

# Minutes of the **OPEN Session of the Board of Governors** April 17, 2018

Present:

J. Lieberman, Chair

J. Leclerc, Secretary

J. Anderson D. Barnard J. Beddoes

S. Connelly

S. Demmings

L. Hyde

A. Kilgour

J. Knysh

K. Lee

J. MacKenzie

H. Kroeker

R. Mohammed

M. Mollot

M. Moshiri

T. Nagra

K. Osiowy

H. Secter

M. Silicz

J. Taylor

Via Teleconference: K. Lee

Assessors Present: S. Woloschuk

Assessors Absent:

M. Hudson

Officials Present:

S. Foster

T. Hay D. Jayas J. Kearsey

L. Zapshala-Kelln

Regrets:

J. Linden

H. Maxted

C. Neumann

Officials Sending Regrets:

J. Ristock

#### 1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair informed the Board that Ms. Lee was participating in the meeting by telephone. He encouraged Board members to complete the Board Evaluation Survey which was sent last week by April 27. He said that the Governance and Nominating Committee would soon meet to consider committee assignments for the 2018-2019 year and asked that members let him or Mr. Leclerc know if they are interested in a particular committee.

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting for Tanjit Nagra, UMSU President, and Allison Kilgour, UMSU Vice-President (Advocacy) as their terms of office expire on April 30. He thanked them for their contributions to the University and to the Board over the last year.

The Chair reminded the Board that, as approved in March, the Distinguished Service Award would be awarded to Alan Fineblit at spring convocation. He said that Mr. Fineblit had said he was very honoured to be recognized by the Board of Governors of the University.



## FOR ACTION

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Dr. Beddoes: THAT the agenda for the April 17, 2018 meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

- 3. MINUTES (Open) Session
- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Mr. Knysh and seconded by Mr. Demmings:

THAT the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Business Arising none
- 4. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair reminded members that this part of the agenda is used to approve routine matters that are not controversial and do not normally generate much discussion and said that if any member of the Board wants to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item on the consent agenda, they can request that in advance through the Secretary's Office or ask that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the motion.

It was moved by Ms. Kilgour and seconded by Mr. Nagra:

- 4.1.1 THAT the Board of Governors approve five new offers, twelve amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part A [dated February 20, 2018].
- 4.1.2 THAT the Board of Governors approve one new offer and two amended offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part B [dated February 20, 2018].

CARRIED

#### FOR INFORMATION

- NEW BUSINESS
- 5.1 Report from the President

The President spoke about an editorial that was recently published in the Globe and Mail. He said the piece discussed the importance of research and support for research-intensive



universities in Canada. He added that it was positive recognition of fundamentally important work and recommended that Board members read it.

The President asked Dr. Jayas to provide an update to the Board on the Churchill Marine Observatory (CMO) Project.

Dr. Jayas recalled that the contract award for the CMO Project, approved by the Board in March 2017, was based on utilizing the rail line to transport construction materials. He stated that because the rail line had been washed away last spring there have been delays in transporting materials. He said that efforts to deal with these challenges are ongoing and an alternative method of transport is being considered which will be brought to the Board or Board Executive Committee for approval in due course.

### MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL

It was moved by Mr. Osiowy and seconded by Mr. Mohammed: THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

**CARRIED** 

Chair

University Secretary

