

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

## MINUTES

Friday, September 25, 2015 1:00-3:00 PM CN Boardroom, Clock Tower Building

**Board Present:** Brian Ross (Chair), Paul Dagg (Vice Chair), Alan Shaver, Rob Anderson, Hoberly Hove, Hafiz Rahman, Jim Thomson, Guenter Weckerle, Eric Youd

Board Regrets: Bob Holden, Tsungai Mhembere, Ruth Williams

**Executive and Others Present:** Christine Bovis-Cnossen (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Christopher Seguin (Vice-President Advancement), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), Michael Bluhm (Associate Vice-President Enrolment Services and University Registrar), Ken Olynyk (Director, Athletics and Recreation — present for agenda item 2.a. only), Scott Reeve (TRU WolfPack Women's Basketball team head coach — present for agenda item 2.a. only), Emma Piggin (TRU WolfPack Women's Basketball team member — present for agenda item 2.a. only), Tom Dickinson (Dean, Faculty of Science — present for agenda item 6.a. only), Baihua Chadwick (Associate Vice President, International and Chief Executive Officer, TRU World Global Operations — present for agenda item 8.c. only), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance; Recording)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A. Shaver introduced TRU's new Provost and Vice-President Academic, Christine Bovis-Cnossen, and Associate Vice-President Enrolment Services and University Registrar, Michael Bluhm.

### 2. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

a. WolfPack Basketball

B. Ross introduced Ken Olynyk, Director of Athletics and Recreation. K. Olynyk spoke about Athletics and excellence, and noted that he was been joined by women's basketball head coach Scott Reeves and team member Emma Piggin.

Josh Wolfram, men's basketball team member, had also intended to join the meeting but was unable to attend. K. Olynyk spoke about Josh's participation at the World University Games and then introduced Scott Reeves and Emma Piggin, who discussed their experiences with TRU athletics. E. Piggin spoke about tryouts and trips to Spain and Russia to compete in the International Basketball Federation Under-19 women's basketball world championships. Canada's team finished eighth overall, and she thanked TRU for the training and experience.

K. Olynyk thanked the Board for inviting them to the meeting and presented the Board Chair with a WolfPack shirt and pin. B. Ross thanked TRU Athletics and the people who attended the meeting, and expressed excitement at what can be achieved at TRU.

## 3. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Outgoing Chair B. Ross explained that it was the Board Chair's responsibility to nominate the Chair and Vice Chair. He thanked Board members for the experience and stated it has been a privilege to help advance TRU. B. Ross noted that the Board Chair and Vice Chair must be government appointees to the Board, and nominated Paul Dagg as Chair and Jim Thomson as Vice Chair.

As there were no further nominations for Chair, P. Dagg was acclaimed.

P. Dagg took the Chair after B. Ross relinquished it.

P. Dagg thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair, and invited further nominations for Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, J. Thomson was acclaimed.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as presented.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of May 29, 2015

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of May 29, 2015 be approved as proposed.

### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Wells Gray Land Donation

M. Milovick and T. Dickinson provided background information regarding the request to accept the donation of this land.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that TRU accept the transfer of this property as described in the memorandum included with the agenda package.

## 7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a. Executive Committee minutes of July 13, 2015

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of July 13, 2015 were provided to the Board for information, as was a link to the Institutional Accountability Plan and Report, 2015/16 – 2017/18.

## 8. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

In the absence of Finance Committee chair Bob Holden, the report from the Committee was delivered by Rob Anderson.

a. Financial Information Act

M. Milovick spoke about the Financial Information Act report, noting it was the standard annual report submitted to the government.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that TRU approve the Financial information Act report as proposed.

b. Q1 Appendix C & Q1 Government Forecast to June 30, 2015

At the request of the Committee Chair, P. Manhas spoke about the Q1 Appendix C & Q1 Government Forecast to June 30, 2015.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that TRU approve the Q1 Appendix C & Q1 Government Forecast to June 30, 2015 as proposed.

c. Notice of Motion: International Tuition Fees

M. Milovick was asked to speak on this agenda item, and he indicated that the Board was being asked to approve an increase to international tuition fees. He explained the changes and their implications. B. Chadwick delivered a presentation regarding the request and was asked whether it would be an issue if the Board did not approve the request until December in order to provide notice of motion. B. Chadwick responded that the sooner this proposal could be approved, the better. She added that the TRU Students' Union was supportive of the tuition model change, but that they remained silent with regard to the tuition increase. The Budget Committee of Senate had recommended approval of the proposed changes and increase, and the Deans had also been consulted and were supportive. A Board member suggested that, rather than delaying this request by posting a notice of motion, it be dealt with today.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that TRU approve the increase to undergraduate international tuition as presented, effective September 2016.

## 9. REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a. Board Evaluation follow-up

H. Hove, Committee Chair, reported that a response option of "not able to respond" would be added to the Board evaluation survey questions.

b. Board composition and update on Board vacancies

B. Ross reported that there were four vacancies for government appointees to the Board and spoke about the process of filling them. He added that the Board is obligated to fulfill the requirements of the competency matrix. Four quality candidates have been approached and three have indicated a willingness to serve on the Board. B. Ross was thanked for his efforts.

Recognition of outgoing Board members was discussed.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board recognize outgoing Board Chair Brian Ross with an Exceptional Service Award, to be bestowed at the December 4 Board dinner.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board recognize all other outgoing Board members with a Certificate of Recognition.

### 10. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Safety and Emergency Management Quarterly Report

M. Milovick tabled this report and indicated that WorkSafeBC claims had increased as a result of three cases.

P. Dagg welcomed Dr. Michael Henry, Dean of the School of Business and Economics, to the meeting. A. Shaver introduced Dr. Henry.

#### 11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Written report from the Office of the President

President Shaver noted his written report was included with the agenda package and highlighted some of the items in the report.

b. Update on Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Accreditation report submission

A. Shaver reported that endorsement of the draft report would be requested at Senate on Monday, and then it would come to the Board for approval on December 4. A. Shaver also noted other key dates in the approval process and added that a copy of the full draft report was on the Accreditation website.

#### 12. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

P. Dagg indicated he had nothing to add to what had already been reported.

#### 13. NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2015.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.