



# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, March 26, 2021  
1:00 PM  
Held virtually by MS Teams

## MINUTES

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### **Board Present:**

Barbara Berger (Chair), Brett Fairbairn (President and Vice-Chancellor), Tracy Christianson, Lori De Frias, Hasnat Dewan, Katy Gottfriedson, Azul Hernandez-Billy, Lillian Kwan, Marilyn McLean

### **Absent:**

Jimmy Lulua, Dev Shah

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

Christine Bovis-Crossen (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Brian Daly (Vice-President University Relations), Scott Blackford (Legal Counsel), Dorys Crespín-Mueller (Associate Vice-President Integrated Planning and Effectiveness), Yvette Laflamme (Executive Director, Finance), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), John Sparks, (General Counsel), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lisa Grant (University Governance Assistant)

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

B. Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

The Chair welcomed new Governor Lori De Frias.

### **2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The board chair acknowledged that Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the unceded lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional territory of the Secwépemc. TRU also serves the peoples of surrounding territories, including the Stat'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Tsilhqot'in, Nuxalk, and Dakelh.

### 3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

- a. Ruby Dhand (faculty member, Faculty of Law)

Dean of the faculty of Law, Daleen Millard, introduced Ruby Dhand and then spoke about her accomplishments. A [link to Ruby Dhand's background information](#) was included with the agenda package. Ruby Dhand acknowledged her colleagues for their support of her research and teaching advocacy.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. Berger requested adding agenda item 7.c., "Industry Training Authority (ITA) amended contract", to the agenda. No governors objected to this change to the agenda.

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

### 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members disclosed conflicts of interest.

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of February 12, 2021

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of February 12, 2021 be approved as circulated.*

### 7. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Proposed tuition and ancillary fee increases
  - i. Comments received during the notice of motion period

M. McLean invited C. Bovis-Crossen and/or M. Milovick to address the comments received. C. Bovis-Crossen reported and spoke about the comments that were received from two members of the university community regarding the notice of motion on the proposed 2% increase for domestic tuition and fees and 3% increase for international undergraduate and graduate tuition fees. A copy of the comments that were received were circulated with the agenda package.

ii. Addendum to tuition fee memos

C. Bovis-Crossen spoke to the memo circulated with the agenda package.

iii. 2021-2022 domestic tuition and ancillary fee increases

M. McLean invited C. Bovis-Crossen to comment on the 2021-2022 domestic tuition and ancillary fee increases, which she did. She spoke to the memorandum circulated with the agenda package, indicating that *Notice of Motion* had been served on February 12, 2021 in relation to the proposed tuition and fee increases.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that a 2% increase to the 2021-2022 domestic tuition and ancillary fees be approved.*

iv. International undergraduate and graduate increases

C. Bovis-Crossen noted that there was a comprehensive memo circulated with the agenda package with regard to the proposed recommended increases. She spoke to the memo and added that it had been over a decade since administration had brought forward a proposal to increase international graduate tuition fees.

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that a 3% increase to the International undergraduate and graduate 2021-2022 tuition fees be approved.*

b. 2021-2022 Budget

M. Milovick and C. Bovis-Crossen presented the 2021-2022 Consolidated Budget and commented that the budget proposed was a balanced budget with a small surplus of \$147K. A [link to the presentation](#) was included with the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the FY2021/22 consolidated budget be approved as presented.*

*M. Milovick noted that today's meeting was Paul Manhas' last meeting. He thanked P. Manhas for his years of service and support.*

c. Industry Training Authority ITA amended contract

M. McLean noted the chair asked for this item to be added to the agenda package and that the material regarding this agenda item was circulated on March 24 and was also attached to the calendar invite for this meeting. She then invited C. Bovis-Crossen to speak to the agenda item. C. Bovis-Crossen spoke to the memo, noting the purpose and background of the agreement. Discussion ensued.

K. Gottfriedson abstained.

On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the ITA Shared Cost Agreement amendment for Indigenous People in Trade Training for \$3.4 million be approved.

## 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### a. President's Report to the Board

President Fairbairn highlighted some items in his written report and also added verbal comments. He invited questions and comments regarding his report.

#### i. Revisions to Policy BRD 17-0 Respectful Workplace and Harassment Prevention

B. Fairbairn commented on the policy, and a [link to the policy](#) was circulated with the agenda package. Scott Blackford (Legal Counsel), was in attendance to answer any questions.

### b. President's Report to Senate: March 2021

President Fairbairn directed governors' attention to the [link to his report](#), included with the agenda package, and commented that he expected a report from the committee to develop a TRU statement on academic freedom to be coming forward soon.

## 9. REPORTS AND UPDATES

### a. Anti-Racism Task Force

C. Bovis-Cnossen reported on the Anti-Racism Task force, including the membership, purpose, and work of the task force. The task force is in the process of completing its final report.

### b. 2021 Fall Return to Campus

C. Bovis-Cnossen provided an update on the Fall Return to Campus initiative. She shared highlights from the survey of students, the goals of the initiative, and what to expect for modes of program delivery in the fall. She added she would continue to provide updates to the board and campus community. The report of recommendations, and how they will be implemented, will be forthcoming to the June board meeting.

c. Integrated Strategic Plan: Realizing Envision TRU, Green Paper

C. Bovis-Crossen spoke to the agenda item and noted the plan will describe how TRU implements and achieves its 10-year strategic change goals. She drew governors' attention to the timeline, that was included with the agenda package, and stated that she hoped this plan would be a focus of the board planning and development session in the fall. She then added that she intends for the plan to be available to be considered for approval by the board at its meeting in February of 2022. She invited feedback from governors.

d. Limitless Campaign

B. Daly reported that the campaign would be wrapping up on March 31. He added the goal is going to be met, coming in at over \$50M. He expressed his appreciation for the exceptional work undertaken to reach this goal and added that formal thanks will be forthcoming in April. He concluded by notifying people about how they could still donate.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter from Daphane Nelson: Kamloops Community and Economic Development Co-operative

B. Berger drew governor's attention to the correspondence that was included with the agenda package and confirmed with C. Bovis-Crossen that it had been shared with all of the deans as well as the relevant associate vice presidents.

## 11. PRESENTATION

a. Winter enrolment report

D. Crespin-Mueller presented the Winter Enrolment Report, and a [link to the presentation](#) was included with the agenda package.

## 12. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2021.

## 13. TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair terminated the meeting at 3:16pm.