



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. in the Juniper Room, Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre.

PRESENT: Mr. H. Hassan, Chair
Ms. K. Kwan, Secretary

Dr. P. Bishop
Ms. W. Boye
Dr. J. Capone
Dr. A. Chakma
Ms. S. Chrominska
Ms. K. Cole
Dr. J. Deakin
Mr. K. Gibbons
Dr. R. Giffin
Mr. P. Jenkins
Ms. C. Karakatsanis

Mr. D. Keddy
Mr. J. Knowles
Mr. R. Konrad
Mr. M. Lerner
Dr. K. Mequanint
Ms. N. Noonan
Mr. V. Pirone
Mr. B. Ross
Mr. K. Sullivan
Dr. J. Toswell
Mr. M. Wilson

Land Acknowledgement

H. Hassan read the Land Acknowledgement.

BG.17-86 **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

The Chair welcomed Douglas Keddy, elected by the Administrative Staff and Victor Pirone, elected by the Undergraduate Students, to their first board meeting.

BG.17-87 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President's report, distributed with the agenda, consisted of the following topics:

- Welcoming Western's newest students (nearly 5,100 first year students)
- Federal Response to Investing in Canada's Future: Strengthening The Foundations of Canadian Research ("Naylor Report")
- Western scholars recognized for research excellence
- Changing leadership at MAESD
- Western leadership update
- Activities of the President since the June 2017 meeting

BG.17-88 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by K. Gibbons, seconded by M. Wilson,

That the 16 items listed in Appendix I, Unanimous Consent Agenda, except item 8: Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report and item 15: Performance Indicators Report, be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.17-89 **Minutes Of The Previous Meeting**

The open session minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2017, were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.17-90 **Revisions to MAPP 2.10 – Student Scholarships, Awards and Prizes**

It was moved by K. Gibbons, seconded by M. Wilson,

That MAPP 2.10 – Student Scholarships, Awards and Prizes policy be revised effective September 1, 2017, as shown in Appendix II, Annex 1, Appendix 1.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.17-91 **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:

- Suncor Chair in Energy Policy – Extension
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

BG.17-92 **Amendments to By-Law No. 1.**

It was moved by M. Wilson, seconded by J. Toswell,

That the revisions to By-Law No. 1, shown in Annex 1a, be approved.

CARRIED

BG.17-93 **Information Item Reported by the Governance & By-Laws Committee**

The Report of the Governance & By-Laws Committee, detailed in Appendix III, contained the following item that was received for information by unanimous consent:

- Revisions to Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee (Special Resolution 1.L) and of the Investment Committee (Special Resolution No. 1-N)

REPORT OF THE SENIOR POLICY & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.17-94 **Information Item Reported by the Senior Policy & Operations Committee**

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

- Membership of the University Discipline Appeals Committee

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.17-95 **Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2017**

It was moved by K. Gibbons, seconded by J. Knowles,

That the Board of Governors approve the draft audited combined financial statements for the University for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017 (Annex 1, Section 1).

A member suggested that going forward the name of the auditors, KPMG, be included in the statements for information.

The question was called and CARRIED.

BG.17-96 **Financial Statements – Related Companies**

The following financial statements for related companies and other organizations of The University of Western Ontario for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017, were provided for the information of the Board of Governors and are found in Annex 1.

The University of Western Ontario Research and Development Park, as presented by the Company's auditors, KPMG, and as approved by the Directors of the Company on August 16, 2017.

The Siebens-Drake Research Institute as presented by the Institute's auditors, KPMG, and as approved by the Institute's Board of Directors on July 26, 2017.

The University of Western Ontario Foundation Inc., as presented by the Foundation's auditors, KPMG, and as approved by the members of the board of The UWO Foundation Inc., August 4, 2017.

Richard Ivey School of Business Group of Companies, Richard Ivey School of Business Foundation, and Richard Ivey School of Business (Asia) Limited, as presented by Ivey's auditors, KPMG, and as approved by the Board of Directors on September 5, 2017.

Robarts Clinical Trials Inc., as presented by the Company's auditors, KPMG, and as approved by the Company's Board of Directors on September 13, 2017.

The Pension Plan for Members of the Academic Staff; and The Pension Plan for Members of the Administrative Staff for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, as presented by the Pension Plan auditors, KPMG, and as approved by the Joint Pension Board on May 16, 2017.

BG.17-97 **Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report**

The Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report, detailed in Appendix V, was received for information.

Responding to a question about the distribution of the report, J. O'Brien said that the report is posted on the Equity and Human Rights Services website and is distributed to all employee groups. The President agreed to include this item in his report to Senate.

BG.17-98 **Information Item Reported by the Audit Committee**

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

- Western Retirement Plans – Report to the Audit Committee for the Year ended December 2016

REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING & DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix VI]

BG.17-99 **Information Item Reported by the Fund Raising & Donor Relations Committee**

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

- Fund Raising Activity Quarterly Report to July 31, 2017

REPORT OF THE MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE [Appendix VII]

BG.17-100 **Information Item Reported by the McIntosh Gallery Committee**

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

- 2016/17 Annual Report

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VIII]

BG.17-101 **Performance Indicators Report**

Concerns about this item were withdrawn.

BG.17-102 **Information Items Referred by Senate**

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

- Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee
- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Annual Report of the Working Group on Information Security (WGIS)
- Announcements – Academic Administrative Appointments

OTHER BUSINESS

BG.17-103 **London Bus Rapid Transit Update**

A member asked for an update on the London Bus Rapid Transit initiative. L. Logan reported that a meeting was held on August 17, 2017 to discuss the fifteen issues Western had raised with regard to the Bus Rapid Transit initiative, including redevelopment of the bridge, stop locations and access to University Hospital. A second meeting has not been scheduled.

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session at 2:15 p.m.

H. Hassan
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary