



# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, October 5, 2018  
**1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**  
CN Boardroom, Clock Tower Building

### MINUTES

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#### **Board Present:**

Jim Thomson (Chair), Barbara Berger (Vice-Chair), Christine Bovis-Crossen (President and Vice-Chancellor, Interim), Tracy Christianson, Devin Griffin, Rick Heney, Marilyn McLean, Hafiz Rahman, Michelle Stanford, Eric Youd

#### **Board Regrets:**

Sandra Blair, Katy Gottfriedson, Swagatam Majumder, Guenter Weckerle

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

Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Donna Petri (Provost and Vice-President Academic, Interim), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Paul Manhas (Associate Vice-President, Finance), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Desiree Judd (University Governance Assistant)

#### **Guests:**

Baihua Chadwick (Associate Vice-President International, CEO TRU World Global Operations)

#### **Recognition of Excellence:**

Anne St. John, Abby Dunlop, Shawna Mclean, Tim Burris

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced Christine Bovis-Crossen as the President and Vice-Chancellor (Interim), Devin Griffin (student member), and Marilyn McLean (community member).

## 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chair asked President Bovis-Crossen to perform the traditional acknowledgment. C. Bovis-Crossen acknowledged being on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwe'pemc, within Secwepemcúl'ecw traditional territory of the Secwe'pemc people.

## 3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Faculty Member Anne St. John introduced Abby Dunlop, Shawna Mclean, and Tim Burris. She also recognized Matthew Arkinstall, a graduate student, who was not available to attend. These students are the founders and editors of the Politics, History and Philosophy (PHP) undergraduate research journal *Dialogues*.

Jim Thomson, Chair, presented the students with Recognition of Excellence certificates.

## 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No Board members declared conflicts of interest.

## 5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for one addition to the agenda, namely a report from the Board Chair so he could report on correspondence received from Dr. Shawn Thompson. There was no opposition to his request.

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

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of June 15, 2018

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board meeting of June 15, 2018 be approved as circulated.*

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. Revision to Board Bylaws, "Part VI – Officers Of the University"

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Revision to Board Bylaws, “Part VI – Officers of the University” be approved as circulated.*

- b. Revision to Policy BRD 21-0 Research Centres and Groups

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Revision to Policy BRD 21-0 Research Centres and Groups be approved as circulated.*

## **8. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

R. Heney, Committee Chair, presented the report from the Finance Committee.

- a. Financial Information Act Report

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves the Financial Information Act Report, as circulated.*

- b. Q1 Report

The Q1 report was provided for information.

- c. Report from Advisory Committee on Investments and Asset Mix Change.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Governors approves that an asset mix guideline for endowments be included in Investment Objectives Policy (BRD-22), as circulated.*

- d. Notice of Motion: International Tuition Fees

A Notice of Motion for International Tuition Fees was presented to the Board and Baihua Chadwick gave a presentation on the proposed increase to International Tuition Fees.

## **9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

J. Thomson delivered the report from the Executive Committee.

- a. Acres Contract – Old Main Update

The Committee Chair report that, on July 10, 2018, the Executive Committee approved the contract with Acres Enterprises Ltd to coordinate and complete phase one of the Old Main revitalization project.

## 10. REPORTS AND UPDATES

### a. TRU Community Corporation projects update

M. Milovick provided an update on the Trust Foundation developments with a visual display of where the properties are being developed. He reiterated that the proceeds from the Trust would be used 50% for student scholarships and bursaries and 50% endowed for research purposes.

### b. Capital Update

M. Milovick commented on the ongoing civil works on campus, including projected timelines for completion.

#### i. Industrial Trades and Technology Centre Project update

M. Milovick drew Board members' attention to the dashboard report on the status of the Industrial Trades and Technology Centre Project, which was circulated with the agenda package. He pointed out that there was a discrepancy in the Colliers report where they indicate that spending to date was \$34 million but they anticipate it being at \$31 million. He added that the University has met our substantial completion requirement, which was a requirement by the Federal Government.

