



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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### Board of Governors Open Session Minutes

Friday, December 14, 2012  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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#### **ATTENDEES:**

##### Voting Members:

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| Miodrag (Mike) Belosevic | Board Member (General Faculties Council)               |
| Ashlyn Bernier           | President, Graduate Students' Association              |
| Don Fleming              | Board Member (Alumni Association)                      |
| Douglas Goss             | Chair, Board of Governors                              |
| Jim Hole                 | Board Member (Alumni Association)                      |
| Agnes Hoveland           | Board Member (Public Member)                           |
| Brent Kelly              | Undergraduate Representative to the Board of Governors |
| Don Matthew              | Board Member (Public Member)                           |
| Jerry Naqvi              | Board Member (Public Member)                           |
| Christopher Pu           | Board Member (Non-Academic Staff Association)          |
| Wayne Renke              | Board Member (Academic Staff)                          |
| Bernd Reuscher           | Board Member (Senate)                                  |
| Indira Samarasekera      | President  |
| Robert Teskey            | Board Member (Public Member)                           |
| Richard Wilson           | Board Member (Public Member)                           |
| Colten Yamagishi         | President, Students' Union                             |
| Ralph Young              | Chancellor   |

##### Non-Voting Officials Approved by the President:

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| Lorne Babiuk           | Vice-President (Research)                    |
| Phyllis Clark          | Vice-President (Finance and Administration)  |
| Martin Ferguson-Pell   | Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic) |
| Marion Haggarty-France | University Secretary                         |
| Brad Hamdon            | University Counsel                           |
| Don Hickey             | Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)   |
| O'Neil Outar           | Vice-President (Advancement)                 |
| Debra Pozega Osburn    | Vice-President (University Relations)        |
| Colleen Skidmore       | Vice-Provost (Academic)                      |

##### Regrets:

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| Shenaz Jeraj | Board Member (Public Member)            |
| Marcia Lang  | Chief of Staff and University Relations |
| Ove Minsos   | Board Member (Public Member)            |

##### Presenters:

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| Lesley Cormack | Dean, Faculty of Arts  |
| Philip Currie  | Professor and Canada Research Chair, Department of Biological Sciences |
| Doug Dawson    | Executive Director, Ancillary Services                                 |

##### Staff:

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

## **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 8:10 a.m.

#### 1.2 Approval of Open Session Agenda

The motion was moved and seconded.

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 Christopher Pu, the representative of the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA), to his first meeting of the Board of Governors. He noted that two public member vacancies remain.

The Chair reported a request from the University's Crisis Management Team to receive contact information for Board Members which would be used only in the event of an emergency. He advised that he would be sharing the information with the office.

#### Presentation on Vertebrate Palaeontology Laboratory Research

*Presenter:* Philip Currie, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Department of Biological Sciences

#### *Discussion:*

The Chair noted that this is the first in a series of presentations coming before the Board of Governors that will highlight research strengths at the University of Alberta.

Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic), reported that the University of Alberta had signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with leading online education provider Udacity. The MOU begins exploration of a research partnership for the collaborative development of systems for delivery, measurement and assessment of online learning courses and experiences. In

addition, the partnership calls for a pilot project to develop a few courses in the Faculty of Science that will be offered through the Udacity platform, with the expectation that at least one course can be taken for University of Alberta credit, which would set the University of Alberta apart from all other Canadian universities. The first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) developed here will be Dino 101, based on the work of Professor Philip Currie.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Professor Currie described the history and impact of dinosaur research at the University, examples of species in the University's collection, and current palaeontology research projects.

