Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Meeting Subject: University of Regina Board of Governors
Resource: D. Button, T. Chase, P. Daniels (Recorder), D. Malloy, G. Sylvestre
Guest: B. Waytuck, University Librarian
Regrets: URSU President (vacant)

Call to order: 9:02 a.m.

C. Warner provided a welcome to all at the meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

   Item 9.5 was reordered after 9.2 to accommodate discussion of all bargaining items together.

   Tomkins – Klein
   Moved approval of the agenda as amended.
   CARRIED

2. Governor Conflict of Interest

   The Chair asked Board members to declare a conflict of interest should they have one with any of the agenda items. P. Klein noted that her firm has a contract with the MacKenzie Art Gallery, although unrelated to the issue before the Board. J. Tomkins and C. Warner also discussed past and/or present relationships with that organization. The Board was comfortable that these did not result in a conflict of interest with the item before the Board.

   C. Londono declared a conflict with agenda item 9.6.

3. Approval of the Minutes

   3.1 Board Meeting of 12 July 2018 – circulated with the Agenda

       It was agreed to remove the word “measuring” from the second bullet under “Topics of discussion” in Item 5.9.

       Smadu – Bosgoed
       Moved approval of the minutes as amended.
       CARRIED

4. Business Arising – None
5. Strategic Item(s)

5.1 Strategic presentation, “University Libraries in the 21st Century”, Brett Waytuck, University Librarian, Page 13 of the Board Agenda

T. Chase introduced B. Waytuck to the Board.

B. Waytuck shared the news of the Archer Library’s 50th Anniversary celebration.

Following the presentation there was a brief question and answer session.

Discussion included:
- Technology within the library to assist students
- Protection of important collections for the library

The Board Chair thanked B. Waytuck for the presentation.

The item is appended to the official file.

(B. Waytuck withdrew from the meeting at 9:36 a.m.)

5.2 Border States Undergraduate Differential Tuition Waiver, For Decision (F&F), Page 35 of the Board Agenda

Brandvold – Londono
That the Board of Governors approve, effective September 2019, the waiver of the differential tuition fee for undergraduate students whose home place of residence is in the states of Montana or North Dakota.

R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the importance of this opportunity to engage with students from the states of Montana and North Dakota.

Discussion followed:

Topic of discussion included:
- Exploring other states for recruitment
- Cost to recruit students from these two states

Management advised that this will be treated as a pilot project and may be expanded depending on the results.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED
5.3 Heating Plant Roof Replacement, *For Decision (F&F)*, Page 37 of the Board Agenda

Brandvold – Bosgoed

*That the Board of Governors approve the tendering and construction of the Heating Plant Roof Replacement project valued at $1.5M.*

R. Brandvold presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Committee the meeting the day prior.

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:
- Lack of federal funding available for this project
- Notification that provincial funding is forthcoming

The question was called on the motion.  

CARRIED

6. Administrative Item(s)

6.1 Provincial Audit’s Post-Audit Questionnaire, *For Decision (A&RM)*, Page 39 of the Board Agenda, Page 39 of the Board Agenda

It was noted that the Audit & Risk Management Committee provided comments and emphasized the transparency of the Provincial Auditor and their clear and concise responses to queries during in camera sessions.

The Board agreed to add an additional comment to the Post-Audit Questionnaire in this regard.

Bosgoed – Brandvold

*That the Board of Governors approves the Post-Audit Questionnaire.*

The question was called on the amended motion.  

CARRIED

Discussion followed on the timing of the audit and pressures that affect the period of the audit and resulting Board meeting dates.
6.2 Non-Academic Pension Plan Valuation, For Decision (HR), Page 42 of the Board Agenda

Opseth – Tomkins

That the Board of Governors approve the University’s filing of the actuarial valuation at 31 December 2017 for the University of Regina Non-Academic Pension Plan.

Discussion followed.

Topics of discussion included:
- The timing of filing the actuarial valuation
- The potential for a drop in the market in the upcoming year

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

7. Consensus Item(s)

Management noted the additional minor amendments to the Terms of Reference and the Annual Work Plans for the Audit & Risk Management Committee and Board Annual Work Plan.

- Performance Measurement Framework with measures updated where available – date change – from Sept to May
- Performance Measurement Framework with targets for next fiscal year – for approval – date change – from May to July

A Board member also noted a typographical error on the Board Annual Work Plan regarding Performance Measurement Framework targets. The sentence should read, "Performance Measurement Framework targets and Dashboard for next fiscal year – for approval”.

Tomkins – Klein

Agreed to move items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 as an omnibus motion as follows.

7.1 2018-19 Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plans for the Board of Governors and its Standing Committees, For Decision (A&RM, DSA, F&F, GOV&NOM, HR, BOG), Page 99 of the Board Agenda

That the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference and the Annual Work Plans of the Board of Governors and its Standing Committees.

