

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

1:00 pm

Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

Jake Kerr, Chancellor

Ron Burnett

Debra Hoggan

Evaleen Jaager Roy

Ingrid Koenig

Rasely Ma

Rick Mischel

Heather Oland (via teleconference)

Blair Qualey

Bob Rennie

Emma Somers

Sheree Waterson

John Wertschek

REGRETS:

Darren Devlin

Faye Wightman

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Clifford, Vice President Finance + Administration

David Bogen, Vice President Academic + Provost

Alisha Walsh, University Secretary

Guests:

Jennifer DeDominicis, Vice President Enrolment + Student

Services / Registrar

Alan Goldman, Research Associate
Denise Quesnel. Research Associate

Rita Wong, Faculty member

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Evaleen Jaager Roy called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and introduced and welcomed Jennifer DeDominicis, Vice President Enrolment + Student Services / Registrar.

Jake Kerr presented Evaleen Jaager Roy and Ron Burnett with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of their significant contributions and achievements. The Board congratulated them on this honour and Evaleen Jaager Roy and Ron Burnett thanked everyone.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of September 20, 2012 as circulated.

Carried

3. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the annual general meeting of September 20, 2012 as circulated.

4. Approval of Notes from Retreat

Moved/Seconded to approve the notes of the Board retreat of October 19, 2012 as circulated.

Carried

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried

II. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. New Campus Update

Jake Kerr reported on the Treasury Board and Great Northern Way Board meetings and provided an overview of the new integrated site design by Suisman Urban Design. Ron Burnett presented the Suisman site design concept, which includes a connected, integrated and walkable campus. There was discussion regarding site partners and occupants and it was noted that this design resolves the Translink issue.

2. Strategic Plan Progress Report

Ron Burnett referred members to the strategic plan progress report and noted that excellent progress has been made.

III. PRESENTATION

1. Stereoscopic 3D Centre

Alan Golman and Denise Quesnel were introduced to the Board and presented on the applied research, educational and industry outreach activities taking place in the S3D Centre. It was reported that the S3D Centre is part of the GRAND Network of Excellence and is a founding member of the first Canadian chapter of the International 3D Society. A 3D film was shown and Alan and Denise were thanked for their presentation.

IV. REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

Evaleen Jaager Roy reported on the recent Simon Chang event and on two extraordinary Board Executive Committee meetings that were held to review budgetary issues and Honorary Degree and Emily Award nominations.

2. Chancellor's Report

Jake Kerr had no further report.

3. President + Vice-Chancellor's Report

Ron Burnett referred members to the list of meetings and reported on enrolment planning and strategy, new modes of educational delivery and the current program review.

4. Vice President Academic + Provost's Report

David Bogen provided information on program reviews, internationalization, new models for teaching and learning and the Remaking Research symposium. A short clip from a presentation by Ezri Tarazi at the symposium was shown.

5. Senate Report

Ron Burnett reported on the recent activities of Senate.

6. Finance + Audit Committee Report

Michael Clifford reported on the Finance + Audit Committee meeting and the recommendation to reappoint KPMG as the auditors for an additional three year term.

Moved/Seconded to that KPMG be appointed auditors of the University for the three fiscal years ending March 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015 on the terms and conditions outlined in KPMG's engagement letter dated November 26, 2012.

Michael Clifford circulated the operating fund analysis for the seven months ended October 31, 2012 and reviewed the actual, annual and available budget figures. The Board was alerted to the deficit figure and it was reported that this is not inclusive of tuition, which will be received at a later date. It was reported that the budget process for 2013/14 has commenced and that there are significant challenges.

Heather Oland left the meeting at this point.

7. Policy Governance Committee Report

Blair Qualey reported on the Policy Governance Committee meeting and noted that the committee discussed the retreat and that all feedback was positive. Ron Burnett provided information on the next stage of the branding process. Blair Qualey reported on the review of all policies and procedures.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Board of Governors Scholarship

Evaleen Jaager Roy referred members to the Board scholarship information.

2. Board of Governors Committees 20112/13

Evaleen Jaager Roy referred members to the Board committee membership list for 2012/13.

VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 14, 2013

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.