MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 23, 2014

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in the Juniper Room, Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre.

PRESENT: Mr. C. Shah, Chair
Ms. E. Hegedues, Associate University Secretary

Mr. J. Adams               Mr. H. Hassan
Dr. S. Armstrong           Mr. P. Jenkins
Dr. C. Beynon              Mr. J. Knowles
Mr. J. Bitove              Ms. G. Kulczycki
Dr. J. Capone              Mr. C. Lassonde
Dr. A. Chakma              Mr. M. Lerner
Ms. K. Cole                Mr. B. Power
Dr. R. Darnell             Mr. T. Sutherland
Dr. J. Deakin              Dr. B. Timney
Mr. J. English             Dr. J. Toswell
Ms. S. Grindrod

By Invitation: M. Belanger, R. Chelladurai, T. Keenleyside, L. Koza, L. Logan, J. McNamara, J. O’Brien

BG.14-76 Welcome to New Board Members

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed the newly elected/appointed Governors to their first meeting: Mr. Brendan Power, Mr. Thomas Sutherland, Dr. Brian Timney and Dr. Jane Toswell.

BG.14-77 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President’s Report, distributed with the agenda, included updates on the following topics: government matters, Western’s leadership, new appointees to the Royal Society of Canada, Western’s Research Parks being ranked among the world’s best, new student entrepreneurship centre, the 2014-15 incoming class and the President’s activities since the June 26, 2014 Board meeting.

Dr. Chakma called upon Mr. Chelladurai to present information about the government’s recently announced opportunity for major capacity expansion. Mr. Chelladurai reported that universities have been invited to submit a letter of intent involving capital expansion. Western’s proposal for future growth will be a student-centred facility. The proposed facility will cost $75 million; $50 million will be funded from the province while the remaining $25 million will be funded from private sources, including students. The government’s checklist included a question as to whether the project had the Board’s support. Members confirmed that they supported such a project with the knowledge that should the proposal be accepted the proper approval processes will be engaged.

Dr. Deakin reported that the budget planning process for the next four-year cycle is underway. Faculties are asked to include in their plan a summary highlighting their academic priorities and their links to the recently approved Strategic Plan – Achieving Excellence on the World Stage.
UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA [Appendix I]

It was moved by P. Jenkins, seconded by S. Grindrod,

That the 17 items listed in Appendix I, Unanimous Consent Agenda, be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The open session minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2014 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

Information Items Reported by the Property & Finance Committee

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee, detailed in Appendix II, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- HBA Building – Name Changes
- Dr. James Roth Research Chair in Musculoskeletal Measurement and Knowledge Translation
- Echo Chair in Rural Women's Health Research – Name Change
- Research Chair in Better Kidney Health – Name Change
- CIBC Chair in Human Capital and Productivity and CIBC Fellowships in Human Capital and Productivity – Extension
- Quarterly Financial Report (Operating Budgets)
- Ancillary Financial Report
- New and Revised Scholarships and Awards

REPORT OF THE SENIOR OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

MAPP 1.52 – Policy on Sexual Violence

It was moved by J. Adams, seconded by B. Timney,

That the Board of Governors approve MAPP 1.52 – Policy on Sexual Violence, attached as Appendix III, Annex 1, to take effect upon approval.

Following a discussion regarding the Policy and the development of procedures, the Board was advised that the procedures will be brought back to the Board within six months for information.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

Audited Financial Statements – The University of Western Ontario

It was moved by J. Knowles, seconded by C. Lassonde,

That the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014 (Annex 1, Tab 1).

CARRIED
Financial Statements: Related Companies

The Board received for information the financial statements for related companies and other organizations of The University of Western Ontario for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 1.

Retirement Income Fund Update

The Board received for information an update on the Western Retirement Income Fund, detailed in Appendix IV, Annex 2. Ms. O’Brien reviewed the key features of the proposed RIF product. Client services will be enhanced, and of particular note, members will have access to retirement consultants with expertise in the field. Responding to questions about a communications plan, Ms. O’Brien said that meetings will be held with employee groups and RIF members over the next few weeks to provide as much information as possible and to receive feedback. The administration is aware that there are trust issues and different levels of understanding and that further development of the communications plan is a key priority.

Information Item Reported by the Audit Committee

The Report of the Audit Committee, detailed in Appendix IV, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Harassment & Discrimination Matters Annual Report

Report of the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee [Appendix V]

Information Item Reported by the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee

The Report of the Fund Raising and Donor Relations Committee, detailed in Appendix V, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Quarterly Report on Fund Raising

Report of the McIntosh Gallery Committee [Appendix VI]

McIntosh Gallery Committee Annual Report 2013-14

The Board received for information the McIntosh Gallery Committee Annual Report 2013-14, detailed in Appendix VI.

Items Referred by Senate [Appendix VII]

Introduction of the Master in Management of Applied Science (MMASc) Program (Hub and Spoke Model)

It was moved by P. Jenkins, seconded by S. Grindrod,

That, pending Quality Council approval, the Master in Management of Applied Science (MMASc) program be introduced in the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, effective September 1, 2014, as shown in Appendix VII, Annex 1.

CARRIED (by Unanimous Consent)
**BG.14-89**

**Information Items Referred by Senate**

Appendix VI, Items Referred by Senate, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee

The meeting adjourned to the *confidential session*.

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C. Shah                        E. Hegedues
Chair                          Associate University Secretary