



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Friday, January 28, 2022

ZOOM Videoconference Only

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Present: A. Alexander, K. Bach, D. Coxson, M. Lo, J. McKay, G. Payne, M. Reed – VICE-CHAIR, P. Sanborn, G. Stewart, C. Wishart – CHAIR

Regrets: A. Beswick, J. Henley, A. Robinson

Guests:

C. Thomas, Director, Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia

Dr. Deanna L.E. Nyce, Chief Executive Officer and President, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute

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

Regrets: K. Lewis (Acting Vice-President Research and Innovation)

The meeting commenced at 10:30 am.

1. Acknowledgement of Territory

The Chair acknowledged the First Nations territories on which we work.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair congratulated Dr. Margo Greenwood on her appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of her extensive work in Indigenous health and early childhood education.

The Chair advised that the Call for Nominations have gone out for the University's next Chancellor.

The Chair stated that the Williams Lake First Nations released its initial findings from its investigations on the grounds of the former St. Joseph's Mission Residential School identifying a possible 93 unmarked graves. As a University community we stand in solidarity with them and all Indigenous People.

The Chair welcomed Dr. Peter Reiners, our new Dean of the Faculty of Environment.

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

Correspondence Received – no correspondence received.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested that "Memorandum of Agreement between the University of British Columbia and the University of Northern British Columbia to develop the UBC Faculty of Medicine ("FoM") Master of

Occupational Therapy – Northern (“MOT-N”) program” be added to the Agenda for discussion under Other Business as 9.a. The current 9.a. Schedule of Upcoming UNBC events will now be 9.b.

MOTION: 2022BP01.28.01 (M. Reed / J. McKay)

That, the Agenda for the Public Session of the January 28, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Public Session Minutes of November 20, 2021**

MOTION: 2022BP01.28.02 (G. Stewart / G. Payne)

That, the Public Session Minutes of the November 20, 2021 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from Previous Public Session Minutes (Discussion 13 minutes)**

a. Board Rules – Discussion and Motion – C. Wishart

The Chair advised that the Executive Committee reviewed the past committee composition of the UNBC Human Resources, Governance and Executive Committees and current committee structures of a number of BC Post-Secondary Research Universities. The Board discussed Section 16.10 of the Board Rules and there was a general consensus to implement what is currently in the Board Rules.

The Chair reviewed the suggested amendments to the Board Rules in Section 4 “Election and Role of the Chair and Vice-Chair”. She advised that the proposed revisions change the timing of the election date from November to June, establish a nomination committee, and conduct the elections either in-person or by an approved electronic survey tool process.

A Board member suggested that the sentence in Section 4.4 “or in their absence the President, or in their absence the Provost” which has been struck out be added back in.

The Board agreed to revise the Board Rules with an election to be held at the regular scheduled June Board meeting, include a nominating committee, the Committee Chair will be the Chancellor or in their absence the President or Provost, and electronic elections will be conducted using the approved electronic survey tool.

MOTION: 2022BP01.28.03 (J. McKay / G. Payne)

That, the Board of Governors approves the revised Board Rules as amended.

CARRIED

6. **Presentation – Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a Institute** – Dr. Deanna L.E. Nyce, Chief Executive Officer and President, Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a Institute **(Discussion 31 minutes)**

Dr. Deanna Nyce provided a presentation on the Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a Institute. A discussion followed.

7. **Reports of Committees and Related Motions**

(i) **Audit and Risk Committee** – G. Stewart, Chair

There were no meetings held since the last report/Board meeting.

(ii) **Executive Committee** – C. Wishart, Chair **(Discussion 2 minutes)**

Executive Committee written report received.

- a. **New Academic Program – Nisga’a Language Fluency Certificate** – M. Dale
Received and reviewed.

OMNIBUS MOTION: 2022BP01.28.04 (M. Reed / J. McKay)
That, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approves the new Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a Certificate of Nisga’a Language Fluency as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, as presented.

CARRIED

- b. **New Academic Program – Nisga’a Language Fluency Diploma** – M. Dale

OMNIBUS MOTION: 2022BP01.28.04 (M. Reed / J. McKay)
That, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approves the new Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a Diploma of Nisga’a Language Fluency as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, as presented.

CARRIED

- c. **New Academic Program – Nisga’a Language Fluency Degree** – M. Dale

OMNIBUS MOTION: 2022BP01.28.04 (M. Reed / J. McKay)
That, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approves the new Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a Bachelor of Nisga’a Language Fluency Degree as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, as presented.

CARRIED

- (iii) **Finance and Investment Committee** – A. Beswick, Chair
There were no meetings held since the last report/Board meeting.

8. **Board Motions**

- a. **UNBC Endowment Investment Statement & Policy (SIGP)** – R. Somani **(Discussion 2 minutes)**
R. Somani reviewed the UNBC Endowment Investment Statement & Policy and it was discussed.

MOTION: 2022BP01.28.05 (M. Reed / G. Stewart)
That, on the recommendation of the Investment Advisory Committee, the UNBC Board of Governors approves the UNBC Endowment Statement of Investment Policies and Goals, as presented.

CARRIED

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

MOTION: 2022BP01.28.06 (G. Payne / J. McKay)
That, the Board of Governors approves the agreements, scholarships, bursaries and awards as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, for November 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

9. **Other Business**

- a. Memorandum of Agreement between the University of British Columbia and the University of Northern British Columbia to develop the UBC Faculty of Medicine (“FoM”) Master of Occupational Therapy – Northern (“MOT-N”) program – for discussion – M. Dale **(Discussion 1 minute)**

The Memorandum of Agreement between UBC and UNBC was distributed to the Board by email prior to the meeting. The Board Chair advised that an electronic motion will be circulated to the Board early next week.

b. Schedule of Upcoming UNBC Events

G. Payne advised that there will be an upcoming public presentation through the Health Research Institute from Dr. Margo Greenwood. S. Hoff will provide the event details and link to Board members.

10. **Adjournment**

MOTION: 2022BP01.28.07 (G. Stewart)
That the Board Public Session be adjourned.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 11:30 am.