



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Board of Governors Open Session Minutes

Friday, May 08, 2015
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Douglas O. Goss	Appointed Chair, General Public
Shenaz Jeraj	Appointed Vice-Chair, General Public
Dick Wilson	Appointed Vice-Chair, General Public
Mike Belosevic	Member, General Faculties Council
David Cooper	Member, Academic Staff (AASUA)
Jane Halford	Member, Alumni
James Heelan	Member, General Public
LeRoy Johnson	Member, General Public
Azhar Khan	Member, Students' Union
Navneet Khinda	Member, Students' Union
Steven LePoole	Member, General Public
Colin More	Member, Graduate Students' Association
Raymond Muzyka	Member, General Public
Robert Parks	Member, Alumni
Indira Samarasekera	Member, President
Nizar Somji	Member, General Public
Robert H. Teskey	Member, General Public
Ralph Young	Member, Chancellor

Non-Voting Officials Appointed by the President:

Lorne Babiuk	Vice-President (Research)
Phyllis Clark	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Brad Hamdon	General Counsel
Don Hickey	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Debra Pozega Osburn	Vice-President (University Relations)
Olive Yonge	Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Regrets:

Deborah Holloway	Secretary
Barry James	Member, Senate
Marcia Lang	Senior Strategic Advisor to the President
Christopher Pu	Member, Non-Academic Staff
Colm Renehan	Interim Vice-President (Advancement)
Michael H. Ross	Member, General Public

Presenter(s):

Jonathan White	Assistant Professor, Surgery, Medicine and Dentistry
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Staff:

Juli Zinken, Acting Board Secretary and Manager of Board Services
Ann Hodgson, Manager, Governance Operations

OPENING SESSION

1. Chair's Session

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

1a. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

The Acting Board Secretary confirmed that the attendance constituted quorum. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1b. Approval of Open Session Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Open Session agenda as presented.

CARRIED

1c. Conflict of Interest - Opportunity for Declaration

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

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. Seeing none, he declared the question asked and answered.

1d. Chair's Remarks

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

The Chair welcomed members and guests and offered a warm welcome to Mr Colin More, Graduate Students' Association President, Ms Navneet Khinda, Students' Union President, and Mr Azhar Khan, Undergraduate Student Board Representative, in their new role as full voting members of the Board of Governors.

The Chair thanked Ms Juli Zinken for serving as Acting Board Secretary in Deborah Holloway's absence and Ms Ann Hodgson, University Governance's Manager of Governance Operations, for assisting with logistics for the meeting.

He reminded members that the President is the spokesperson for the University and that he is the Board of Governors' spokesperson.

1d1 Presentation on Surgery 101

Presenter(s): Jonathan White

The Chair introduced Dr White who, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, reviewed his career in surgical education and provided an overview of the 'Surgery 101' podcast series, which has been downloaded more than 350,000 times in over 100 countries.

2. Report of the President

Presenter(s): Indira Samarasekera

The President provided an update on her activities as summarized in the Record of the President's Schedule, February 19 to April 30, 2015. She included verbal points of interest to the Board on:

- her farewell "Uplifting!" celebration held at the Winspear on Wednesday, April 1, expressing her appreciation for the special evening and thanking everyone who participated in planning the event;
- the Board Chair's recent receipt of an honorary Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT);
- Dr Lorne Tyrell being named the winner of the 2015 Killam Prize for Health Sciences;
- Ms Linda Cameron, Director of University of Alberta Press, being presented with the Association of Canadian Publishers (ACP) President's Award this June; and
- the recent appointment of Ms Meg Brolley as General Faculties Council (GFC) Secretary and Manager of GFC Services.

2a. Progress on the Change Agenda

Presenter(s): Indira Samarasekera

The President reported on her recent trip to India where she worked to diversify strategy on international recruitment and consolidate ten years of work and relationship-building in India and with the Indian government. She also reported on her recent trip to Hong Kong where she attended Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) meetings, alumni events, and a meeting with a Li Kai Shing representative.

The President responded to questions from the Board regarding international student application standards for Indian students; the location of her travels within India; whether or not her travel schedule and budget was sufficient to maintain and build the University's relationships with India; accessibility for Alberta students as well as international students; consideration of including Board members on future trips, at their own expense; improved study abroad opportunities in India; the need for outcome measures and targets for international student admissions; and the benefits and structures of international university networks and alliances.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

- 3a. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 13, 2015
Information Reports
- 3b. Report of the Audit Committee
- 3c. Report of the Finance and Property Committee
- 3d. Report of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee
- 3e. Report of the Investment Committee

- 3f. Report of the Learning and Discovery Committee
- 3g. Report of the University Relations Committee
Regular Reports
- 3h. Chancellor's Report
- 3i. Alumni Association
- 3j. Students' Union
- 3k. Graduate Students' Association
- 3l. Association of Academic Staff
- 3m. Non-Academic Staff Association
- 3n. General Faculties Council
- 3o. Undergraduate Student Representative
- 3p. Board Chair and Board Members Activity Report

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Open Session Consent Agenda.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

4. Report of the Finance and Property Committee

Presenter(s): Dick Wilson

4a. GSA Membership, Health and Dental Plan, and Graduate Student Assistance Program Fees

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Colin More

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the collection of Graduate Students' Association Fees for the 2015-16 academic year.

Discussion:

Mr More introduced the item and reviewed the details of the membership fee, health plan fee, dental plan fee and graduate student assistance program fee. He indicated that there were no unusual increases.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve the collection of the following Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Fees for the 2015-16 academic year:

- GSA Membership Fee for full-time students --- \$160.13 per annum
- GSA Membership Fee for part-time students --- \$121.60 per annum
- Projected GSA Health Plan Fee for full-time students --- \$244.09 per annum*
- Projected GSA Dental Plan Fee for full-time students --- \$184.56 per annum*
- Graduate Student Assistance Program --- \$12.00 per annum

CARRIED

4b. University of Alberta Students' Union 2015-16 Operating/Referendum Fees

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Navneet Khinda

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the collection of Students' Union operating/referendum fees for the 2015-16 academic year.

Discussion:

Ms Khinda introduced the item and informed the Committee that the fees have increased by CPI (2.56%), with the exception of the Access Fund, which is indexed on an average cost for budgeted administrative costs for the following fiscal year and the average of the total monies dispersed and net transfers to the fund over the previous three fiscal years, pro-rated on a per-student basis.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Board Finance and Property Committee, approve the collection of the University of Alberta Students' Union Fee Schedule 1 for 2015/2016, as set forth in Attachment 1 of the agenda documentation, to take effect September 1, 2015.

CARRIED

5. Report of the Board Chair

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

5a. Committee Appointments

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss; Marion Haggarty-France

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

Discussion:

The Chair presented the item, indicating that the recommended changes were to appoint the new student Board members as voting members on Board Committees.

The motion was moved and seconded.

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

CARRIED

CLOSING SESSION

6. Other Business

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

The Chair briefed the Board on his recent visit to Victoria where he met with President-elect David Turpin.

7. Adjournment

Presenter(s): Douglas O. Goss

The Chair adjourned the Open Session at 9:15 a.m.