

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, 9 December 2014, Administration-Humanities 527

Present: E. Bourassa, M. Brigham, L. Elliott (Chair), P. Klein, D. Kwochka, P. Maze, P. McLellan, D. Peters, V. Timmons, J. Tomkins, C. Warner

Resource: D. Button, T. Chase, L. Jankowski (recording secretary), D. Malloy, A. Revet

Guest: K. McKechney

Call to order: 8:04 a.m.

Chair Lee Elliott provided a welcome to all at the meeting including guest K. McKechney. The Chair asked the Board of Governors to declare any conflict of interest should they have one with any of the items discussed at the meeting. L. Elliott and M. Brigham both declared a conflict of interest with item 8.3.

No other conflicts were declared.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Kwochka - Klein

Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

There was an omnibus motion on the following two motions.

McLellan - Brigham

2.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of 16 September 2014

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.

2.2 Approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of 4 November 2014

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising

President Timmons noted that the official launch of the Strategic Plan is scheduled to be held on January 13, 2015.

4. Strategic Item(s)

4.1 Strategic Presentation (*Reputation Management and Strategic Communications*), For Discussion, Page 16 of the Agenda

President Timmons introduced K. McKechney, Director, Communications, Marketing and Alumni. Timmons noted that this presentation is a follow-up from the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting in September in an effort to have a Board discussion regarding key strategies addressing reputational risk, ensuring campus engagement, implementation of initiatives and strategies, and issues management.

McKechney reviewed the goals and priorities in the strategic communications plan. Some of the key priorities are creating a disciplined and high functioning team and to work on consistent messaging that is anchored to the strategic plan. The unit is also working to establish new guidelines around the use of the new University coat of arms and other University trademarks such as the 'realize' brand.

McKechney also presented on the graphics for the new Strategic Plan which is *appended to the Minutes as Appendix 1*.

Discussion followed.

The Board Chair thanked K. McKechney for the informative presentation.

(K. McKechney withdrew from the meeting at 8:55 a.m.)

5. Administrative Item(s)

5.1 Provincial Auditor's Audit Planning Memorandum, Page 40 of the Agenda

Bourassa - Klein

That the Board of Governors approves the draft 2015 Audit Planning Memorandum (Attachment A) prepared by the Office of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan.

E. Bourassa presented the item and highlighted the materiality change from last year and areas of focus for the audit for the coming year.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

5.2 Project Approval – Renovation of Existing Campus Daycare, Page 67 of the Agenda

Warner - Peters

That the Board of Governors approve a project to renovate the existing Child Daycare Facilities with funding for the \$1,250,000 project to come from the lease of the daycare space.

C. Warner presented the item for approval. Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

5.3 Approval of Amendment 3 to the Regina Research Park Head Lease, Page 71 of the Agenda

Warner - McLellan

That the Board of Governors approve and authorize Administration to sign the attached Amendment 3 (Attachment A) to the Regina Research Park Head Lease and to take all

legal steps necessary to assume full responsibility for the land and put the proposed changes into full effect.

C. Warner presented the item for approval. Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.4 Master of Journalism Tuition, Page 78 of the Agenda

Warner - Brigham

That the Board of Governors approve that the tuition fee for the new Master of Journalism degree be set at the same rate as those for the Master of Engineering, Master of Nursing–Nurse Practitioner, and Master of Public Administration degrees.

C. Warner presented the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.5 Policy – Research Cost Recovery, Page 82 of the Agenda

Warner - Brigham

That the Board of Governors approve the revised policy RCH-030-005 Research Cost Recovery (Attachment A) effective March 31, 2015.

C. Warner presented the item for approval. It was noted that this policy will add structure and consistency to the process and that it will be communicated to campus early in 2015 to educate faculty and staff.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.6 Wind-up and Dissolution of FNUiv Financial Administration Inc., Page 90 of the Agenda

Kwochka - Tomkins

That the Board of Governors approve the wind-up and dissolution of FNUiv Financial Administration Inc.

D. Kwochka presented the item and provided rationale for the wind-up.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.7 Key Messages, Page 93 of the Board Agenda

D. Kwochka presented the item for information. Discussion followed.

6. Consensus Items

6.1 Provincial Audit's Post-Audit Questionnaire, Page 96 of the Board Agenda

Bourassa - Maze

That the Board approves the attached Post-Audit Questionnaire as completed by University of Regina Management.

E. Bourassa presented the item for approval.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

There was an omnibus motion on the following two motions.

