

# PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FEBRUARY 14, 2014

Public Minutes of the Thompson Rivers University Board of Governors, held in the Clock Tower Boardroom, commencing at 1:00 pm.

**Board Present:** B. Ross (Board Chair), P. Dagg (Vice Chair), A. Shaver, F. Chan, M. Parker, B. Holden, H. Hove, B. Ross, Q.C., D. Dickson, R. Williams, E. Bootle, R. Anderson, R. Williams

Board Absent: Hon. W. Oppal, Q.C., S. Jyrkkanen, P. Tsigaris, R. Rahul

#### **Executive and Others Present:**

M. Milovick (Vice President, Administration & Finance, C. Seguin (Vice President, Advancement), J. Sparks (General Counsel & Corporate Secretary), K. Meisters (A/Coordinator, University Governance)

<u>Guests:</u> Leif Douglas (TRUSU), Kaitlin Clemen (TRUSU), Nolan Guichon (TRUSU), Alex McLellan (TRUSU), D. Crespin-Mueller, Nikki Remerez, Melissa Gordon (TRUSU), Sally Sutisna (TRUSU), B. Kiland, L. Gnanacihamany

Media: D. Skoglund (TRU Marketing & Communications), A. Iacobucci (Radio NL)

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm The agenda was adopted as circulated.	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of December 6, 2013 be approved as circulated.	K. Meisters
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	Approval of Campus Master Plan  M. Milovick noted that the Campus Master Plan had been presented at the last Board meeting and was subsequently presented to Senate where it was well received	
PRESENTATIONS	On Motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the Board approve the Campus Master Plan as presented.	
	TRU Membership in the Workers' Rights Consortium – TRUSU Leif Douglas, VP Eternal, TRUSU, Nolan Guichon, Director at Large TRUSU, and Kaitlin Clemen, Director at Large, TRUSU provided highlights from their presentation.	
	L. Douglas asked TRU to affiliate with the Worker's Rights Consortium.	
	The TRUSU representatives provided highlights of the WRC and why TRU should join. TRUSU advised the Board that there are 180 affiliate universities and colleges belong to this consortium and they explained	

that the cost would be \$1,500 per year. Joining the consortium would be considered to be a first step in the process.

B. Ross thanked TRUSU for their presentation. The Board asked that TRUSU send their materials to Glen Read, the University's Director of Ancillary Services, to allow him to to do follow up research on Worker's Rights Consortium.

K. Meisters

This item to be added to the next Board agenda.

K. Meisters

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**REPORT FROM THE** B. Holden advised the Board that the Finance Committee met three times since December. He reported that the Committee reviewed the investment portfolio with the investment manager and there are no concerns to report. The Committee met and reviewed forecast for 2014/2015 on process of the budget and P. Manhas is working on it. He also reported that we are working on the 2015/16 budget process.

# HR COMMITTEE

**REPORT FROM THE** F. Chan advised the Board that the only item to report from the GOVERNANCE AND Governance and HR Committee is the response to the Auditor General's Report on the University's governance practices. A response has been drafted by the Board Chair, the President and General Counsel. The response is to be submitted to the Auditor General's office on Monday, February 17th and their final report is due out on February 27th. She also commented that TRU should be proud of the results of the report.

## **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

#### **January Enrolment Report**

D. Crespin-Mueller provided highlights from her report on the Winter 2014 enrolment update. Some of the highlights included:

- Activity is up 1% on campus course enrolments
- 7600 students on campus
- 694 new students on campus
- 589 students taking both on-campus and online courses
- Course enrolments in OL up 13.2%

Discussion ensued

#### Gift (CIBC)

C. Seguin advised the Board that we have received a pledge of \$150,000 from CIBC for students.

He also reported on a a gift for \$700,000 from RBC for bursaries and scholarships for Women in Trades

#### SENATE REPORT

#### Senate Report – A. Shaver

A. Shaver presented the Senate report recommending approval from the Board for program changes:

On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the Board approve the following six program changes as recommended by Senate and as set out in the Board agenda package:

K. Meisters

Accounting Technician Diploma

Diploma in Management

Executive Assistant Diploma

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Administration

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Finance

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing

On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the Board approve the Calendar Dates to be published in the University Calendar as recommended by Senate and as set out in the Board agenda package.

K. Meisters

On motion duly made and adopted it was RESOLVED that the Board approve the recommended changes to the Bachelor of Technology Program (Technology Management) as recommended by Senate and as set out in the Board agenda package.

K. Meisters

#### **BUSINESS**

#### Approval of the Strategic Priorities Document

A. Shaver acknowledged K. Sutherland, L. Gnanasihamany, Y. LaRose, and B. Kiland for their hard work on this project. He also acknowledged that there was a full committee of 35 people who made up the Strategic Priorities Advisory Committee.

A. Shaver gave some background on how the document was created and the work that went into creating it.

A. Shaver reviewed the content of the Strategic Priorities document. The Board congratulated the University on the Strategic Priorities Document.

Discussion ensued

On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the Board approve the Strategic Priorities Document

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Shaver provided highlights from his written report.

A. Shaver asked that C. Seguin arrange a tour of the Law School for the Board members now that it is complete. He also announced that the official opening of the Law School will be June 13, 2014 followed by the first law class convocation on June 14, 2014

C. Seguin

A Shaver provided highlights of the University's new arrangements with the International Strategic Network. He explained that this is an initiative that started in 2008. He advised the Board that the first summer session open to TRU students will start the first week of June in Germany.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence was received.

NEXT BOARD MEETING April 4, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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B. Ross, Board Chair	r	A. Shaver, President & Vice-Chancellor	