## 2. Report of the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

In addition to her written report, the President provided comments on the following matters:

- The President expressed appreciation to Board Members for their understanding in regards to the October Board meeting and for all of their good wishes on the birth of her granddaughter.
- She acknowledged the recent death of Professor Piotr Rudnicki and extended condolences to his family, friends and co-workers. He was an active member of the General Faculties Council and a professor of computing science. He had been with the University for almost 30 years.
- Last month, Megan Engel, a University of Alberta honours astrophysics graduate and a master's student in biophysics, was awarded a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. With this award, Megan was accepted into a doctorate program in theoretical physics at Oxford University beginning in fall 2013.
- A group of nine students from the Faculties of Engineering and Science won the entrepreneurship category at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The students proposed a startup biotechnology company called Upcycled Aromatics, which would turn paper that cannot be recycled into high-valued specialty chemicals.
- Another group of four University of Alberta students garnered international attention when they won the best overall design in the student category at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual International Bicycle Design competition for their recumbent tricycle design, Gran Turismo. These students beat 590 entries from 45 countries and are now guaranteed two trips to Taiwan.
- The President reported on a meeting regarding the 2013 Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) where the Vice-Presidents and CIP working group met with their counterparts in Enterprise and Advanced Learning. Assistant Deputy Minister, Gord Johnston, co-chaired the meeting. During the meeting our leadership in a number of areas, as the flagship institution in Campus Alberta, was acknowledged, and the Government indicated that they would like to explore how University of Alberta can share expertise, systems, best practices, etc. more broadly with the whole Campus Alberta system. Regarding the results-based budgeting, the Government indicated that they are at the beginning of a two year planning cycle.
- The President provided highlights from a recent Campus Alberta Future Directions meeting, including questions regarding performance agreements, budget increases, and the process going forward.
- It was recently announced that the University of Alberta had entered into an agreement (in principle) with Edmonton's three other leading post-secondary institutions (MacEwan University, NAIT and Norquest College) regarding potential areas of collaboration. The presidents and board chairs from the four institutions met and had a discussion on the impact that each institution has on our community and province, and the opportunities for collaboration. Talks regarding this collaboration are ongoing.
- The President reported that the Festival of Ideas was a great success. The event is a major relationship builder within the city—the Edmonton Arts Council and Capital Power are two main

sponsors. Approximately 5,700 people attended the events over the five days. This included two events in Calgary and one in Camrose in addition to the events in Edmonton.

- The President also reported on the recent President's Society Dinner and recruitment events and a related op-ed piece in Vancouver.
- The University of Alberta, in partnership with the Universities of British Columbia and Toronto, has been successful in our application for the Canada-India Research Centre of Excellence (CIRCE) . Our joint application, IC-IMPACTS (India-Canada Centre for Innovative Multidisciplinary Partnerships to Accelerate Transformation and Sustainability) will bring together teams of Canadian and Indian researchers and others to focus on three key areas: safe drinking water, reliable infrastructure and effective prevention and treatment of water-borne and infectious diseases.

The President responded to questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: the communication protocol for recognizing award-winning students and their professors; how it is ensured that research funding is leveraged and that resulting opportunities are capitalized upon; whether accessibility issues are being discussed with the Provincial Government; if a White Paper is expected regarding the future of Campus Alberta and, if so, the expected timetable for delivery; and clarification regarding the results-based budgeting initiative.

### 3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 19, 2012 and November 14, 2012

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors adopt the Open Session Minutes of its meetings on:

- October 19, 2012, and
- November 14, 2012 (electronic vote)

**CARRIED**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### 4. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

#### 4.1 University of Alberta 2013-2014 General Tuition Fee Proposal

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration); Ashlyn Bernier, President, Graduate Students' Association; Colten Yamagishi, President, Students' Union.

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To set tuition fees for the 2013-2014 academic year.

#### *Discussion:*

Dr Ferguson-Pell and Ms Clark reviewed the Administration's proposal, using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms Clark outlined the University's current budget situation and the role it plays when determining tuition for the coming year. She outlined the history of the tuition regulation and described in detail the tuition proposal before members. Regarding Program/Course Differential Fee and Market Modifier Fees, she provided interprovincial comparisons, outlined bursaries and award expenditures, and described income by educational attainment.

Dr Bernier provided verbal remarks on behalf of the Graduate Students' Association. She stated that in her view tuition is not only the monetary component of an education, designed to offset the costs of that education, but also an investment in the future and a motivator to work hard. She added that the value of

the education received is central to this discussion, urging the Board to consider how the value to students is being increased each time the Board considers a tuition and/or fee increase.

