



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**JUNE 17, 2021 – OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

PRESENT: R. Konrad, Chair  
A. Bryson, Secretary

M. Banik	C. Rorabeck
S. Bennett	B. Ross
W. Boye	A. Shepard
G. Dick	S. Shortreed
K. Gibbons	D. Simmonds
D. Keddy	C. Stephenson
M. Lerner	M. Surkont
G. Parraga	J. Toswell
S. Pitel	S. Trosow
G. Pollock	H. Usher

By Invitation: A. Blackburn-Evans, R. Chelladurai, L. Logan, E. Mallory,  
L. O’Blenis, J. O’Hagan, S. Prichard, T. Rice,  
L. Rigg [Lesley]

Secretariat Resource: L. McKivior, M. O’Connor, C. Price, L. Rigg [Lisa]

Regrets: C. Burghardt-Jesson, L. Hasenfratz, E. Holder, J. Kum,  
S. Neiman, P. Thomlinson

**Welcome and Chair’s Remarks**

R. Konrad welcomed Board members to the open session and condemned the recent attack on the family targeted as a result of their Islamic faith. He affirmed Western’s commitment to supporting religious freedom, diversity, equity, and inclusion. He noted a moment of silence in recognition of the family that was impacted by the attack.

He concluded his remarks by acknowledging the completed terms of D. Keddy and P. Thomlinson on the Board of Governors and thanked them for their contributions to the Board and to the greater Western community.

**Land Acknowledgement**

S. Shortreed offered a Land Acknowledgement.

**Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

It was moved by G. Parraga, seconded by C. Rorabeck,

That the agenda for the Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.21-95 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was moved by H. Usher, seconded by S. Shortreed,

That the open session minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.21-96 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There were no items noted as business arising from the April 22, 2021 minutes.

BG.21-97 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Report of the President, distributed with the agenda, consisted of the following topics:

- The President acknowledged the recent attack on the Muslim family in London
- The President acknowledged the loss of the Indigenous children and youth whose graves were found in British Columbia in association with a residential school
- The University has made great progress in the recommendations outlined by The University's Anti-Racism Working Group with many of them nearing completion or fully completed
- The University had its strongest year of enrollment during the 2020-2021 academic year and projects that enrollment will be equally strong for the 2021-2022 year
- The University's international QS ranking has risen from 203 to 170
- The President thanked retiring Dean B. A. Younker (Faculty of Music) and

Interim Dean J. Finnegan (Social Science) for their service to the University

- The University will conduct a virtual convocation celebration on Friday, June 18, 2021 including musical performances and a presentation by Ivan Coyote

The President concluded his report by acknowledging an article recently published by the Toronto Star that cited Western's commitment to in-person learning in the fall and spoke favorably about the University's decision to return to in-person learning.

## **AGENDA**

### **ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE**

#### BG.21-98 **Draft University Strategic Plan, *Towards Western at 150***

A. Shepard presented the draft University Strategic Plan, *Towards Western at 150*. He thanked the strategic planning committee for their support for all their work in developing the plan.

It was moved by W. Boye, seconded by G. Pollock,

That the Board of Governors approve the strategic plan, *Towards Western at 150*, attached as ITEM 4.7(a-1).

The Board members discussed the draft strategic plan. During the discussion the following points were noted:

- A Board member felt that anti-racist and black or anti-black racism was not prominent enough within the strategic plan, noting that the plan stated persons of color and equity, diversity, and inclusion but not anti-black racism.
- It was felt that equity, diversity, and inclusion was inclusive of black lives and the strategic plan appropriately addresses the concerns and comments raised during the consultation process. It is important to not single out specific groups and compare injustice between populations when acknowledging the desire to address racism
- Specific issues such as anti-black racism could be addressed during execution of the strategic plan
- It was raised that the strategic plan lacks defined metrics that would support the University's desire for growth, and it is important that metrics be prioritized to monitor and capture changes in growth
- The University will prioritize growth at both the undergraduate and graduate level along with post-secondary opportunities for growth

including programming focused on lifelong learning

- Many of the points of discussion raised can be addressed during the execution of the strategic plan. It is important for the strategic plan to focus on the pressing issues of the institution

CARRIED with one opposed (H. Usher)

BG.21-99 **Status of the Rotman Institute of Philosophy**

L. Rigg [Lesley] presented the Rotman Institute of Philosophy for approval as shown in item 4.7(b). She stated that the Rotman Institute has moved through the process of becoming a formal research institute over the past year. She reported that it has been approved by the University Research Board and the Senate and is now coming to the Board for approval.

A Board member inquired what levels of governance will be implemented at the new institute. L. Rigg [Lesley] reported that the University is working to standardize the governance process across all formal institutes at Western and will have four levels to assist in overseeing the governance process.

It was moved by D. Keddy, seconded by H. Usher,

That the Board of Governors approve that the Rotman Institute of Philosophy be established effective June 17, 2021.

