



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Board of Governors Open Session Minutes

Friday, June 15, 2012
3-15 University Hall
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Ashlyn Bernier	President, Graduate Students' Association
Robert Campenot	Board Member (Academic Staff)
Gordon Clanachan	Vice-Chair (Public Member)
Don Fleming	Board Member (Alumni Association)
Louis Hugo Francescutti	Board Member (General Faculties Council)
Douglas Goss	Chair, Board of Governors
Jim Hole	Board Member (Alumni Association)
Agnes Hoveland	Board Member (Public Member)
Shenaz Jeraj	Board Member (Public Member)
Brent Kelly	Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Governors
Marc de La Bruyère	Board Member (Public Member)
Don Matthew	Board Member (Public Member)
Jerry Naqvi	Board Member (General Public)
Bernd Reuscher	Board Member (Senate)
Robert Teskey	Board Member (General Public)
Richard Wilson	Board Member (Public Member)
Colten Yamagishi	President, Students' Union
Ralph Young	Chancellor

Non-Voting Officials Approved by the President:

Carl Amrhein	Acting President
Lorne Babiuk	Vice-President (Research)
Phyllis Clark	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Brad Hamdon	University Counsel
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Marcia Lang	Chief of Staff and University Relations
O'Neil Outar	Chief Advancement Officer
Debra Pozega Osburn	Vice-President (University Relations)

Regrets:

Ove Minsos	Board Member (Public Member)
Indira Samarasekera	President
Colleen Skidmore	Vice-Provost (Academic)

Presenters:

Cen Huang	Director, International Relations & Recruitment, University of Alberta International
Marie D'Iorio	Director General, National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT)
Bob Kamp	Chair, Board Investment Committee
Ron Ritter	Director, Investments and Treasury (Financial Services)

Staff:

Deborah Holloway	Board Secretary and Manager of Board Services
Juli Zinken	Assistant Board Secretary

IN CAMERA SESSION

At the request of the Acting President, the Board met briefly *In Camera*.

OPENING SESSION

1. Chair's Session

1.1 Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Ms Holloway confirmed that the attendance constituted quorum. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.2 Approval of Open Session Agenda

Motion: Francescutti/Naqvi

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Open Session Agenda, as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3 Conflict of Interest – Opportunity for Declaration related to Agenda

The Chair made note of the following:

- The University of Alberta has policy and procedure in place for Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment, and Board members make annual disclosures.
- In addition, Board members must declare any conflict related to the Board Agenda of each meeting and, in the event of such conflict, absent themselves from the discussion and voting on the item.
- The *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, Section 16(5) states that: *The members of the board must act in the best interests of the university.*

The Chair invited members to declare conflicts of interest related to the Open Session Agenda of the meeting. The Chair observed no declarations and declared that the question was duly asked and answered.

1.4 Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Mr. Ralph Young, newly installed Chancellor, to the Board of Governors.

He also commented on the following matters:

- The Chair noted that this was the final meeting for Bob Campenot, Marc de La Bruyère and Louis Francescutti and thanked them for their service to the Board.
- This was also the final meeting for Gordon Clanachan, who has agreed to continue to serve as an External Member on Board Audit Committee. He thanked him for his long service to the Board and presented him with a book, donated to the Digital Library in his name.
- On September 26th, in Calgary, the President will be awarded The *Peter Lougheed Award for Leadership in Public Policy*, presented to Western Canadian leaders who have had a national impact on policy and good governance. The award acknowledges champions of the West who represent Canadian leadership and public service.
- On June 4, German ambassador to Canada Georg Witschel presented Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (academic), with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit. Also, German President Christian Wulff signed the Bundesverdienstkreuz—Order of Merit—which was bestowed upon the Provost. This an acknowledgement that ranks alongside the Order of Canada and is the Federal Republic of Germany's highest tribute paid to individuals for outstanding service paid to the nation.
- The Chair thanked the members who had represented the Board of Governors at various Convocation ceremonies and volunteered at the President's staff picnic.
- He offered congratulations to O'Neil Outar who had been named Vice President (Advancement)

Presentation on China

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Cen Huang, Director, International Relations & Recruitment, University of Alberta International

Discussion:

The Chair introduced Ms Huang and provided highlights regarding a recent mission to China.

Ms Huang outlined existing University of Alberta – China connections. She discussed the outcomes of meetings held with Chinese Hanban/Confucius Institute, Peking University, and Tsinghua University. Ms Huang described in Honorary Degree Conferral Ceremony for Professor Fan Zeng, an internationally renowned scholar painter, calligrapher and a respected poet and thinker. The Ceremony was held in The Great Hall of the People. This was the first honorary degree conferral held outside of Canada. The event garnered strong media coverage and was attended by senior Chinese national government and university leaders, the Canadian Ambassador to China, VIPs from business, education, performing and fine arts, and athletic sectors, and students from the University of Alberta and Nankai University

2. Report of the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

In addition to the President's written report, the Acting President provided comments on the following matters:

- The Honorary Degree Ceremony in China.
- Highlights regarding Spring Convocation including the ten Honorary Degree conferrals.
- The tour of Japan that the Pandas Volleyball team would undertake during the summer.
- The awarding of the EngineersCanada Medal of Distinction to Dr. John Nychka, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.
- Acknowledgement and gratitude to the outgoing Board members.

2.1 Presentation on the National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Marie D'Iorio, Director General, National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT)

Discussion:

Dr D'Iorio provided a presentation that described NINT's partnerships, core competencies, vision, mission, and goals. She also provided examples of achievements to date and opportunities for the future.

