# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## JUNE 28, 2022 – OPEN SESSION

The meeting was held at the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building, Room 3000 and on Zoom.

PRESENT: Rick Konrad, Chair
Amy Bryson, Secretary

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| Susan Bennett | Bruce Ross |
| Wade Boye | Effie Sapuridis |
| Arzie Chant | Alan Shepard |
| Greg Dick | Sarah Shortreed |
| Keith Gibbons | David Simmonds |
| Artika Pahargarh | Carol Stephenson |
| Grace Parraga | Jane Toswell |
| Stephen Pitel | Sam Trosow |
| Cecil Rorabeck | Harold Usher |

In-Coming Members: Ethan Chen, Marlene McGrath, Beth MacDougall-Shackleton, Ken Yeung

By Invitation: Althea Blackburn-Evans, Ruban Chelladurai, Paul Elochuk, Lynn Logan, Eric Mallory, Jane O'Brien, Jeff O'Hagan, Lesley Rigg, Florentine Strzelczyk

Secretariat Resource: Bonnie Brown

Regrets: Michelle Banik, Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Linda Hasenfratz, Ed Holder, Geoff Pollock, Michael Surkont

Chair R. Konrad called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

### Land Acknowledgement

R. Konrad offered the land acknowledgement.

BG.22-102 **Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

Moved by H. Usher, seconded by S. Trosow:

That the agenda for the open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.22-103 **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of April 28, 2022**

Moved by G. Parraga, seconded by C. Rorabeck:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2022, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

By request, it was agreed to amend the minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting to include the text of the petition referenced in item 4.1(b) and to note the archeological survey requested under item 6.0 was in relation to the indigenous engagement on Western's land.

BG.22-104 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

R. Konrad advised that the Governance and By-Laws Committee reviewed the cost and benefits of membership to the Association of Governing Boards (AGB). The committee is not recommending membership at this time.

BG.22-105 **Report of the President**

A. Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, referred to the written report provided to the Board of Governors in advance of the meeting. In addition to the items presented in the report, A. Shepard extended his appreciation to those supporting and participating in the convocation ceremonies. Further appreciation was extended to Western's Sport & Recreation Services and Western's Hospitality Services on the successful bid for the Vanier Cup to be played at Western in the fall.

A. Shepard reported on the Information Fair and breakfast to be held in the fall at the Convention Centre noting it will be an opportunity to provide information about Western's programs, engage the community, and share Western's story.

Appreciation was extended to Western's Communications team for their work this year. Alumni elected/re-elected to parliament were congratulated.

A. Shepard reported student admission and enrollment numbers are strong for the coming school year. He advised that $1.6M has been made available to support Ukrainian student and faculty refugees. In concluding, he provided an update on 450 Talbot noting construction should be completed in 15 to 20 months.

## AGENDA

## COMMITTEE AND SENATE REPORTS

## REPORT OF THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

BG.22-106 **Out-of-Province Tuition Fees**

G. Dick presented, for approval, the implementation of tuition fee increases for domestic non-Ontario students in all undergraduate programs, and some master's programs offered by the Ivey Business School.

R. Chelladurai, Associate Vice-President (Planning, Budgeting, and Information Technology), responded to questions of clarification regarding the tuition fee increases for some master's programs at Ivey, the communication and consultation completed in this regard, implementation of the increases, and market tolerance for the increase.

It was noted the term 'fees' and 'rates' are interchangeable and are not intended to be distinct terms.

Moved by C. Stephenson, seconded by G. Parraga:

> That the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Property and Finance Committee, approve the implementation of tuition rate increases for domestic non-Ontario students in all undergraduate programs, and some masters programs offered by the Ivey Business School, as follows:

1. As per the Province's framework, the allowable 5% increase for domestic Non-Ontario students be applied in 2022-23 to all undergraduate tuition rates (as shown in Table A) and the Ivey masters programs (as shown in Table B);

2. Given the late timing of the Government's announcement and in order to allow the University adequate time to communicate to students and develop the necessary procedures/systems for implementation of the differential tuition rates, students will not be charged the increased tuition rates until 2023-24; and

3. The tuition rates for 2023-24 will be determined based on the 2022-23 rates (as shown in Table A and B) and the Province's tuition framework for 2023-24 when it is announced.

CARRIED

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

BG.22-107 **Annual Reports on the Code of Student Conduct**

The annual reports on the Code of Student Conduct for the periods from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 were provided for information.

A. Shepard responded to questions regarding the application of the Code to students living off campus and to off-campus events. The substantive efforts to prevent/address student conduct leading to a serious incident were described. From a legal perspective, it was noted the extension of the Code to large off-campus gatherings has been a positive step.

BG.22-108 **Annual Report on Gender-Based and Sexual Violence**

The annual report on Gender-Based and Sexual Violence (GBSV) for the period May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 was presented for information.

A. Shepard responded to questions of clarification regarding police reporting, training, and the availability of additional training for graduate students.

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

BG.22-109 **Health, Safety and Well-being Annual Report**

R. Konrad referred to the Health, Safety and Well-being Annual Report 2021 provided in the agenda package.

J. O'Brien, Associate Vice-President (Human Resources), responded to questions of clarification regarding the current status of ergonomic consultation services to staff. In response to a concern regarding the level of service, J. O'Brien advised the issue is being discussed at the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

In response to a question regarding the vacant Director role in Health and Safety, J. O'Brien advised the leadership requirements for the team are being reviewed.

## REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

BG.22-110 **Revisions to Resolution re: Presentations to Retiring Members**

S. Shortreed presented for approval revisions to Resolution re: Presentations to Retiring Members of the Board. If approved, the Resolution re: Commissioning of Portraits should be rescinded.