Kwochka - McLellan

6.2 July 2015 Board and Committee Meeting, Page 100 of the Board Agenda

That the Board of Governors approve that the 2014-2015 Board Meeting Schedule be amended such that the Board and Committee meetings scheduled for July 2015 would take place on July 6 and 7, 2015 as noted in Attachment A replacing the previously approved meeting dates of July 20 and 21, 2015.

6.3 2015 – 2016 Board Meeting Schedule, Page 105 of the Board Agenda

That the Board of Governors approve the 2015-2016 Board Meeting Schedule (September 2015 to July 2016) as attached. Revisions to the schedule may be made in consultation with the Board Chair and President.

D. Kwochka presented the items for approval and reviewed the changes to the schedules. It was noted that the Provincial Auditor's office did prepare the Audit Planning Memorandum for the period ending April 30, 2015 to align with these revised meeting dates. Discussion followed.

The question was called on the omnibus motions.

CARRIED

(The Board had a brief recess at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 9:52 a.m.)

7. Reports (*For Information*)

7.1 Chair, *Verbal Report*

The Chair provided an update on the recent events that were attended including a recent meeting with Ministerial officials regarding the Brown Governance review.

7.2 Chancellor, *Verbal Report*

The Chancellor noted that he had attended a number of events held on and off campus over the fall which include: announcements, dinners, retirement parties, trust and endowment committee meetings and pension committee meetings. The Chancellor also attended the Senate Meeting and Convocation held on October 17 and a Senate Appeals Meeting and Workshop for Student Appeals Committee members held in November.

7.2.1 University of Regina Senate Report for 17 October 2014, Page 112 of the Agenda

The report was presented for information.

7.3 President's Report, Page 115 of the Board Agenda

President Timmons reviewed the objectives in the report but noted the development of the alumni plan is not yet complete.

Timmons advised the Board that the University of Regina had been awarded the bid to host the 2018 Congress and noted that this is to be confidential until an official announcement is held in early 2015.

The President reminded Board members that there is a Staff Open House and Community Open House at the President's Residence in the afternoon on December 12th and 13th.

Discussion followed on issues with the new automated time tabling system at the University and a discussion on the lack of training opportunities for faculty program advisors.

Discussion followed.

7.3.1 President's Objectives – January to July 2015, Page 129 of the Agenda

Kwochka - Tomkins

That the Board of Governors approve the President's objectives from January to July 2015.

D. Kwochka presented the item for approval and noted the objectives are ambitious and measuring could be a challenge due to a lack of available benchmark data which is in part included in the objectives as presented.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Institutional Dashboard, Page 133 of the Board Agenda

The report was presented for information. It was noted that management has concerns over the decline in the measures for reputation and research funding.

Discussion followed.

7.4 URSU President, Page 137 of the Board Agenda

D. Peters presented the report for information. It was pointed out that URSU's audited financial statements will go to their Board for approval in later December or January and URSU is working in preparation to get the U-Pass on campus.

Discussion followed.

7.5 Committee Chair Highlights, *Verbal Report*

- The Committee Chairs provided summaries of the meetings held the day before, addressing any questions or observations from the information that was provided.

- The Board was reminded that they will host a dinner with the participants from the Governor Development and Certification Program at the University Club on Thursday, January 29th.

(L. Jankowski withdrew at 11:00 a.m.).

8. In Camera Session I: 11:00 a.m.

8.1 College Avenue Campus Redevelopment, *distributed confidentially*

8.2 College Avenue Campus Revitalization Project – Approval to Proceed with Consultant Selection and Pre-Planning Design Funding, Page 142 of the Agenda

Warner - Brigham

That the Board of Governors approve both the initiation of the selection process via a Request for Proposals for a consultant team for Pre-Planning for an expenditure not to exceed \$300,000 for development of the College Avenue Campus Revitalization Project.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

(L. Elliott and M. Brigham withdrew from the meeting at 11:38 a.m. due to a conflict of interest with item 8.3. K. Kummerfield joined the meeting at this time. D. Kwochka assumed the role as Chair for this discussion.)

8.3 Status of Academic Negotiations, *distributed confidentially*

(L. Elliott and M. Brigham joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and L. Elliott assumed the role of Chair following the discussion. K. Kummerfield left the meeting at this time.)

8.4 Approval of the *In Camera* Minutes from the Special Meeting of 4 November 2014, *distributed confidentially*

Kwochka - Maze

Moved approval of the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

(The Vice-President's left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.)

(The President left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.)

9. In Camera Session II: 12:15 p.m.

10. Adjournment – 12:30 p.m. Moved by Peters.



Annette Revet
University Secretary



Lee Elliott
Chair