Mr Yamagishi made his presentation to the Board with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. He highlighted the percentage increase in Alberta against increases elsewhere in Canada; compared the national and provincial average increases in additional compulsory fees against those at the University of Alberta; the impact of fees on students, and the current post-secondary education environment in Alberta. Mr Yamagishi also detailed ongoing concerns regarding the Common Student Space, Sustainability and Services (CoSSS) fee including: a lack of clarity regarding how the fee is allocated; that some services supported by the fee do not have a clear link between service and instruction; CoSSS funded unit accountability; and a request that the fee be approved annually to demonstrate that it is a temporary fee.

In response, Ms Clark noted that only instructional fees, not mandatory non-instructional fees such as the CoSSS fee, were being approved at this meeting. She provided additional national comparisons related to undergraduate domestic and internal tuition fees and graduate domestic and tuition fees.

Dr Ferguson-Pell, Ms Clark, Dr Bernier and Mr Yamagishi responded to questions from the Board regarding the following matters: why more funding is not invested in scholarships; whether a cap on increases applies to international differential fees; and clarity regarding the cost increase for the coming year and major pressures on the budget. Members engaged in a discussion regarding the following issues: the impact of increasing tuition and fees on accessibility; the level of funding support received from the Provincial Government; average student debt elsewhere; and the importance of increasing the quality of the education delivered to students.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee and the General Faculties Council Academic Planning Committee, approve a proposal from the University Administration for a general tuition fee increase of 2.15%, effective September 1, 2013 and as illustrated in the table below.

| <b>Undergraduate Tuition Fee Proposal</b> <sup>a, c</sup> | <b>2012-13</b>     | <b>2013-14</b>     | <b>Change</b> <sup>b</sup> |          |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|
|   |                    |                    | <b>\$</b>                  | <b>%</b> |
| Domestic (Arts and Science)                               | \$5,269.20         | \$5,382.00         | \$112.80                   | 2.14%    |
| International, Base (Arts and Science)                    | \$5,269.20         | \$5,382.00         | \$112.80                   |          |
| International, Differential (Arts and Science)            | <u>\$13,048.80</u> | <u>\$13,328.40</u> | <u>\$279.60</u>            | 2.14%    |
| Total International (Arts and Science)                    | \$18,318.00        | \$18,710.40        | \$392.40                   |          |
| <b>Business Administration Diploma</b> <sup>a</sup>       | <b>2012-13</b>     | <b>2013-14</b>     | <b>Change</b> <sup>b</sup> |          |
|   |                    |                    | <b>\$</b>                  | <b>%</b> |
| Domestic  | \$2,799.60         | \$2,859.60         | \$60.00                    | 2.14%    |
| International, Base                                       | \$2,799.60         | \$2,859.60         | \$60.00                    |          |
| International, Differential                               | <u>\$6,943.20</u>  | <u>\$7,092.00</u>  | <u>\$148.80</u>            | 2.14%    |
| Total, International                                      | \$9,742.80         | \$9,951.60         | \$208.80                   |          |
| <b>Graduate Tuition Fee Proposal</b> <sup>a, c</sup>      | <b>2012-13</b>     | <b>2013-14</b>     | <b>Change</b> <sup>b</sup> |          |
|   |                    |                    | <b>\$</b>                  | <b>%</b> |
| Domestic, Course Based                                    | \$3,708.00         | \$3,787.20         | \$79.20                    | 2.14%    |
| International, Course Based (Base Tuition)                | \$3,708.00         | \$3,787.20         | \$79.20                    |          |
| International, Course Based (Differential)                | <u>\$3,708.00</u>  | <u>\$3,787.20</u>  | <u>\$79.20</u>             | 2.14%    |
| Total International (Course Based)                        | \$7,416.00         | \$7,574.40         | \$158.40                   |          |

