



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

JANUARY 25, 2018

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

PRESENT: Mr. P. Jenkins, Chair
Ms. K. Kwan, Secretary

Ms. S. Bennett
Dr. P. Bishop
Ms. W. Boye
Dr. A. Chakma
Ms. S. Chrominska ☎
Ms. K. Cole
Mr. D. Cornhill
Dr. J. Deakin
Mr. K. Gibbons ☎
Dr. R. Giffin
Mr. H. Hassan
Mr. M. Helfand

Mr. D. Keddy
Mr. R. Konrad
Mr. M. Lerner
Ms. L. Logan
Dr. K. Mequanint
Ms. N. Noonan
Mr. V. Pirone
Ms. S. Shortreed
Ms. C. Stephenson ☎
Dr. J. Toswell
Mr. M. Wilson

By Invitation: R. Chelladurai, E. Krische, P. Kulig, M. McLean, J. Meister, J. O'Brien

Land Acknowledgement

D. Keddy read the Land Acknowledgement.

BG.18-01 **Welcome to New Members**

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed three new members to their first meeting: Susan Bennett, recently appointed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, David Cornhill, recently appointed by the Board, and Sarah Shortreed, recently appointed by the Alumni Association.

BG.18-02 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

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

- SMA2 approved by MAESD
- Ontario government cabinet shuffle
- Federal Ministers' visits to campus
- Western's 23rd Rhodes Scholar named
- Major donation supports Management & Organizational Studies
- Western launches new hub for community-based Indigenous health training
- MacLean's rankings recognize Western's high graduates rates
- Western leadership update

In addition to his written report, the President added the following: He thanked the many individuals for their efforts in organizing the Prime Minister's Town Hall meeting held on

Thursday, January 11, 2018, including staff from Campus Police, Facilities Management, Ceremonies Office and the Office of Government Relations. He touched on the Federal Ministers' visits to campus noting that Lisa Saksida co-hosted, along with Revi Menon, the tour of the Centre for Functional & Metabolic Mapping at Robarts Research Centre.

BG.18-03 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

Prior to considering the Unanimous Consent Agenda, the Committee Chairs each provided a high level overview of their respective Committee report.

It was moved by P. Bishop, seconded by M. Wilson,

That the 19 items listed in Appendix I, Unanimous Consent Agenda, excluding item 9. Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct Cases 2016-17 and item 10. Office of the Ombudsperson Annual Review 2016-17, be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.18-04 **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The open session minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2017 were approved as circulated. A member voiced an objection, though, stating that the concern would be raised with the University Secretary following the meeting.

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix II]

BG.18-05 **Open Space, Landscape, Mobility Strategy Update**

An update on the Open Space, Landscape and Mobility Strategy Plan at Western, detailed in Appendix II, Annex 1, was received for information. L. Logan, Vice-President (Operations & Finance) and P. Kulig (Perkins + Will), provided an overview of the plan referencing slides contained in the Appendix II, Annex 1. They touched on the project timeline, purpose, issues and opportunities, vision and principles, highlights from the 42 actions, implementation and consultation plan. The proposed plan establishes a broad vision that allows for immediate and on-going incremental implementation. A series of short-term 'quick wins' can be implemented immediately, while other projects can be tested and evaluated through a pilot-project process. Medium and long-term capital projects will be incorporated into the development program. An ongoing monitoring program will be established to ensure compliance.

Discussion included:

- Concerns that the drop off points and turnarounds could cause traffic congestion.
- Concerns about the need for continued provision of parking spaces for patients with mobility issues who have appointments at the Fowler Kennedy Clinic.
- Concerns about the impact on Western's community relations given that private vehicles will no longer have the option of passing through campus.
- Western's communications team is developing a strategy to put a positive outlook on the roll out for this plan.
- The consultation plan is available on the Institutional Planning and Budgeting website.
- The London Bus Rapid Transit route through campus has been identified but it is possible this initiative will become an issue in the up-coming election.
- Projects within the Plan would follow the capital planning approval process.

L. Logan said that in terms of timing, the goal is to bring the Plan's Vision, which would most likely include a draft agreement with the City of London, to the Property & Finance Committee in March then to the Board in April.

Secretary's Note: Subsequent to the meeting, this initiative was renamed: Open Space Strategy

BG.18-06 **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:

- Jaggaer Contract Renewal
- J.C. Kennedy Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery – Revised Terms of Reference
- Salamander Chair in Environmental Engineering – Revised Terms of Reference
- Ancillary Financial Report
- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Investment Committee Membership
- Investment Committee Report
- Revenues, Expenditures and Tuition: by Faculty
- Annual Report on Trademark Licensees doing Business with the Western Book Store
- Key Financial Indicators Report as at April 30, 2017
- New Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

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

BG.18-07 **Information Item Reported by the Senior Policy & Operations Committee**

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

- Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct Cases

A member asked how sanctions are determined when an incident involves drugs or an assault. J. Deakin, Provost, responded in the absence of the Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Programs), saying that specifics regarding individual cases are confidential. Processes are followed, including receiving input from the parties involved, before sanctions are determined. She added that the Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) could contact the Board member to provide a summary of the process.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix IV]

BG.18-08 **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:

- Office of the Ombudsperson Annual Review 2016-17

A member asked how the Ombudsperson deals with non-academic concerns. J. Meister, Ombudsperson, said that individuals often contact her after the appeal process concludes and when the individual is not satisfied with the result. She said that she reviews Western's policies and processes and contacts units to determine if anything further can be done regarding the appeal.

REPORT OF THE FUND RAISING AND DONOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Appendix V]

BG.18-09 **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:

- Fund raising Activity Quarterly Report to October 31, 2017

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VI]

BG.18-10 **Information Items Referred by Senate**

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

- Report on Faculty Recruitment and Retention
- Report of the Academic Colleague
- Announcements

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

BG.18-11 **November 2018 Board Meeting**

The Chair advised that the Secretary will poll the members to find out if there are any objections to moving the November board meeting to one week later – from November 22 to November 29, 2018.

BG.18-12 **Governance Review Task Force Report Recommendations**

The Secretary reported that she received the following question from a Senator:

I would like to ask the Board of Governors, through its Senate representatives, if it is able to update Senate on the progress that has been made towards implementing the recommendations from the Report of the Governance Review Task Force to the Board of Governors from November of 2015? Is there a timeline for the implementation of such recommendations as remain unaddressed by the Board?

Under SPOC's terms of reference, access to Board requests can be dealt with in a number of ways including referring back to administration, to a Committee, etc. In this case, given the subject matter, it has been passed to the Governance & Bylaws Committee for their consideration.

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session 2:30 p.m.

P. Jenkins
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary