

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Senate Chambers

(Room 1079 Charles J McCaffray Hall)

10:30 am – 11:45 am

Present: I. Agoston, A. Alexander, A. Beswick, D. Coxson, J. Henley, G. Payne, S. Wilford, C. Wishart – CHAIR

Regrets: K. Bach, J. McKay, M. Reed – VICE-CHAIR, A. Robinson, P. Sanborn, G. Stewart

Administration: M. Dale (Interim Provost & Vice-President Academic), R. Somani (Vice-President Finance and Administration), K. Lewis (Interim Vice-President Research and Innovation), C. Smith (Associate Vice-President Financial Services), A. Litt (Associate VP Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), K. Howitt (Senior Governance Officer), S. Hoff (Governance Officer – Recording)

Regrets: A. Lucarelli (Executive Director – Strategy and Staff)

As quorum was not achieved, the Chair asked to proceed with item 6, the presentation from Aman Litt, the Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on the Office of Equity Affairs.

Quorum was achieved and the meeting commenced at 10:57 am.

1. **Acknowledgement of Territory**

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

2. **Chair's Remarks**

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

Correspondence Received – no correspondence received.

The Chair acknowledged that this is the first Public meeting of Order-in-Council Member, Ibolya Agoston and welcomed her to the Board.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: 2022BP06.18.01 (J. Henley / A. Beswick)

That, the Agenda for the Public Session of the June 18, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Public Session Minutes of May 26, 2022**

MOTION: 2022BP06.18.02 (G. Payne / A. Beswick)
That, the Public Session Minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

None

6. **Presentation – Aman Litt, Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Presentation and Discussion 22 minutes)**

Aman Litt, Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, delivered a presentation on the Office of Equity Affairs. A discussion followed.

7. **President's Annual Report** – G. Payne **(Discussion 5 minutes)**

President's Annual Report received and discussed.

8. **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

Written report received.

a. **Storage and Access Agreement – Memorandum of Understanding** – K. Howitt
(Discussion 1 minute)

Materials were reviewed and received.

MOTION: 2022BP06.18.03 (G. Payne / I. Agoston)
That, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approves the Storage and Access Agreement – Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Northern British Columbia and The William George Family, as presented.

CARRIED

b. **Annual Report on UNBC Harassment and Discrimination Policy** for the period May 1, 2021 to April 29, 2022 – R. Somani **(Discussion 1 minute)**

Written report received.

(iii) **Finance and Investment Committee** – A. Beswick, Chair

Written report received.

a. **Agreements, Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards** – M. Dale **(Discussion 1 minute)**

Meeting package was received.

MOTION: 2022BP06.18.04 (A. Beswick / D. Coxson)
That, on the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee, the Board of Governors approves the agreements, scholarships, bursaries and awards as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, for the period of March 2022 to May 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

9. **Board Motions**

- a. **2021/2022 Institutional Accountability Plan and Report** – G. Payne (**Discussion 3 minutes**)
Institutional Accountability Plan and Report received and discussed.

MOTION: 2022BP06.18.05 (A. Beswick / J. Henley)
That, the Board of Governors approves the 2021/2022 Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (IAPR) as presented, and releases it to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

CARRIED

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

- a. **Report of the President – G. Payne (Discussion 4 minutes)**

- Regular Verbal Report
- COVID-19 – Update (verbal)
 - The President provided an update on COVID-19 and advised that the University will continue to monitor the situation throughout our campuses and in our community and will continue to work with the Provincial Health Officer.
- Senate Update (verbal)
 - Regular Senate and Senate committee meetings were held in March, April and May.
 - Senate returned to in-person hybrid meetings in May and the next regular Senate meeting is on June 22, 2022.
 - Senate continued its usual business of course revisions, approvals and other calendar updates.
 - Senate revised the Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee on Admission and Degrees.
 - Senate approved two candidates for the title Professor Emerita.
 - Senate approved seven candidates for the 2022 UNBC Student Senate Leadership Award.

- b. **Public Reports of the Vice-Presidents, written**

- Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic – M. Dale (**Discussion 1 minute**)
Written report received.
- Vice-President, Finance and Administration – R. Somani (**Discussion 1 minute**)
Written report received.

Climate Change Accountability Report (**Discussion 1 minute**)
Report included in meeting materials.

- Interim Vice-President, Research and Innovation – K. Lewis (**Discussion 3 minutes**)
Written report received.
The Interim Vice-President, Research and Innovation advised that they are in the final stages of the appointment of the Endowed Chair in Indigenous Environmental Health.

11. **Other Business**

- a. **Schedule of Upcoming UNBC Events**
The President advised that the fall events which include installations of the Chancellor and President, celebrating the classes of 2020 and 2021, and the awarding of Honorary Degrees are scheduled for October 20 and October 21, 2022.

12. **Adjournment**

MOTION: 2022BP06.18.06 (A. Beswick)
That the Board Public Session be adjourned.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 11:22 am.