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Domestic, Thesis 919 <sup>d</sup>           | \$2,312.80            | \$2,362.52            | \$49.72            | 2.15% |
| International, Thesis 919 (Base Tuition)    | \$2,312.80            | \$2,362.52            | \$49.72            |       |
| International, Thesis 919 (Differential)    | <del>\$2,312.80</del> | <del>\$2,362.52</del> | <del>\$49.72</del> | 2.15% |
| Total International Thesis 919 <sup>d</sup> | \$4,625.60            | \$4,725.04            | \$99.44            |       |
| Domestic, Thesis Based <sup>e</sup>         | \$2,778.00            | \$2,837.64            | \$59.64            | 2.15% |
| International, Thesis Based (Base Tuition)  | \$2,778.00            | \$2,837.64            | \$59.64            |       |
| International, Thesis Based (Differential)  | <del>\$2,769.48</del> | <del>\$2,829.00</del> | <del>\$59.52</del> | 2.15% |
| Total International, Thesis <sup>e</sup>    | \$5,547.48            | \$5,666.64            | \$119.16           |       |

- (a) Values are based on a full-time per term and full-time per year.  
 (b) Tuition increases are applied to the fee index. As such, the effective year over year percentage change on the overall full-time program may be below 2.15%.  
 (c) Excludes applicable market modifier and/or program specific differential fees.  
 (d) Tuition applies to thesis students who were admitted to the program of study prior to Fall 2011 and are assessed the reduced thesis rate.  
 (e) Tuition applies to thesis students who were admitted to the program of study beginning in Fall 2011 or later; this is based on an annual fee assessment (including spring/summer).

**CARRIED**

Mr Yamagishi and Mr Kelly opposed.

#### 4.2 University of Alberta 2013-2014 Program/Course Differential Fee and Market Modifier Fee Proposal

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To set differential/market modifier fees for the 2013-2014 academic year.

*Discussion:*

This item was included in the discussion of Item 4.1 (University of Alberta 2013 - 2014 Tuition Fee Proposal) as the proposals are directly related.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee and the General Faculties Council Academic Planning Committee, approve a proposal from the University Administration for a fee increase to program differentials, course differentials, and market modifiers of 2.15%, effective September 1, 2013, for:

- a) Faculty of Law, Juris Doctor (JD) program;
- b) Faculty of Business, Master of Business Administration (MBA) program;
- c) Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Doctor of Medicine (MD) program;
- d) Faculty of Business, Undergraduate Business courses;
- e) Faculty of Engineering, Undergraduate Engineering courses;
- f) Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pharmacy program; and,
- g) Graduate Studies, Thesis Based.

as set out in the table below.

| Program & Course Differential Fee Proposal <sup>a</sup> | 2012-13                | 2013-14                | Change <sup>b</sup>   |       |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
|   |                        |                        | \$                    | %     |
| Juris Doctor (JD) Program                               | \$4,500.60             | \$4,597.36             | \$96.76               | 2.15% |
| MBA Program   | \$591.96<br>per course | \$604.68<br>per course | \$12.72<br>per course | 2.15% |
| MD Program  | \$4,500.60             | \$4,597.36             | \$96.76               | 2.15% |
| Market Modifier Fee Proposal <sup>a, c</sup>            | 2012-13                | 2013-14                | Change <sup>b</sup>   |       |
| Business  | \$207.72<br>per course | \$212.18<br>per course | \$4.46<br>per course  | 2.15% |
| Engineering   | \$175.64<br>per course | \$179.40<br>per course | \$3.76<br>per course  | 2.14% |
| Pharmacy  | \$400.20<br>per course | \$408.72<br>per course | \$8.52<br>per course  | 2.13% |
| Graduate, Thesis Based <sup>d</sup>                     | \$848.28               | \$866.40               | \$18.12               | 2.14% |

- (a) Values are based on a full-time per term and full-time per year, unless otherwise stated.
- (b) Tuition increases are applied to the fee index. As such, the effective year over year percentage change on the overall full-time program may be below 2.15%.
- (c) A grand-parenting structure applies in each case to allow for the exemption of these fees, under specific conditions, for students registered prior to September 2011.
- (d) Graduate Market Modifier applies only to thesis students beginning their program of study in Fall 2011 or later and is based on an annual fee assessment (including spring/summer).

**CARRIED**  
Mr Yamagishi and Mr Kelly opposed

#### 4.3 2013-2014 Residence Rental Rate Proposal

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Doug Dawson, Executive Director, Ancillary Services, Facilities and Operations; Colten Yamagishi, President, Students' Union.

