

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Senate Chamber – Room 1079

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Present: I. Agoston, A. Alexander, A. Beswick, K. Bach, D. Coxson, D. McIntosh, J. McKay, G. Payne, P. Sanborn, G. Stewart, C. Wishart – CHAIR

Regrets: J. Henley, M. Reed – VICE-CHAIR

Administration: K. Howitt (Senior Governance Officer), K. Lewis (Interim Vice-President Research and Innovation), A. Lucarelli (Executive Director – Strategy and Staff) A. Parent (Governance Officer – Recording), W. Rodgers (Vice-President Academic & Provost), R. Somani (Vice-President Finance and Administration)

The meeting commenced at 6:03 pm.

1. **Acknowledgement of Territory**

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

2. **Chair's Remarks**

- Declarations of Conflict

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 the recent successes of the UNBC Timberwolves, with Steve Simonson becoming the first UNBC coach to be honored by Canada West, earning 2022 Canada West Men's Soccer Coach of the Year and Michael Henman named the 2022 Canada West Men's Soccer Player of the Year.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.01 (J. McKay / G. Stewart)

That, the Agenda for the Public Session of the November 17, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Public Session Minutes of September 16, 2022**

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.02 (G. Payne / G. Stewart)

That, the Public Session Minutes of the September 16, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

a. Strategic Planning- Update – G. Payne (**Discussion 3 minutes**)

G. Payne reported on the renewal of the strategic plan. The official launch will be next week and the reported that the Board did receive a presentation in the closed session.

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

(i) **Audit and Risk Committee** – G. Stewart, Chair (**Discussion 5 minutes**)

Written report received.

(ii) **Governance and Human Resources Committee** – C. Wishart, Chair (**Discussion 3 minutes**)

Written report received.

a. Annual Review of Board Rules – Revised Board Rules – C. Wishart (**Discussion 6 minutes**)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.03 (C. Wishart / K. Bach)

That, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, the Board of Governors approves the Revised Board Rules as presented.

CARRIED

b. New Academic Program Approval – W. Rodgers (**Discussion 2 minutes**)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.04 (C. Wishart / K. Bach)

That, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, the new Joint Major in Anthropology and Political Science as recommended and approved by the UNBC Senate, as presented.

CARRIED

(iii) **Finance and Investment Committee** – A. Beswick, Chair - (**Discussion 1 minute**)

Written report received.

a. **Agreements, Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards** – W. Rodgers (**Discussion 1 minute**)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.05 (G. Payne / C. Wishart)

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 September 2022 to October 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

b. **2022/2023 UNBC Tuition Fees** – R. Somani – (**Discussion 8 minutes**)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.06 (G. Payne / J. McKay)

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, limits domestic tuition and mandatory fee increases to the rate of inflation (2%);

Now therefore, on the recommendation of the President, and in compliance with the Government of British Columbia's Tuition Limit Policy, and the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee the Board approves the 2023/2024 Tuition Fee Schedule for the University of Northern British Columbia as presented including a differential fee increase for international undergraduate students as presented in the fee schedule.

Effective on approval of the Board.

CARRIED; 1 Opposed

c. Delegation of Authority to the President to Approve Fees – R. Somani (Discussion 2 minutes)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.07 (A. Beswick / G. Stewart)

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;

Now therefore, on the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee, the Board delegates the authority to approve all fees for the 2023 – 2024 planning and budget cycle, except for 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.

Effective on approval of the Board.

CARRIED

d. Approval of the Indirect Costs and Overhead Charge for Research and Instruction Service Policy – K. Lewis – (Discussion 3 minutes)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.08 (A. Beswick / G. Stewart)

That, on the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee, the Board of Governors, the approval of the Indirect Costs and Overhead Charge for Research and Instruction Service Policy as presented.

Effective on approval of the Board

CARRIED

Items 6.iii.e. and 6.iii.f. were moved as an omnibus motion.

e. Repeal of Indirect Costs and Overhead Charges for Research for Instructional Services Surpluses Policy – K. Lewis (Discussion 1 minute)

Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.09 (A. Beswick / G. Stewart)

That, on the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee, the Board of Governors,

repeal the Indirect Costs and Overhead Charges for Research for Instructional Services Surpluses Policy as presented.

Effective on approval of the Board

CARRIED

- f. Repeal of the Overhead Policy – K. Lewis **(Discussion 1 minute)**
Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.10 (A. Beswick / G. Stewart)
That, on the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee, the Board of Governors, repeal the Overhead Policy as presented.

Effective on approval of the Board

CARRIED

- g. **Repeal Regional Tuition Fee Supplement Policy - K. Howitt (Discussion 1 minute)**
Materials were received and reviewed.

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.10 (A. Beswick / G. Stewart)
That, on the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee, the Board of Governors, repeal of the Regional Tuition Fee Supplement Policy as presented.

Effective on approval of the Board

CARRIED

7. **Board Motions**

None

8. **Mandatory and Standing Reports – Public Session**

a. **Report of the President – G. Payne (Discussion 6 minutes)**

- Regular Report – Written report received.
- COVID-19 – Update (verbal)
 - The President provided an update on COVID-19 and advised that the University will continue to remain vigilant
- Senate Update (verbal)
 - Regular Senate meetings were held in September and October.
 - Our next regular meeting of Senate is on November 23, 2022.
 - Senate re-elected Student Senator Sloane Zogas for a second term as Vice-Chair.
 - Senate approved the September list of graduating students for the UNBC Annual Convocation.
 - Senate approved the recommendation of the Board for a new Joint Major in Anthropology and Political Science.
 - Senate continues its usual business of course revisions, approvals and other calendar updates and revisions.
 - Senate has approved six new awards and scholarships.
 - Senate approved the 2022/2023 list of Award Recipients.
 - Senate received an Interim Strategic Research Plan from the Vice-President Research and Innovation.
 - Senate received a presentation on:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion from Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Aman Litt

b. Public Reports of the Vice-Presidents, written

- Vice-President & Provost – W. Rodgers **(Discussion 11 minutes)**
Written report received.
- Vice-President, Finance and Administration – R. Somani **(Discussion 2 minutes)**
Written report received.
- Interim Vice-President, Research and Innovation – K. Lewis **(Discussion 5 minutes)**
Written report received.

9. Other Business

a. Schedule of Upcoming UNBC Events

- November 23
 - UNBC Senate
- January 27
 - Joint Board and Senate Breakfast
- February 16
 - UNBC Employee Recognition Event

For more UNBC events, please visit www2.unbc.ca/events

10. Adjournment

MOTION: 2022BP11.17.10 (A. Alexander)
That the Board Public Session be adjourned.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:59 am.