CARRIED

BG.21-100 **Update on Western Research Parks**

L. Rigg [Lesley] along with L. O'Brien from Stiletto Consulting provided an update on Western Research Parks to the Board for information. During her presentation, she highlighted the following:

- The Research and Technology Parks established in Canada
- Innovative activity
- Components for Cluster, Park and Innovation District Development
- Progress Update
- Sector Strength/Opportunity
- Government and Industry funding to Western University by theme
- Lessons learned
- Draft recommendation framework

Following the presentation, Board members engaged in discussion regarding the Research Parks noting the following:

- The Western Research Parks need to work more closely with local and

regional industries and national networks to engage and establish connections between industry and institutional research, and not solely focus on student engagement and retention

- Multi-layered funding supports both public and private partnerships
- The notion of a theme that individuals can support is imperative to the success of partnerships
- The environmental scan of the Western Research Parks has provided the University with an idea of how the research parks are currently positioned nationally and globally, but also outlined strengths that should be recognized and areas for improvement that can be addressed institutionally, such as the research parks position as part of London's economic development

BG.21-101 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by H. Usher,

That the items listed in the Unanimous Consent Agenda with the exception of item 5.3(c) be approved or received for information.

CARRIED

**ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

BG.21-102 **New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes**

The new scholarships, awards, and prizes approved by the Property and Finance Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, were provided for information in Item 5.1(a).

BG.21-103 **Report of the Investment Committee**

The report of the Investment Committee was provided for information in Item 5.1(b).

BG.21-104 **Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds**

The Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds was provided for information in Item 5.1(c).

BG.21-105 **2020-21 Operating Budget Update as at April 30, 2021**

The 2020-21 Operating Budget Update as at April 30, 2021 was provided for information in Item 5.1(d).

BG.21-106 **2020-21 Ancillary Financial Report as at April 30, 2021**

The 2020-21 Ancillary Financial Report as at April 30, 2021 was provided for information in Item 5.1(e).

**ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR POLICY & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

BG.21-107 **University Discipline Appeal Committee (UDAC) - Membership**

The following individuals were acclaimed to fill the vacancies for the University Discipline Appeal Committee (UDAC) for the remainder of the term (to June 30, 2021).

Chris Sherrin (Chair)(Faculty), Dana Broberg, Student, (GRAD)

BG.21-108 **Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings**

The confirmed schedule of Board and Committee meetings for the 2021-22 year was provided for information in Item 5.3(b).

BG.21-109 **Annual Report on Gender Based and Sexual Violence**

The Annual Report on Gender Based and Sexual Violence was provided for information in Item 5.3(d).

**ITEMS FROM THE MCINTOSH GALLERY COMMITTEE**

BG.21-110 **Acquisition of Drawings by Myfanwy MacLeod**

The approval of the acquisition of drawings by Myfanwy MacLeod by the McIntosh Gallery Committee was provided for information in Item 5.6(a).

**ITEM REFERRED BY SENATE**

BG.21-111 **Revisions to MAPP 7.14 – Policy and Procedures for Ethical Review of Research Involving Human Participants**

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by H. Usher,

That the Board of Governors approve the amendments to MAPP 7.14, Policy and Procedures for Ethical Review of Research Involving Human Participants effective June 17, 2021.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

BG.21-112 **Academic Administrative Appointments (May)**

The academic administrative appointments for May 2021 were provided for information in Item 5.8(b).

BG.21-113 **Report of the COU Academic Colleague (June)**

The June report of the COU Academic Colleague was provided to the Board for information in item 5.8(c).

BG.21-114 **Renewal of the Articulation Agreement for the Admission of Graduates of the Nutrition and Food Service Management Diploma Program at Centennial College into the Bachelor of Science (Foods and Nutrition) Program at Brescia University College**

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by H. Usher,

That the Board of Governors approve that, effective May 1, 2021, graduates of the Nutrition and Food Service Management Diploma Program at Centennial College be admitted to the Bachelor of Science (Foods and Nutrition) Program at Brescia University College (Honours Specialization in Nutrition and Dietetics, Honours Specialization in Foods and Nutrition, Specialization in Foods and Nutrition), as set out in the articulation agreement shown in Item 5.8(d).

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

BG.21-115 **Renewal of the Articulation Agreement for the Admission of Graduates of the Food Nutrition Management Program at Fanshawe College into the Bachelor of Science (Foods and Nutrition) Program at Brescia University College**

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by H. Usher,

That the Board of Governors approve that, effective May 1, 2021, graduates of the Food Nutrition Management Program at Fanshawe College be admitted to the Bachelor of Science (Foods and Nutrition) Program at Brescia University College (Honours Specialization in Nutrition and Dietetics, Honours Specialization in Foods and Nutrition, Specialization in Foods and Nutrition), as set out in the articulation agreement shown in Item 5.8(e).

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

BG.21-116 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct**

A Board member requested that Item 5.3(c) The Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct be removed from consent to note that the report should not be coming to the Board of Governors and instead the Board should be receiving a report from the University Discipline Appeal Committee (UDAC) providing a consolidated high level report.

A. Bryson, University Secretary (University Secretariat) noted that a change occurred years ago that the report should come from the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) and is supposed to include information on the appeals from UDAC and the deposition of these appeals. She stated that the University Secretariat will review how the report comes forward to future Board meetings.

BG.21-117 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

None noted.

BG.21-118 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was noted.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session at 2:19 p.m.

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R. Konrad  
Chair

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A. Bryson  
University Secretary