



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

**JANUARY 24, 2019**

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

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

W. Boye	K. Mequanint
C. Burghardt-Jesson	G. Parraga
A. Chakma	B. Ross
S. Chrominska	S. Shortreed
G. Dick	C. Stephenson
K. Gibbons	K. Sullivan
R. Giffin	J. Toswell
C. Karakatsanis	M. Wilson
D. Keddy	H. Usher
R. Konrad	

By Invitation: J. O'Brien, J. Capone, A. Hrymak, L. Logan, Ms. K. Cole  
H. Connell, M. Ruddock

**Land Acknowledgement**

D. Keddy read the Land Acknowledgement.

BG.19-01

**Chair's Remarks**

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed Mr. Harold Usher and Mayor Ed Holder to the Board of Governors.

BG.19-02

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

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

- Congratulations to President-Designate, Dr. Alan Shepard.
- Catherine Steeves reappointed as Vice-Provost & Chief Librarian
- Linda Miller re-appointed as Vice-Provost (Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies)
- John Doerksen re-appointed as Vice-Provost (Academic Programs)
- Welcome Lisa Henderson, incoming Dean (Faculty of Information & Media Studies)
- The work of selection committees remains underway for the Deans of the Ivey Business School, Faculty of Engineering, and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

Additional Items reported on by the President:

- Provincial government's announced changes to tuition and ancillary fees. He advised that the University would be required to decrease tuition fees by 10% in the 2019-2020 budgeting cycle, with a shortfall of \$34M in the first budget cycle and an additional \$43M

- shortfall in the preceding budget year.
- The President provided the Board with clarification on how the University will address the funding impact over a two-year period.

BG.19-03 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA** [Appendix I]

It was moved by K. Gibbons, seconded by B. Ross,

That 8 items listed in Appendix 1, Unanimous Consent Agenda be approved or received for information, with the exception of Appendix 3.

CARRIED

BG.19-04 **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The open session minutes of the meeting of November 29, 2018 were approved as circulated.

BG.19-05 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There were no items noted as business arising from the November 29, 2018 minutes.

**REPORT OF THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE** [Appendix II]

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.19-06 **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:

- Quarterly Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds
- Report on Trademark Licensees Doing Business with the Book Store at Western January 2019
- 2018-19 Operating Budget Update as of October 31, 2018
- Report of the Investment Committee
- Student Fee-Funded Units, Ancillaries, Academic Support Units, and Associated Companies Financial Update

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

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.19-07 **Information Items Reported by the Senior Policy & Operations Committee**

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

- Board Appointment: Keith Gibbons to the Western Research Park – Board of Directors for 2019-2020 and on a continuing basis thereafter, effective January 16, 2019.

A Board member noted concerns with the composition of the Board, specifically directing the attention of members to a need for diversity in the membership of the Western Board of

Governors.

The Chair noted that the item being discussed was an item found in the closed session of the Board of Governors agenda, and that the item had been removed for the Consent Agenda in error.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE** [Appendix IV]

Prior to considering the Report of the Audit Committee, K. Gibbons provided a high-level overview of the recent work of the Committee, noting that the committee has commenced the external audit process.

BG.19-08 **Information Items Reported by the Audit Committee**

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

- Western Office of the Ombudsperson Annual Report 2017-2018

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

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

BG.19-09 **Information Items 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:

- The Fund-Raising Initiatives Quarterly Report to October 31, 2018

**ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE** [Appendix VI]

BG.19-10 **Information Items Referred by Senate**

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

- Report of the Academic Colleague (December 2018)

The meeting adjourned to the confidential session.

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P. Jenkins  
Chair

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K. Kwan  
Secretary