3a. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 11, 2012

Motion: Teskey/de La Bruyère

THAT the Board of Governors adopt the Open Session Minutes of its meeting on May 11, 2012.

CARRIED

3b. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of June 4, 2012

Motion: Fleming/Wilson

THAT the Board of Governors adopt the Open Session Minutes of its meeting on June 4, 2012.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

4. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

4.1 Rescission of Facilities and Operations Management Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: To retrace the consultative route taken in 2005 for the development and now the rescission of the Facilities and Operations Management Policy in UAPPOL. The intent is to ensure Board members are made aware of the rationale for the rescission.

Discussion:

Mr Hickey presented the item, noting that the development of subject matter specific policies within Facilities and Operation's areas of accountability renders the Management Policy unnecessary.

Motion: Clanachan/Teskey

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, rescind the Facilities and Operations Management Policy, originally approved by the Board on June 17, 2005, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

5. Report of the University Relations Committee

5.1 University of Alberta 2011-12 Annual Report for submission to the Government of Alberta

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: To comply with Alberta Enterprise and Advanced Education legislation and guidelines.

Discussion:

Ms Hoveland, Chair of the Board University Relations Committee, introduced the item, noting that the report is due for submission to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education by September 30, 2012.

The presenters received and accepted minor editorial suggestions.

Motion: Hoveland/Francescutti

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board University Relations Committee, approve and adopt the *University of Alberta 2011-2012 Annual Report for submission to the Government of Alberta* and empower the Associate Vice-President (Audit & Analysis) to make any editorial changes to the *Report*, as needed, as long as the changes do not have the force of policy.

CARRIED

5.2 Donation Acceptance Policy Suite in UAPPOL

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: O'Neil Outar, Chief Advancement Officer

Purpose of the Proposal: To create a framework for the review and acceptance of philanthropic donations to the University of Alberta.

Discussion:

Mr Outar presented the proposal, noting that the Policy Suite brings clarity and definition regarding the gift acceptance process, and aligns responsibilities and accountabilities, particularly regarding the role of donors, the Donation Acceptance Committee and the role of sponsorships.

He responded to questions from members regarding whether significant issues had been identified during the consultative process and whether this Policy would impact naming. Following discussion regarding the ability to return a gift, Mr Outar agreed to develop a companion procedure in this regard and bring it forward for approval.

Motion I: Hoveland/Matthew

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board University Relations Committee and the GFC Academic Planning Committee, approve the Donation Acceptance Policy Suite (as set forth in Attachments 1, 2 and 3), as submitted by the Chief Advancement Officer, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

Motion II: Hoveland/Campenot

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board University Relations Committee and the GFC Academic Planning Committee, rescind Section 8 (Acceptance Policy for Gifts) of the GFC Policy Manual, as submitted by the Chief Advancement Officer, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

6. Report of the Board Chair

6.1 Committee Appointments

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors; Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Purpose of the Proposal: To consider the annual appointment roster to the Board Committees..

Discussion:

The Chair outlined the appointments as presented in the proposal.

Motion: Matthew/Naqvi

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Chair, Mr Douglas Goss, approve the appointments and reappointments to the Board and other Committees as set forth in Attachment 1 to the agenda documentation.

CARRIED

INFORMATION REPORTS

7 Report of the Investment Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Bob Kamp, Chair of the Investment Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

He responded to questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: whether ethical oversight of investments is conducted; whether donor activity has been steady; the costs associated with managing the endowment; how frequently the portfolio is remixed; and how the performance of the managers is measured.

8 Report of the Audit Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Don Matthew, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

9 Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Gordon Clanachan, Chair of Finance and Property Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

10 Report of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Jim Hole, Chair of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

11 Report of the University Relations Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Ms Agnes Hoveland, Chair of the University Relations Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

REGULAR REPORTS

12.1 Report of the Chancellor

Newly appointed Chancellor, Mr Ralph Young, provided verbal remarks.

12.2 Report of the Alumni Association

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Don Fleming, Alumni Representative, presented the Alumni Association Report to the Board of Governors.

12.3 Report of the Students' Union

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, presented the Students' Union Report to the Board of Governors.

12.4 Report of the Graduate Students' Association

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Ms Ashlyn Bernier, President, Graduate Students' Association, presented the Graduate Students' Association Report to the Board of Governors.

12.5 Report of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AAS:UA)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Robert Campenot, AAS:UA Representative, presented the AAS:UA Report to the Board of Governors. He reported the election of Dr Donna Wilson as President of AAS:UA and acknowledged the positive impact of outgoing President, Professor Ian McLaren.

12.6 Report of Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, presented the NASA Report to the Board of Governors.

12.7 Report of the General Faculties Council (GFC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Louis Hugo Francescutti, GFC Representative, presented the GFC Report to the Board of Governors. He noted an error in the report regarding The Umbrella Committee which misstated the funding commitments from the Provincial Government as 3% per year, when the commitments are for 2% per year.

13 Report of the Board Chair

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Douglas Goss, Chair, Board of Governors, presented the Report of the Board Chair.

He noted the gift of books to members as follows:

"The Innovative University: Changing the DNA of Higher Education from the Inside Out."

"Culturing Wilderness in Jasper National Park: Studies in Two Centuries of Human History in the Upper Athabasca River Watershed." - each copy signed by Ian MacLaren.

14 Other Business

There was no other business.

CLOSING SESSION

15 Reminder of Board Events

Next meeting date:

- 2012-2013 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule
- Next meeting date: Friday, October 19, 2012

16 Adjournment

The Chair concluded the Open Session at 10:50 am.