



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 23, 2017

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 4155 Stevenson Hall.

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

Mr. J. Adams
Dr. P. Bishop
Ms. W. Boye
Mr. M. Brown
Ms. C. Burghardt-Jesson
Dr. A. Chakma
Ms. S. Chrominska
Ms. K. Cole
Dr. J. Deakin
Mr. K. Gibbons
Dr. R. Giffin
Mr. P. Jenkins
Mr. D. Keddy

Mr. J. Knowles
Mr. R. Konrad
Mr. M. Lerner
Ms. L. Logan
Dr. K. Mequanint ☞
Ms. N. Noonan
Mr. V. Pirone
Mr. B. Ross
Ms. C. Stephenson ☞
Mr. K. Sullivan
Dr. J. Toswell
Mr. M. Wilson

By Invitation: R. Chelladurai, S. Jarrett

Land Acknowledgement

D. Keddy read the Land Acknowledgement.

BG.17-114

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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

- Linamar gift supports future engineering and business leaders
- Partnership with Toronto and McMaster universities supports entrepreneurship
- Canada Foundation for Innovation backs five Western projects
- New interdisciplinary clinic opens to support children's mental health
- Provost hosts budget Town Halls
- Fall Preview Day
- Western leadership update

The President also highlighted Western's progress from a national and international perspective, including rankings pertaining to medical/doctoral universities, leaders of tomorrow, students (all universities), faculty (Medical/Doctoral), and endowment growth. Overhead slides used to highlight the presentation are attached as [Appendix 1](#).

As requested by a member, it is acknowledgement Western's students and student athletes bring honour and recognition to the University.

BG.17-115 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

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

That the 15 items listed in Appendix 1, Unanimous Consent Agenda, be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.17-116 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2017 were approved as circulated.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.17-117 **Revisions to Statement of Objectives, Policies and Governance** [MAPP 2.26]

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

That the last sentence of section 3.9 of the Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies and Governance [MAPP 2.26] be amended from: "The policy range of exposure to Non-Canadian currencies has been established to be within the range of 10% to 30% of the total Fund, after currency hedging" to "The policy range of exposure to Non-Canadian currencies has been established to be within the range of 0% to 60% of the total Fund, after currency hedging".

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.17-118 **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:

- Arthur Labatt Chair in Nursing – Name Change and Revised Terms
- Discontinuation of Dancap Private Equity Faculty Fellowships
- Budget Indicators for Previous Fiscal Year
- Investment Committee Report
- Report on Underwater Endowments
- New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

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

BG.17-119 **Information Items Reported by the Governance & By-Laws Committee**

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

- Regulations governing Senate and Board Student Elections – Revision to Campaign Expenses
- Board Election Schedule for Spring 2018 (Revised)

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

BG.17-120 **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:

- Board Vacancies – Update – Reappointment of M. Lerner for a second four-year term - December 1, 2017 – November 30, 2021

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix V]

BG.17-121 **Articulation Agreements between Lambton College and Huron University College for qualified graduates of the Business Accounting Diploma Program and the Business Diploma Program**

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

That the Board of Governors approve the Articulation Agreement between Lambton College and Huron University College regarding the transfer of credit for students in the Business Accounting Program, effective September 1, 2018, as shown in Appendix V, Annex 1,

and,

That the Board of Governors approve the Articulation Agreement between Lambton College and Huron University College regarding the transfer of credit for students in the Business Program, effective September 1, 2018, as shown in Appendix V, Annex 2.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.17-122 **Introduction of a 2+2 Program between Central South University, China, and Western University**

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

That effective September 1, 2017, the introduction of a 2+2 Honors Bachelor of Science (Western), and Bachelor in Computer Science (CSU) program for students registered at Central South University, China and Western University as outlined in the Agreement included as Appendix V, Annex 3, be approved.

CARRIED (By Unanimous Consent)

BG.17-123 **Information Items Referred by Senate**

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

- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Announcements

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

BG.17-124 **London Bus Rapid Transit Update** [BG.17-103]

A member asked for an update on the London Bus Rapid Transit initiative. L. Logan reported that another meeting had been held since September. Progress is being made, but at this time, there is nothing substantive to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

BG.17-125 **Farewell to Retiring Board Members**

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked Jeremy Adams and Jim Knowles for their time and contributions given to the work of the Board during their eight-year membership (terms) ending on December 31, 2017.

BG.17-126 **Board Transparency**

A member of the Board, Jane Toswell, read a statement critical of Board transparency. The contents of her concerns were considered to be a matter for discussion by the Board in the in-camera session.

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session at 1:40 p.m.

H. Hassan
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary