



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, December 6, 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, Cindy Ozouf, Niki Remesz, Christine Sorensen, Tim Webber

Regrets:

Heather Fader, Mugesh Narayanasam, Rohini Ranganatha, Dancing Water Sandy

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), Shannon Wagner (Vice-President Research), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator), Scott Blackford (Associate General Counsel; *for agenda item 12.b. only*), Adrian Conradi (*for agenda item 9.b. only*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The board chair, H. Chung, called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT — Hee Young Chung

H. Chung delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

3. NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

H. Chung recognized that it had been 35 years since the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal on December 6, 1989, noting that this act of violent

misogyny shook our country and led Parliament to designate December 6 as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

4. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

The board chair, H. Chung, recognized the following people and presented them with framed certificates:

- a. TRU World — Excellence in International Education Marketing Award from the BC Council for International Education (BCCIE)
- b. Dr. Anita Sharma — 2024 Research Management Excellence Award from the Canadian Association of Research Administrators (CARA)

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the public board meeting of December 6, 2024 be approved as circulated.*

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No governors declared conflicts of interest.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. Minutes of Board Public meeting of October 4, 2024

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

8. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

H. Chung, board chair, delivered his report.

- a. Presidential search update

H. Chung provided an update on the status of the presidential search.

- b. Approval of TRU Wildfire and Honours College programs

The board chair reported that the board's Executive Committee had approved the course proposals and proposed budget for the University Honours Certificate, as well as the Wildfire-related programs and associated course proposals.

9. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

a. 2025-26 Budget Context and balanced budget strategy

D. Hallinan invited G. Balfour and M. Milovick to present the 2025-2026 budget context and balanced budget strategy, which they did.

b. Guaranteed International Tuition Fee Model

D. Hallinan asked B. Chadwick to speak to this item, which she did with the assistance of A. Conradi. They noted that notice of motion had been served for this proposal at the October 4 board meeting.

i. Comment received during the notice of motion period

One comment was received during the notice of motion period, which was circulated with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the Guaranteed International Tuition Fee Model, as circulated.*

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President B. Fairbairn presented his report.

a. President's Report to the Board

B. Fairbairn highlighted several items in his written report, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package.

b. President's Reports to Senate

The following reports to senate were circulated via links on the agenda:

- i. October 2024
- ii. November 2024

11. SENATE REPORT

B. Fairbairn, Chair of Senate, presented the report from senate, indicating that senate had recommended approval of the Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity.

- a. Category III, Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the board approve the Category III Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity, as presented.*

12. BUSINESS

- a. Strategic Internationalization Plan

B. Chadwick indicated that notice of motion was being served for the Strategic Internationalization Plan, which wasn't required, but she wanted to notify the community. She added that notice of motion had already been served at senate, so this document was a work in progress. A link to the plan was circulated on the agenda, which the board chair noted would come back to the February board meeting for consideration.

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

S. Blackford attended the meeting to present additional proposed revisions to this policy, for which notice of motion was served at the board meeting of October 4, 2024. He noted that the role of the protected disclosures officer had been removed from the policy until it was determined whether budgetary approval would be granted for that role.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the revisions to Policy BRD 17-0 Respectful Workplace and Harassment Prevention, as circulated.*

13. REPORTS AND UPDATES

- a. Wildfire update

S. Wagner updated the board on Wildfire programming. Discussion ensued.

14. PRESENTATION

- a. Thompson Rivers University Student Investment Fund (TRUSIF)

M. Milovick introduced the TRUSIF presenters, who then delivered their presentation. Discussion ensued, and the board thanked them for their presentation and work.

15. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025 in the Clock Tower Boardroom.

16. TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 3:00pm.