



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Friday, November 20, 2020

ZOOM Videoconference Only

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Present: G. Payne, D. Coxson, P. Sanborn, A. Beswick, A. Ekman (CHAIR), J. McKay, M. Reed, G. Stewart, C. Wishart, G. Staats, F. Khan, J. Henley

Regrets: A. Robinson (VICE-CHAIR), B. Ward-Burkitt

Administration: M. Dale (Interim Provost & Vice-President Academic), Rahim Somani (Vice-President Finance and Administration), K. Lewis (Acting Vice-President Research), T. Tribe (Vice-President University Advancement), C. Smith (Associate Vice-President Financial Services), S. Hoff (Governance Officer – Recording)

The meeting commenced at 12:35 pm.

1. Chair's Remarks

Correspondence Received – no correspondence received.

The Chair welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh.

The Chair called for any declarations of conflict with items on the Public Agenda. No conflicts were noted.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: 2020BP11.20.01 (G. Stewart / F. Khan)

That, the Agenda for the Public Session of the November 20, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Public Session Minutes of September 25, 2020

MOTION: 2020BP11.20.02 (G. Payne / G. Staats)

That, the Public Session Minutes of the September 25, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from Previous Public Session Minutes**

None.

5. **Presentation – Faculty Association – “Faculty Demographics”** – Dr. Stephen Rader, President - Faculty Association and Dr. Paul Siakaluk, Vice-President - Faculty Association

(Presentation and Discussion 12 minutes)

Dr. Stephen Rader, Faculty Association President made a presentation on UNBC Faculty Demographics – Implications for Equity and Budgets. A discussion followed.

6. **Motions for Approval**

a. **Delegation of Authority to the President to Approve Fees – R. Somani (Discussion 2 minutes)**
Reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: 2020BP11.20.03 (J. Henley / A. Beswick)

Whereas the University Act grants the Board the authority to set, determine and collect fees, and whereas;

The Government of British Columbia’s Tuition Limit Policy limits domestic tuition and mandatory fee increases to the rate of inflation;

The UNBC Fees Committee reviews all fees and applications related to fees, considers submissions from interested and impacted parties, and provides advice and recommendations to the President with respect to fees, and;

Institutional process efficiency on the setting of fees supports ongoing and up-to-date certainty in integrated University planning;

Now therefore, the Board delegates the authority to approve all fees for the 2021 – 2022 planning and budget cycle, with the exception of tuition fees, to the President, acting with the advice of the UNBC Fees Committee and in compliance with the Province of British Columbia’s Tuition Limit Policy, effective on approval of the Board.

CARRIED

b. **New Program Approval – Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology – M. Dale (Discussion 1 minute)**
Material received.

MOTION: 2020BP11.20.04 (G. Stewart / G. Staats)

That, the Board of Governors approves the new Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, as presented.

CARRIED

c. **Agreements, Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards – M. Dale (Discussion 1 minute)**
Meeting package was received.

MOTION: 2020BP11.20.05 (J. McKay / G. Staats)

That, the Board of Governors approves the agreements, scholarships, bursaries and awards as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, for the period September 2020 to October 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Mandatory and Standing Reports - Public Session**

a. **Report of the Interim President – G. Payne (Discussion 7 minutes)**

- Regular Report
Written report received.
- Senate Update (verbal)
 - Regular Senate meeting held via Zoom in October. The next Senate meeting is November 25, 2020. There is no meeting scheduled for December.
 - In October, Senate began a conversation about the future on UNBC Post COVID-19 and where higher education is going. The discussions are expected to continue at a program and faculty level and the matter was referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs (SCAAF).
 - Senate approved the new Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology program.
 - Senate approved the Honorary Degree Recognition Option for 2021, that will allow the two existing 2020 Honorary Degree recipients to be recognized at the upcoming 2021 Convocation, and an additional two new Honorary Degree recipients for 2021 will also be acknowledged.

(i) **Quarterly Public Reports of the Vice-Presidents, written**

- Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic – M. Dale **(Discussion 4 minutes)**
Written report received.

- Maclean's Magazine (verbal)
M. Dale reviewed the Maclean's Magazine rankings.
- Notification of Upcoming Promotion & Tenure Process
Received report.

- Vice-President, Finance and Administration – R. Somani **(Discussion 4 minutes)**
 - Appendix A: Reports on Safety RegulationsWritten report received.

The Board Chair reported from the Closed Session that the Board voted to extend Dr. Kathy Lewis' appointment as Acting Vice-President Research until August 31, 2022.

- Acting Vice-President, Research – K. Lewis **(Discussion 4 minutes)**
Written report received.
K. Lewis noted that in the written report it is indicated that UNBC's 5-year Strategic Research Plan has been initiated. She added that given the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic the renewal of the 5-year Strategic Research Plan will be delayed for at least a year.
- Vice-President, University Advancement – T. Tribe **(Discussion 1 minute)**
Written report received.

b. **Reports of Committees:**

- (i) Finance and Investment Committee – A. Beswick, Chair **(Discussion 1 minute)**
The Committee Chair advised that the Finance and Investment Committee met on October 29, 2020 to review the reports noted below in Item 8.c.

c. **Quarterly Financial Reporting (for information) – C. Smith / R. Somani (Discussion 1 minute)**

- (i) General Operating Fund Report to September 30, 2020
- (ii) Consolidated Financial Report to September 30, 2020
- (iii) Second Quarter Forecast (for reference)

Quarterly financial reports received and discussed.

8. **Other Business**

None.

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION: 2020BP11.20.06

General Consent

CARRIED

Adjourned at 1:15 pm.