



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NOVEMBER 29, 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	Mr. R. Konrad
Ms. W. Boye	Mr. M. Lerner
Ms. C. Burghardt-Jesson	Ms. L. Logan
Dr. A. Chakma	Dr. K. Mequanint
Ms. S. Chrominska	Dr. G. Parraga
Ms. K. Cole	Mr. B. Ross
Mr. G. Dick	Ms. S. Shortreed
Mr. K. Gibbons	Ms. C. Stephenson
Dr. R. Giffin	Mr. K. Sullivan
Ms. C. Karakatsanis	Dr. J. Toswell
Mr. D. Keddy	Mr. M. Wilson

By Invitation: J. O'Brien, J. Capone, A. Hrymak, M. Ruddock

Land Acknowledgement

D. Keddy read the Land Acknowledgement.

BG.18-94 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

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

- Ad Hoc Committee on Freedom of Expression
- "Be Extraordinary" campaign impact more than doubles Western's endowment
- International Undergraduate Awards
- 5 Western recipients of the 2018-19 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships
- Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council supports more than 90 Western projects
- Canada Research Chairs Announcements
- Western ranked among the world's top 200 universities
- 2018 Western Award of Excellence
- Dr. Vladimir Hachinski one of 2018's Killam Prize winners
- Western will be hosting the global conference for the International Association for College Admission Counseling (International ACAC) July 9-12, 2019
- Western leadership update

L. Logan provided the Board with comments regarding Broughdale. She stated that the safety of students is paramount for Western. The University is working collaboratively with the City and emergency service partners to address the concerns raised by the internal and external community. This issue is not unique to Western but is occurring across Ontario and Canada and all of the

institutions are working collaboratively. She noted that community feedback and engagement is important, and it will take time to collectively work through the issues, but this is a priority item for the University.

BG.18-95 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by D. Keddy,

That the 12 items listed in Appendix 1, Unanimous Consent Agenda be approved or received for information, except for the Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report, by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

BG.18-96 **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The open session minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2018 were approved as circulated.

BG.18-97 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There were no items noted as business arising from the September 25, 2018 minutes.

REPORT OF THE PROVOST'S AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
[Appendix II]

Prior to considering the Report of the Provost's ad hoc Committee for Freedom of Expression, Andy Hrymak, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee. He thanked the Committee for their thorough work and the widespread consultation that was undertaken in creating this policy. The draft policy was passed unanimously by Senate. The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) noted that approval of this Policy was a Board decision.

BG.18-98 **Policy on Freedom of Expression**

It was moved by M. Learner seconded by D. Keddy,

That the Board approve the Policy on Freedom of Expression, detailed in Annex 1.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE [Appendix III]

Prior to considering the Report of the Property & Finance Committee, R. Konrad provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee.

BG.18-99 **Information Items reported by the Property & Finance Committee**

The Report of the Property & Finance Committee, detailed in Appendix III, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Scholarships, Awards, Prizes
- Report on Underwater Endowments
- Report of the Investment Committee
- Key Financial Indicators

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

Prior to considering the Report of the Governance & By-Laws Committee, M. Wilson provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee.

BG.18-100 **Principles of Engagement (formerly Responsibilities) for Members of the Board of Governors**

It was moved by M. Wilson, seconded by G. Parraga,

That the Board of Governors approve the Principles of Engagement for Members of the Board of Governors, as shown in Annex 1.

CARRIED

BG.18-101 **Principles of Engagement for the Board Chair**

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

That the Board of Governors approve the Principles of Engagement for the Board Chair, as shown in Annex 2.

CARRIED

BG.18-102 **Amendments to Special Resolution No. 10 – President & Vice-Chancellor**

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by D. Keddy,

That the Board of Governors approve the revisions to Special Resolution No. 10 – President & Vice-Chancellor, as shown in Annex 3.

CARRIED (Unanimous Consent)

BG.18-103 **Information Items Reported by the Governance & By-Laws Committee**

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

- Amendments to Special Resolution No. 3 – Banking
- Board Election Schedule for Spring 2019

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

Prior to considering the Report of the Senior Policy & Operations Committee, P. Jenkins provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee.

BG.18-104 **Information Items Reported by the Senior Policy & Operations Committee**

The Report of the Senior Policy & Operations Committee, detailed in Appendix V, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Committee appointments
- Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE [Appendix VI]

Prior to considering the Report of the Audit Committee, K. Gibbons provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee.

BG.18-105 **Harassment and Discrimination Matters Annual Report**

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

That the Board of receive the Annual Report on Harassment and Discrimination Matters for information, as outlined in Annex 1.

CARRIED

A member noted that Western could need to review policies around gender identity, preferred names and equality.

J. O'Brien noted that the concern relating to the integration of systems to address gender identification had been addressed via the use of preferred name versus legal name. She noted that the Registrar's Office has already been updated but the process is being completed upon individual request and requires manual input.

BG.18-106 **Information Items Reported by the Audit Committee**

The Report of the Audit Committee, detailed in Appendix VI, contained the following items that were received for information by unanimous consent:

- Committee Appointments
- Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct

ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE [Appendix VII]

BG.18-107

Information Items Referred by Senate

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

- Report of the Academic Colleague (October 2018)
- Academic Administrative Appointments

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

P. Jenkins
Chair

K. Kwan
Secretary