A concern was raised regarding the minimal level of service required for recognition. It was suggested Board members ought to serve their full term versus one year. In response, it was suggested the intent is to recognize the fact of service.

The discussion also focused on the commissioning of a photographic portrait and whether the practice is outdated and whether those being recognized ought to have a choice in directing funds to a scholarship instead. It was suggested photographs contribute to the archival history of the organization.

Moved by S. Bennett, seconded by K. Gibbons:

> That, on the recommendation of the Governance and By-Laws Committee, the Board of Governors approve the revisions to Resolution re: Presentations to Retiring Members and rescind Resolution re: Commissioning of Portraits as presented in item 4.4(a).

CARRIED

There was a suggestion that the policy return to the committee for further review in the future to consider the feedback from the committee regarding the length of service required for recognition.

With respect to the archiving of the photographic portraits, it was suggested the McIntosh Gallery be consulted in this regard.

BG.22-111 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by H. Usher, seconded by A. Chant:

> That the items listed in the consent agenda be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

**ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

BG.22-112 **New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes**

The terms of reference approved by the Property and Finance Committee for the new scholarships, awards, and prizes was received for information in item 5.1(a).

BG.22-113 **Report of the Investment Committee**

An update on the activities of the Investment Committee, a subcommittee of the Property and Finance Committee, was received for information in item 5.1(b).

BG.22-114 **Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds**

The quarterly activity of the non-endowed funds and report on the ratio of investments to obligations against the target ratio was received for information in item 5.1(c).

BG.22-115 **2021-22 Operating Budget Update (Year-End) as at April 30, 2022**

A year-end update on the University's 2021-22 operating budget was received for information in item 5.1(d).

BG.22-116 **Ancillary Financial Report as at April 30, 2022**

The preliminary financial results for the 2021-2022 student fee-funded units, ancillaries, academic support units, and associated companies was received for information in item 5.1(e).

BG.22-117 **Distinguished University Professor and Faculty Scholars**

On recommendation of the Property and Finance Committee in the report received in item 5.1(f), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the revised terms for Distinguished University Professors and Faculty Scholars.

BG.22-118 **Robert Hodder Chair in Economic Geology**

The report advising the Board of Governors on the Property and Finance Committee's approval of the establishment of the Robert Hodder Chair in Economic Geology and the appointment in the Faculty of Science, was received in item 5.1(g).

BG.22-119 **Goodmans LLP Faculty Fellowships in Legal Ethics**

The report advising the Board of Governors on the Property and Finance Committee's approval of the establishment of the Goodmans LLP Faculty Fellowships in Legal Ethics and the appointment in the Faculty of Law, was received in item 5.1(h).

**ITEM FROM THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

BG.22-120 **University Discipline Appeals Committee Membership**

On recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee in the report received in item 5.2(a), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of the following individuals to the

University Discipline Appeals Committee:

Chris Sherrin to serve as Chair (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)
Aaron Hodgson (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025)
Dana Broberg (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)
Heidi Steeves (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)
Orlando Scarlett (term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

## ITEM FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

BG.22-121 **Trustees-Jeffery Stamp Collection**

On the recommendation of the Governance and By-Laws Committee in the report received in item 5.3(a), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the dissolution of the Trustees – Jeffery Stamp Collection as a standing committee of the Board and designated that the Jeffery Stamp Collection continue to be administered by the University Library as part of its special collections.

## ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.22-122 **Report of the Academic Colleague**

The report from the May meetings of the COU Academic Colleagues was received for information in item 5.4(c).

## ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

## ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE

BG.22-123 **Subcommittee on Enrolment Planning and Policy (SUEPP) Report**

The annual report on targets and processes for first-year undergraduate enrolment and overall enrolment projections for Western and its Affiliated University Colleges was received for information in item 5.4(a).

In response to a comment regarding the increase in the number of first year undergraduate students over the last five years, and a question regarding planning for appropriate classroom space, A. Shepard noted planning does anticipate the need for classroom spaces but he also noted the trend towards online learning may decrease the need for larger classroom spaces in the future.

In response to a comment regarding the need to increase the number of first-generation students attending Western, A. Shepard agreed the current percentage of first-generation students at Western is relatively low and that work needs to be done in this area.

BG.22-124 **MAPP 7.0 – Academic Integrity in Research Activities**

L. Rigg, Vice-President (Research), described the extensive consultation completed during the review of MAPP 7.0, changes made to align the policy with best practice, and the updates to modernize the language in the policy.

It was clarified the policy is being presented for approval. The procedures are presented for information only. It was noted the procedures are dynamic and responsive to needed changes.

A question of clarification regarding the kinds of conduct covered by the policy was addressed by L. Rigg.

A number of friendly amendments to the policy, provided to the Secretariat were accepted.

Moved by C. Rorabeck, seconded by J. Toswell:

> That on recommendation of the Senate, the Board of Governors approve the amendments to MAPP 7.0 - Academic Integrity in Research Activities, and the renaming of the policy to MAPP 7.0 - Responsible Conduct of Research.

CARRIED

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS** - None.

BG.22-125 **OTHER BUSINESS**

R. Konrad expressed his appreciation to out-going Board members, Jina Kum, Artika Pahargarh, Michael Lerner, Sarah Neiman, Grace Parraga, Carol Stephenson, Jane Toswell, and Harold Usher.

On behalf of the Board, K. Gibbons thanked R. Konrad for his leadership and passion for Western over the last 18 years and in particular over the last two and a half years as Chair. A. Shepard further expressed his appreciation of R. Konrad, highlighting his dedication.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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R. Konrad
Chair

A. Bryson
University Secretary