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To present the proposal for the 2013-2014 residence rate increases.

*Discussion:*

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Hickey and Mr Dawson provided background information regarding Ancillary Services and its priorities for residences, including: developing reserves; achieving operating efficiencies; occupancy management; expansion and modernization; and making progress against deferred maintenance. Mr Hickey discussed in detail the proposal before members, noting that recommended rates would be competitive and in-line with the marketplace.

Mr Hickey and Mr Dawson responded to questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: how residence rates compare to those in the private sector; the source of funds for residence life programming; the impact of increasing costs on accessibility; clarity regarding four and eight month terms; occupancy rates; whether base increase is based on Consumer Price Index (CPI); and increases in expenses in Residence Services.

Mr Yamagishi provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting that the proposed aggregate increase for 2013/14 is 2.36% while the CPI increase for 2012/13 is estimated to be 2.15%, adding that the Students' Union is opposed to increases surpassing CPI. He outlined the history of rent increases, noting their impact on students, and presented a motion for consideration. Mr Dick Wilson, Chair of Board Property and Finance Committee (BFPC), reported that this motion had been presented and defeated at BFPC.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors amend the 2013-2014 Residence Rate Proposal to limit the aggregate rent increase from exceeding 2.15% (CPI).

**DEFEATED**

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve the 2013-2014 Residence Rate Proposal, as set forth in Attachment 1, effective May 1, 2013.

**CARRIED**

Mr Yamagishi and Mr Kelly opposed

#### 4.4 Board of Governors' Delegation to General Faculties' Council

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Don Hickey, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations); Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To formalize current operating practices of Board of Governors delegation to General Faculties Council (GFC).

*Discussion:*

Mr Hickey introduced the item, noting that the terms of reference of the General Faculties Council Facilities Development Committee identified responsibility regarding the general space programs, the design and use of new and repurposed facilities, and advice regarding siting. A record of the Board approving such a delegation could not be located. He added that this delegation reflects current practice and would not alter the Board's responsibility for the Long Range Development Plan or Capital Plan.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, affirms the delegation of authority to General Faculties Council (GFC) for the responsibilities as per the Terms of Reference for GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC).

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee

##### 5.1 Proposal to Establish a Department of Women's and Gender Studies (Faculty of Arts) (and Concurrent Termination of the Faculty's Women's Studies Program)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.



*Presenters:* Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Lesley Cormack, Dean, Faculty of Arts.

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To transform the existing Women's Studies Program into a Department of Women's and Gender Studies. The Program currently operates much like a Department, with a Chair who sits on the Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), pre-tenured and tenured faculty, and the responsibility for managing its own budget and teaching plan. The proposal is also a response to the recommendation of the 2008 Academic Unit Review that the Program become a Department.

*Discussion:*

Dr Ferguson-Pell presented the item, noting that the proposal was a resource-neutral move that would formalize the status quo.

Dean Cormack reported that the name change would have an important academic element as the Department status would signal to the academic world that the University is a leader in this discipline and would allow the University to respond to an expansion and shift in the field. She noted that the program has acted as a Department since the mid-1990s and that the Provost had agreed to the proposal following a Unit Review conducted in 2008. She added that an embedded master's program is currently awaiting Government approval.

The presenters responded to questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: why the Department is not being named "Gender Studies"; whether there was support for the proposal in the academy; the academic significance of Departmental status; and whether other Canadian universities have similar Departments.

President Samarasekera questioned the proposed Department's relatively small size, given that it will house just 5.25 full-time equivalent professors, noting that most University Departments have dozens of researchers. She also asked whether the University would be better served by creating a different type of entity, such as a Centre or Institute, which tend to be less rigid structures with an openness for collaboration.

Members engaged in a discussion regarding the general question of what differentiates the need for a Department versus a Centre or Institute and the process employed when making a decision regarding what type of entity is appropriate. Among the issues discussed was the question of whether or not current policy allows teaching to occur at Centres and Institutes, and the role that played in the proposal not coming forward as a Centre or Institute. The President noted that the process of determining what sort of infrastructure to apply to a field of study needs legitimacy.

