



**Minutes of the OPEN Session of the
Board of Governors
Held by Web Conference on November 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Present: L. Hyde, Chair
J. Leclerc, Secretary

J. Anderson	M. Benarroch	N. Brigg	D. Brothers	J. DeSouza-Huletey
A. Drummond	K. Lee	J. Lieberman	L. Magnus	A. Mahon
T. Matthews	N. Mogan	N. Murdock	K. Osiowy	S. Prentice
A. Raizman	L. Reimer	B. Scott	S. Sekander	

Absent: E. Cabel E. Kalo

Assessors: S. Woloschuk

Officials: N. Andrew C. Cook M. Emslie S. Foster
D. Hiebert-Murphy D. Jayas J. Kearsey

Regrets: J. Taylor

FOR ACTION

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Prentice and seconded by Dr. Brothers:

THAT the agenda for the November 30, 2021 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES (Open) Session

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Dr. Prentice and seconded by Ms. DeSouza-Huletey:

THAT the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

FOR INFORMATION

3. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Dr. Brothers:

THAT the Board of Governors approves and/or receives for information the following:

Items forwarded for approval:

Recommended resolution:

THAT the Board of Governors approve, as recommended by Senate:

A. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (September 23, 2021)

B-1. Proposals for a Professorship in Family Medicine Research and Innovation and a Professorship in Quality Improvement

B-2. Revised terms of reference for the MPI Professorship in Neurosciences

B-3. Revised terms of reference for the Evelyn Wyrzkowski Research Chair in Cardiology

C. Proposal from the Faculty of Arts to revise the name of the Department Native Studies to the “Department of Indigenous Studies,” effective January 1, 2022

Items forwarded for information:

D. Extension of Suspension of Admissions:

- President’s Approval - Master of Arts in Icelandic, Baccalaureate Program for Registered Nurses, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Agrology
- Provincial Approval – Bachelor of Science (Honours) and Bachelor of Science (Major) in Biotechnology, Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

E. Provincial Approval - Closure of Master of Science in Family Social Sciences

F. 2022- 2023 Academic Schedule

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 President’s Report

In addition to his written report, President Benarroch noted that rules around International Students have changed. He said international students continue to arrive and a few are in quarantine. He noted that they are also able to continue as international students online. He added that rule changes around vaccinations, quarantine, and more will likely follow with the new Omicron variant.

President Benarroch referred to a recent blog by Alex Usher about a report from Statistics Canada that members of the Board might find interesting. He asked Mr. Leclerc to send a link to the blog post to Board members as it is worth reading for context.

President Benarroch said he expects some push back on the recently released return to campus information regarding mandatory vaccinations. He explained that this requirement would begin with the start of the winter term in mid-January.

Additionally, Dr. Benarroch said a communication would be released in the coming days about Indigenous identity. He explained that Dr. Catherine Cook, Vice-President (Indigenous) has brought on board three well-known and respected knowledge keepers from the Indigenous community who will form a committee to develop a process for confirming Indigenous Identity. He noted that many areas of university life, including access to awards, financial supports, access to admissions, and employment opportunities, among others – are areas where Indigenous identity are important. He said the Indigenous community should determine whether or not someone is Indigenous. He added that consultation will begin in January and will be complete at the end of March. Dr. Cook noted that he was not asked to prove her Indigenous heritage when she was hired.

President Benarroch said he met this week with Dr. Cook, elders, and members of the anthropology department to discuss the respectful repatriation of remains that were given to the University for research or teaching. He explained that there are culturally appropriate ways to repatriate remains which involve ceremony, community involvement, and proper burial. He noted that the University will have to commit financial resources to this as it is a financial obligation and an important and complex responsibility.

Members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the University's proactive move to mandatory vaccination.

Mr. Lieberman noted this meeting is the last for John Kearsey and his last week at the University. He said it had been a pleasure to work with Mr. Kearsey and felt fortunate to be involved in the campaign that raised \$625 million for the University. He stated that Mr. Kearsey had a significant impact on the University of Manitoba, and he wished him the very best going forward.

Mr. Kearsey expressed his thanks for the kind words.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Reimer and seconded by Dr. Anderson:
THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

Approved January 25, 2022 but not yet signed.

Chair

University Secretary

