



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

Friday, January 29, 2021

ZOOM Videoconference Only

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**Present:** G. Payne, D. Coxson, P. Sanborn, A. Ekman (CHAIR), J. McKay, M. Reed, A. Robinson (VICE-CHAIR), G. Stewart, B. Ward-Burkitt, C. Wishart, G. Staats, J. Henley

**Regrets:** A. Beswick, F. Khan

**Guest:** Christopher Thomas, Senior Manager, Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia

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

**Regrets:** T. Tribe (Vice-President University Advancement)

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The meeting commenced at 12:05 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: 2021BP01.29.01 (C. Wishart / G. Payne)

*That, the Agenda for the Public Session of the January 29, 2021 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.*

CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Public Session Minutes of November 20, 2020**

MOTION: 2021BP01.29.02 (M. Reed / G. Staats)  
*That, the Public Session Minutes of the November 20, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.*

CARRIED

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

None

5. **Motions for Approval**

a. **2021/2022 UNBC Domestic and International Tuition Fees – R. Somani (Discussion 21 minutes)**

R. Somani reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 Tuition Fees material.

Concern was expressed with the proposed increase of Domestic and International Tuition Fees. The impact of COVID-19 and the switch from in-person to online learning has diminished the student experience for some students.

MOTION: 2021BP01.29.03 (J. McKay / B. Ward-Burkitt)  
*Whereas s.27(2) of 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, which currently limits domestic tuition and mandatory fee increases to 2%;*  
  
*And Whereas the Tuition Limit Policy does not apply to the setting of International student tuition and mandatory fees;*  
  
*Now therefore, on the recommendation of the President, and in compliance with the Government of British Columbia's Tuition Limit Policy the Board approves:*  
  
*i) the 2021/2022 Tuition Fee Schedule for the University of Northern British Columbia as presented including a differential fee increase for new international undergraduate students as presented in the fee schedule; and*  
  
*ii) implementation of previously approved multiplier of 1.4x for new international graduate students commencing their studies after August 31, 2022 as presented in the fee schedule.*  
  
*Effective on approval of the Board.*

DEFEATED

6. **Reports – Public Session**

a. **Report of Audit and Risk Committee – G. Stewart, Chair (Discussion 2 minutes)**

The Committee Chair advised that the Audit and Risk Committee held its first meeting on January 15, 2021 and reviewed and recommended the Membership, Duties and Authority to the Board for approval.

7. **Other Business**

The Board Chair reported that in the Closed Session the Board revised the Board Meeting Schedule to alternate Board meeting dates between Fridays and Saturdays on a trial basis.

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION: 2021BP01.29.04

**General Consent**

That the Board Public Session be adjourned.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 12:30 pm.