#### ii. Nursing and Population Health Building Project update

M. Milovick updated the Board on the status of the Nursing and Population Health Building Project based on the dashboard report circulated with the agenda package.

#### iii. General construction

M. Milovick provided an update on several general construction projects occurring on campus.

#### iv. Re-Zoning

M. Milovick reported that there are two re-zoning projects underway involving University properties. The TransForce site will be converted to general parking and the building will likely be used for storage

The second site that needs to be re-zoned is Upper College Heights. There are two and a half acres of empty land on this site that could possibly be developed to provide more affordable student housing.

v. Transportation Update

M. Milovick covered the transportation update under general construction, but gave an update on the classroom revitalization project in Old Main.

c. Safety and Emergency Management Update

M. Milovick presented the Safety and Emergency Management Update to the Board, as circulated in the agenda package.

d. Accreditation Update

- i. D. Petri presented the Accreditation Update to the Board. She stated the next site visit with the Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. TRU will need to submit our next interim candidacy self-study report by mid-February. The Board will be getting a draft of the self-study report at the December Board meeting and the final report at the February meeting. She noted that TRU received candidacy status in 2016 and it takes from 6 to 8 years to achieve accreditation.

## 11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C. Bovis-Crossen presented the President's Report.

a. Written report from the Office of the President

The President presented the written report for September 2018, highlighting several items in the report.

b. Open Governance Initiative update

President Bovis-Crossen provided an update on the Open Governance Initiative, noting that the next Fall Town Hall meeting will be held in early December 2018.

The Budget Town Hall will take place January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The President and the Vice-Presidents will start the cycle of meeting with the Faculty Councils in January 2019.

The Tri-Cameral meeting will take place in April 2019.

c. MoU City of Kamloops

A link to media coverage regarding the MoU between TRU and City of Kamloops was provided in the agenda package for information. The President commented

that this MoU provides a great way forward for TRU as an institution in solidifying our relationship with the City.

d. Administrative policies

i. Revised Policy: Policy ADM 05-3, “Alcohol, Cannabis and Tobacco”

The President presented to the Board the revised policy, Policy ADM 05-3, “Alcohol, Cannabis and Tobacco” for information purposes prior to the policy being disseminated to the rest of the TRU community.

ii. New Policy: Policy ADM 28-0, “Animal/Pet Policy”

The President presented to the Board the new policy, Policy ADM 28-0, “Animal/Pet Policy” for information purposes prior to the policy being disseminated to the rest of the TRU community.

iii. New Policy: Policy ADM 29-0, “Review of Administrative Service Units”

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e. Recruitment Campaign

The President reported to the Board that TRU has launched a new 2018-2019 multi-provincial recruitment marketing campaign for the 2019-2020 academic year. Information will be provided to the Board regarding the campaign.

## **12. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT**

J. Thomson delivered the Board Chair’s Report. He discussed a letter received from Dr. Shawn Thompson requesting the development of a policy related to Academic Freedom. The Chair reported that it is more complicated than just creating a policy and that academic freedom is addressed in other ways, such as in the TRU Faculty Association collective agreement. The Chair concluded by stating that this important matter is on the Board’s “radar” and would be a topic he would be discussing with the incoming President.

## **13. SENATE REPORT**

The Chair of Senate, C. Bovis-Crossen, delivered the Senate Report.

a. Written reports from the Senate Tenure and Promotion Committee

i. Report of January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017

The Report of January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 was circulated in the agenda package, and was provided to the Board for information.

ii. Report of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

The Report of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, provided to the Board for information, was circulated in the agenda package.

#### **14. PRESENTATION**

a. 2018-2019 Budget Context Presentation

C. Bovis-Crossen and M. Milovick presented the 2018-2019 Budget Context. A link to the presentation was included in the agenda package.

#### **15. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The Board Chair reported that the next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, December 7, 2018.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further agenda items, the Board Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.