7.2 Trust & Endowment Committee Terms of Reference, For Decision (F&F), Page 115 of the Board Agenda

That the Board of Governors approves the terms of reference for the Trust & Endowment Committee (TEC);

and that the Board of Governors reaffirm that the current five appointees to the Trust & Endowment Committee are:
- Dr. R.J. Tomkins, Chancellor;
- Dave Button, Vice-President (Administration);
- Kelly Kummerfield, Associate Vice-President (Human Resources);
- Nola Joorisity, Associate Vice-President (Finance); and
7.3 Out of Scope Member of Academic and Administrative Benefits Committee (AABC), Non-Academic Benefits Committee, For Decision (HR), Page 117 of the Board Agenda

That the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Nola Joorisity, Associate Vice-President (Finance), as a representative to the Academic and Administrative Benefits Committee (AABC) and the Non-Academic Benefits Committee (NABC).

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

8. Reports (For Information)

8.1 Chair, Verbal Report

The Board Chair provided an update on the recent events and activities that were attended since the last Board meeting including discussions with the MacKenzie Art Gallery, email from a University Senator after City Council meeting, 9th Annual President’s Athletic Breakfast, new faculty reception, Prince’s Operation Entrepreneur “Boot-camp” reception and a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education.

8.2 Chancellor, Verbal Report

The Chancellor provided an update on events and meetings held on and off campus since the last Board meeting including his attendance at the Conexus building unveiling ceremony, Gathering on the Green, 9th Annual President’s Athletic Breakfast, Pension Committee and Endowment Committee meetings and two Senate student appeals.

Discussion followed on the increase of student appeals. The Chancellor responded that the numbers have increased and the Senate Appeals Committee can now hear close to 10 appeals per year, but the workload is manageable.

8.3 President’s Report, For Information (GOV&NOM), Page 120 of the Board Agenda

President Timmons presented the report for information.

The President highlighted the ULT Retreat and its focus on social impact related to vulnerable youth and families. The President attended the Gathering on the Green, Conexus building unveiling ceremony, City Council meeting, 9th Annual President’s Athletic Breakfast, and met with the Minister of Advanced Education.

The Board congratulated President Timmons on her appointment to the Advisory Board for Senate appointments.

8.3.1 Key Messages, Page 133 of the Board Agenda

President Timmons highlighted the key messages to the Board and indicated the increase in student enrolment.

The President suggested that Board members be invited to next year’s move in day for new students.
8.4 Committee Chair Highlights, Verbal Update

- G. Bosgoed provided an update from the Audit and Risk Management Committee, including:
  - Strategic Risk presentation by Livia Castellanos on Impact of Global Events on International Enrolment: Mitigating Risk through a worldwide agent program
  - Commended Livia Castellanos on her presentation and her wealth of knowledge. Noted that the presentation is timely given the situation with the Saudi students
  - Update on Research
  - Expressed thanks to the Internal Auditor, and noted her impressive ability to handle a significant workload
  - The Board engaged in a brief discussion on risk management, including protection of important documents and collections, and accreditation and monitoring of international recruitment agents

- A. Opseth provided an update from the Human Resources Committee, including an update on:
  - Timing of collective agreements
  - Academic Workforce Demographics:
    Discussion followed on some of the highlights from the Academic Workforce Demographics report.

- P. Klein provided an update on behalf of the Governance and Nominations Committee, including:
  - Board Retreat agenda
  - Report on Admissions, Enrolments, Credit Hours, Student Financial Support and Student Debt
    - T. Chase reported updated enrolment figures of 15,583 students and 8.8% increase in self-declared Indigenous students.

- R. Brandvold provided an update on the Finance and Facilities Committee, including:
  - Updates were provided by management on all major capital projects
  - Development report – there are challenges with fundraising, given the current economic situation.

(The Board had a brief recess at 10:34 a.m. P. Daniels withdrew from the meeting.)

(The meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m.)

9. In Camera Session I: 10:47 a.m.

9.1 Approval of the In Camera Board Minutes, 12 July 2018, distributed confidently

The item is appended to the official file.

9.2 2018 Board Evaluation Survey Results, For Discussion (GOV&NOM)

The item is recorded in the In Camera Minutes and is appended to the official file.

9.5 MacKenzie Art Gallery, For Decision (GOV&NOM)

The item is recorded in the In Camera Minutes and is appended to the official file.
9.3 Environmental Scan and Collective Bargaining Strategy and Monetary Parameters CUPE 2419 (Teaching Assistants) Negotiations 2018, *For Decision (HR)*

The item is recorded in the *In Camera Minutes* and is *appended to the official file.*

9.4 Environmental Scan and Collective Bargaining Strategy CUPE Post-doctoral Fellows and Research Assistants Negotiations 2018 (First Collective Agreement), *For Decision (HR)*

The item is recorded in the *In Camera Minutes* and is *appended to the official file.*

(C. Londono withdrew from the meeting at 11:12 a.m.)

9.6 Collective Bargaining, *Verbal Update (HR)*

The item is recorded in the *In Camera Minutes.*

(Vice-Presidents withdrew from the meeting at 11:15 a.m and C. Londono returned.)

10. *In Camera Session II: 11:15 a.m.*

The item is recorded in the *In Camera Minutes.*

(V. Timmons and G. Sylvestre left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.)

11. **Adjournment** - 11:30 a.m. Moved by Bosgoed.