Following this discussion, the Chair requested that Dr Ferguson-Pell instruct his office to identify a way to standardize this process and define the requirements for the creation of Departments, Centres and Institutes. He asked that this be reported to the Board through the Board Learning and Discovery Committee.

When a question arose as to how the proposal had reached the Board when these issues remained in question, Mike Belosevic, General Faculties Council (GFC) representative, reported that questions regarding department size, representation and cost had been carefully considered at GFC, where the move to grant department status was given virtually unanimous support.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Learning and Discovery Committee and General Faculties Council, approve the proposal from the Faculty of Arts for the formal establishment of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, as submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and as set forth in Attachment 1, and the concurrent termination of the Faculty of Arts' Women Studies Program, all to take effect January 1, 2013.

**CARRIED**

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### 6 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. He reported on a recently held public-sector institution audit committee day hosted by the Provincial Government and congratulated Ms Clark on the presentation she made there, and noted that preparation for the adoption of new accounting standards for financial statement reporting is tracking according to schedule and that in the Office of the Auditor General's recent report, of the 30 recommendations to post-secondary institutions, only one was for the University of Alberta.

### 7 Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

### 8 Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Bob Teskey, Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, presented the Committee's Report to the Board of Governors.

### 9 Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Bernd Reuscher, Vice-Chair of the Learning and Discovery 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, highlighting the Pierian Spring Event.

The Board Chair congratulated Mr Outar for the Case for Support.

## **REGULAR REPORTS**

### **12.1 Report of the Chancellor**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Ralph Young, Chancellor, presented the Report of the Chancellor to the Board of Governors. The Chancellor remarked on the success of recent Convocation events and stressed the importance of the Senate community engagement activities.

### **12.2 Report of the Alumni Association**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Messrs Don Fleming and Jim Hole, Alumni Representatives, presented the Alumni Association Report to the Board of Governors. Members were encouraged to submit nominations for the upcoming Alumni Recognition Awards.

### **12.3 Report of the Students' Union**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Colten Yamagishi, President, Students' Union, presented the Students' Union Report to the Board of Governors. He noted that a report regarding Lister Centre was included, and highlighted that the U-Pass had been approved for an additional four years, that the Council of Alberta University Students is planning a major conference to take place in February 2013, and outcomes from a recent trip to Ottawa.

### **12.4 Report of the Graduate Students' Association**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Ashlyn Bernier, President, Graduate Students' Association, presented the Graduate Students' Association Report to the Board of Governors. She noted that the GSA's audited 2011/12 financial statements were appended to the report and that a balanced budget is currently projected for the Association.

### **12.5 Report of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA)**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Wayne Renke, AASUA Representative, presented the AASUA Report to the Board of Governors. He provided remarks regarding the Udacity agreement.

#### 12.6 Report of Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Christopher Pu, NASA Representative, presented the NASA Report to the Board of Governors. He provided remarks regarding the annual seasonal celebration.

#### 12.7 Report of the General Faculties Council (GFC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Miodrag (Mike) Belosevic, GFC Representative, presented the GFC Report to the Board of Governors.

#### 13 Board Chair and Board Member Activity Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

The Chair responded to questions from members regarding the University's Roles and Mandate document and the University's federal priorities.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### 13.1 Board 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 a new appointment to Board of Governors' Committees.

*Discussion:*

There was no discussion.

The motion was moved and seconded.

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

**CARRIED**

### **REGULAR REPORTS**

#### 14 Other Business

There was no other business.

## **CLOSING SESSION**

### 15 Reminder of Board Events

- Board of Governors and Staff Associations Dinner: February 7, 2013
- Board of Governors Meeting: February 8, 2013 - 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Board of Governors Budget Briefing: February 8, 2013 - 1:00 – 3:00 pm

### 16 Adjournment

The Chair concluded the Open Session at 11:30 a.m.

[Board Secretary's Note: at the conclusion of the Open Session, Mr Yamagishi asked the Chair when four written questions he had submitted the previous evening would be answered. The Chair reported that the questions were regarding non-instructional fees and did not pertain to items being discussed at today's meeting, and that Mr Yamagishi would receive a response directly from Administration. This information was sent to Mr Yamagishi by Ms Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration) on January 29, 2013]