



BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, June 18, 2021
1:00 PM
Held virtually by MS Teams

MINUTES

Board Present:

Barbara Berger (Chair), Brett Fairbairn (President and Vice-Chancellor), Tracy Christianson, Hee-Young Chung, Hasnat Dewan, Katy Gottfriedson, Azul Hernandez-Billy, Kathy Humphrey, Kathy Kendall, Lillian Kwan, Marilyn McLean

Absent:

Jimmy Lulua, Dev Shah

Executive and Others Present:

Christine Bovis-Crossen (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Brian Daly (Vice-President University Relations), Yvette Laflamme (Associate Vice-President, Finance), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lisa Grant (University Governance Assistant)

Guests:

Sheila Blackstock (School of Nursing), Dorys Crespín-Mueller (Associate Vice-President, Integrated Planning and Effectiveness), Tina Matthews (Executive Director, Office of Indigenous Education), Daleen Millard (Dean, Faculty of Law), Rani Srivastava (Dean, School of Nursing)

1. CALL TO ORDER

B. Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

a. Welcome new Board members:

The Chair welcomed new governors Hee-Young Chung, Kathy Humphrey, and Kathy Kendall, and then shared some background information about each new governor.

The Chair thanked outgoing student governors Azul Hernandez-Billy and Dev Shah for their service.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The board chair acknowledged that Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. She added that our region also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

a. Sheila Blackstock (School of Nursing)

Dean of the School of Nursing, R. Srivastava, introduced S. Blackstock, and then spoke about Dr. Blackstock's credentials and accomplishments. A link to background information was included with the agenda package. S. Blackstock accepted and thanked everyone for the recognition.

b. Tina Matthew (Office of Indigenous Education)

C. Bovis-Crossen introduced T. Matthew and spoke about her contributions to TRU and Indigenous communities. T. Matthew shared information about some of her recent work, for which the board commended her.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of March 26, 2021

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of March 26, 2021 be approved as circulated.*

7. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

a. 2021-2022 Mandate Letter

B. Berger, Board Chair, brought everyone's attention to the 2021-2022 Mandate Letter that was circulated with the agenda package. She stated that, if there were no objections, she planned to sign the letter.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the 2021-2022 Mandate Letter be approved as circulated.*

b. 2020-2021 Summary of Board Activities

The Chair reviewed the 2020-2021 Summary of Board Activities, provided to the Board for information, which was included in the agenda package.

8. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Letter of Agreement between Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University for the 2021/22 fiscal year

At the request of the Finance Committee chair, C. Bovis-Cnossen presented the letter of agreement, a copy of which was included with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Letter of Agreement between the Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University for the 2021/22 fiscal year be approved as circulated.*

b. Masters of Nursing Tuition Fee Structure Change

C. Bovis-Cnossen spoke to the memorandum that was circulated with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted it was **RESOLVED** that the Masters of Nursing Tuition Fee Structure Change be approved as circulated.*

c. 2020/21 Fourth Quarter Results

M. Milovick and Y. Laflamme presented. The link to the presentation was included with the agenda package. They also spoke to the Audited Financial Statements (agenda item 9.a) during their presentation.

d. Financial Sustainability Initiative/FY2022 Budget Update

M. Milovick provided an update on the FY2022 Budget for information purposes. The documents for this agenda item were circulated with the agenda package.

e. Advisory Committee on Investments

i. Notice of Motion: Policy BRD 22-0 Investment Objectives

M. Milovick spoke briefly regarding the Notice of Motion for the Policy BRD 22-0 Investment Objectives. A link to the notice of motion documents was provided on the agenda. M. Milovick indicated this matter would come to the October board meeting for consideration.

9. REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

a. 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements

M. Milovick and Y. Laflamme spoke to the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements during their presentation of the 2020/21 Fourth Quarter Results (agenda item 8.c).

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the 2020/21 Audited Financial Statements be approved as circulated.*

10. REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a. Proposed revisions to Chapter 18 (Board Composition and Succession Planning) of the Board Manual in relation to competency matrix

B. Berger drew governors' attention to the proposed revisions to Chapter 18 of the Board Manual. A memo outlining the proposed changes was included with the agenda package.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed revisions to Chapter 18 (Board Composition and Succession Planning) of the Board Manual be approved as circulated.*

B. Berger reported on the election of the Board Chair (Marilyn McLean) and Vice-Chair (Katy Gottfriedson), both of whom will take their respective offices on August 1, 2021.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

B. Fairbairn reported on several responses by the TRU community in relation to the unmarked graves of 215 children found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. He then invited C. Bovis-Crossen to speak about the Anti-Racism Task Force.

a. Anti-Racism Task Force

C. Bovis-Crossen spoke about the task force and commented that her report was for information purposes. A link to the report was included with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

b. President's Report to the Board

B. Fairbairn highlighted some items in his report and acknowledged and thanked C. Bovis-Crossen for her service as Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research. B. Berger also thanked C. Bovis-Crossen for her service to the board.

c. President's Reports to Senate

President Fairbairn brought governors' attention to some highlights in his reports to senate for April and May, 2021.

12. SENATE REPORT

a. Regional and National Institute Comparators to be used in conjunction with TRU accreditation with the NWCCU

B. Fairbairn indicated that Alana Hoare was in attendance to answer any questions from governors.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Regional and National Institute Comparators be approved.*

b. Fall Reading Break: Amendment to academic schedule

B. Fairbairn noted the considerations that went into the creation of a fall reading break. M. Bluhm was in attendance to answer any questions.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the amendment to the academic schedule, to incorporate a fall reading break, be approved as circulated.*

c. Undergraduate Research Certificate

B. Fairbairn spoke to this agenda item.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Undergraduate Research Certificate program, including the accompanying one (1) credit course RESL 1500 Undergraduate Research Competency, be approved as circulated.*

13. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. 2021 Fall Return to Campus

C. Bovis-Crossen provided an update on the Fall Return to Campus initiative and M. Milovick added that further sectoral guidelines for going forward would be coming out next week.

b. Safety and Emergency Management Report, Winter Semester 2021

M. Milovick presented the report, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda package.

c. Capital Plan Update

M. Milovick commented on this agenda item, noting it was for information purposes only.

i. Capital Update – Low Carbon District Energy System & Telesat

M. Milovick spoke to the memorandum regarding the key updates, which was circulated with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

ii. 5-Year Capital Plan Update Submittal to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training

M. Milovick provided an update regarding changes to capital projects since the board had last approved them, which was in June of 2019. He added that he is required to submit the plan every year and there are no new projects to be approved by the board at this time.

d. Student Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrolment Report

M. Milovick invited D. Crespin-Mueller to speak to the report that was included with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

14. BUSINESS

a. Institutional Accountability Plan and Report

C. Bovis-Crossen introduced the agenda item and invited Dorys Crespin-Mueller to speak to the report. A link to the report was included with the agenda package.

b. Notice of Motion: "Policy Development and Approval" Policy

C. Bovis-Crossen served Notice of Motion for the "Policy Development and Approval" Policy BRD 22-0 Investment Objectives. A link to the notice of motion documents was circulated with the agenda package. C. Bovis-Crossen indicated that the proposed policy revisions would come to the October meeting for consideration.

15. PRESENTATION

a. TRU Community Legal Clinic

D. Millard, Dean of the Faculty of Law, gave a presentation regarding the TRU Community Legal Clinic. A link to the presentation was circulated with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

16. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 1, 2021.

17. TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 2:26pm.