 30, 2017:

|  | <u>Initial appointment Date</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Jim Thomson, Order-in-Council Appointee (Chair)                  | November 24, 2014               |
| Wally Oppal, Chancellor  | ex-officio                      |
| Alan Shaver, President and Vice-Chancellor                       | ex-officio                      |
| Rob Anderson, Elected Faculty Member                             | January 1, 2015                 |
| Barbara Berger, Order-in-Council Appointee (Vice Chair)          | November 24, 2015               |
| Sandra Blair, Order-in-Council Appointee                         | November 24, 2015               |
| Humayra Haq, Elected Student                                     | September 1, 2016               |
| Rick Heney, Order-in-Council Appointee                           | November 24, 2015               |
| Bonnie Leonard, Order-in-Council Appointee                       | November 24, 2015               |
| Hafiz Rahman, Elected Faculty Member                             | April 1, 2015                   |
| Nicholas Rinaldi, Order-in-Council Appointee                     | November 24, 2016               |
| Gagandeep Singh Waraich, Elected Student                         | September 1, 2016               |
| Guenther Weckerle, Order-in-Council Appointee<br>(Williams Lake) | November 24, 2014               |
| Eric Youd, Elected Staff Member                                  | January 1, 2015                 |
| Vacant, Order-in-Council Appointee                               |                                 |

## Activities

Meetings of the Board of Governors typically consist of both a public and *in camera* (closed to the public) session. To the extent permitted by legislation, the University strives to have matters dealt with at the public meetings of the Board. The Board held five meetings this year. Board members also participated in a meeting jointly with the Senate and the Planning Council for Open Learning as part of the Open Governance Initiative, as well as holding their annual planning session.

Below is a summary of the Board's accomplishments over the past year:

### Board Evaluation

The Board reviewed the evaluation process and completed its annual Governor Self-Evaluation and Board Evaluation survey in accordance with Chapters 5 (Governor Self-Evaluation) and 20 (Board Evaluation) of the Board Manual.

### Presidential Evaluation

The Board completed the annual Presidential Evaluation in accordance with Chapter 21 (entitled "President and Vice-Chancellor Evaluation") of the Board Manual.

### Recognition of Excellence

The Board recognized the following groups for their excellence in achievement in the noted endeavours:

- WolfPack Athletics
- Annual Scholarly Psychology Conference
- Jagdeesh Uppal, Captain of Men's Swim Team
- Trades and Technology students
- MBA students

### Policy and Regulation Approvals and Updates

- BRD 25-0, Sexual Violence (approval of new policy)

### Senate Matters

The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

#### *New Programs*

- Applied Sustainable Ranching Planning Certificate
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Communities, Cultures and Societies
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Economics
- Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Power, Politics and Justice
- Master in Environmental Economics and Management
- Master of Science in Environmental Economics and Management

#### *Program Deletion*

- Master of Science in Economic Sustainable Management

### *Other*

- Approval of Academic Schedules of Events and Important Dates for 2019/2020
- Changes to the departmental structure in the School of Business and Economics (dissolution of the Department of Management and the creation of the Department of Human Enterprise and Innovation and the Department of Management, Information and Supply Chain)

### Honorary Doctorate Recommendations

The Board approved eight individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, including the following, who will receive their awards at the 2017 spring Convocation ceremony: Mr. Rudy Buttignol, Mr. David Sakaki, Senator Murray Sinclair, and Dr. Roger Strasser.

### Tenure and Promotion Approvals

The Board of Governors approved 17 tenure recommendations and 30 promotion recommendations from May 2016 to April 2017. They also approved one recommendation that promotion be denied.

### Professional Development

The Board was provided with presentations on the following matters for professional development purposes:

- Capital Plan update
- Electrical, Computer & Software Engineering
- Educational Consulting Services Space Utilization Analysis
- Fund the Future
- Capital Projects Planning Process
- Scion Student Housing Market Demand Analysis
- Role of the Audit Committee (expectations/process/policy intent)
- Whistleblower Policy

### Planning Session

The Board held its annual Planning Session in October 2016, which included sessions on the topics of tri-cameral governance, budgeting, and promotion and tenure.

### Open Governance Initiative

As part of the Open Governance Initiative, the Board agreed to live-stream its Public meetings. In addition, the Board met jointly with the Senate and the Planning Council for Open Learning. Participants at that meeting received a presentation on tri-cameral governance and then participated in a discussion on the topic.

### Documents Approved or Reviewed

The following documents were approved or reviewed by the Board during the past year:

- Financial Information Act Report (approved)
- TRU Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (approved)
- Audited Financial Statements, including FTE Summary and Enrolment Audit (approved)
- Letter of Agreement between Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University for the 2016/17 fiscal year (approved)

- Terms and Conditions required by Government for providing Strategic Investment Fund funding for Industrial Training and Technology Centre (approved)
- Safety and Emergency Management Quarterly Reports (reviewed)

#### Other

- Approval of the 2017/2018 Budget, including Tuition and Other Fees
- Approval of TRU Strategic Initiative Fund awards
- Approval of Mandate Letter (includes Taxpayer Accountability Principles)
- Approval of External and Internal Auditor Plans
- Approval of McGill Street Residence property acquisition
- Approval of 1452 McGill Road property acquisition
- Approval of Tuition Fees for Master in Environmental Economics and Management
- Approval of Tuition Fees for Master of Science in Environmental Economics and Management
- Approval of Tuition Fees for Master of Nursing
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair