



**Minutes of the  
OPEN Session of the Board of Governors  
Held by Web Conference on April 21, 2020**

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Present: J. Lieberman, Chair  
J. Leclerc, Secretary

J. Anderson D. Barnard S. Bonner-Proulx K. Clarke D. Hunter  
L. Hyde J. Knysh K. Lee J. Linden C. Loewen A. Mahon  
T. Matthews M. McNicholl C. Neumann K. Osiowy S. Prentice L. Reimer  
J. Sanderson J. Taylor

Assessors Present: S. Woloschuk M. Hudson

Officials Present: C. Cook S. Foster D. Jayas J. Kearsey G. Pasieka  
J. Ristock L. Zapshala-Kelln

Guests: M. Benarroch B. Gold

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting today. He noted that this is the second remote Board meeting, and although it has been challenging, the meetings are working well.

He noted that he had spoken last week with Laurel Hyde, Chancellor Mahon, President Barnard, Kerry McQuarrie-Smith, and Jeff Leclerc about the Presidential Transition. He said the group agreed that it would be wise to invite the President-Designate to observe Board of Governors meetings while the University deals with the COVID-19 crisis. He explained that they felt that it would benefit both Dr. Benarroch and the University if he were informed about the University's response to the crisis, so that when he assumes office he will already be up to speed on the situation. He stated that, going forward, Dr. Benarroch would observe meetings of the Board and Senate.

The Chair it was important to recognize that Dr. Benarroch is currently dealing with the same crisis at Ryerson University and the Board is are grateful that he is able to give his time and attention to our University while he remains fully engaged in his present position as Provost at Ryerson. He welcomed Dr. Benarroch to the meeting and invited him to comment.

Dr. Benarroch expressed his thanks for the opportunity to attend the meetings of the Board of Governors and Senate. He said he was happy to be in Winnipeg in a virtual way, and he looks forward to being here in person on July 1. He commented that everyone has had to adjust all over the world to this pandemic situation and all are doing their best. He noted that Universities remain critical to society, so it is important to remain strong and continue to chart paths forward.

Dr. Benarroch again offered his thanks for the opportunity to listen and learn more about the University and the Board.

The Chair thanked Dr. Benarroch and wished him well in his last few months at Ryerson. He said that the Board is looking forward to his arrival on July 1.

Mr. Lieberman said he wanted to recognize the faculty, staff, and students of the University who have continued to do their work under these unusual circumstances. He added that they were to be commended for their dedication and commitment in support of the University. He also expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Board, for the commitment demonstrated by each individual member of the Executive team and for their collective efforts in managing this crisis. He commented that the University's response to COVID-19 has been well organized and managed with professionalism and compassion, and the team has done great credit to the University and its community. He said he is inspired by their work and is proud to be part of the University.

The Chair announced that this was the last meeting for Carl Neumann, Jakob Sanderson, and Sarah Bonner-Proulx. He noted that Mr. Neumann was first appointed to the Board in May of 2016, and Ms. Bonner-Proulx and Mr. Sanderson were both first appointed in May of 2018. He said the University has benefitted greatly from their contributions to the Board and to the students they serve. He expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board for their efforts, noting that they would be missed around the Board table.

President Barnard commented that it was National Volunteer Week. He expressed his appreciation for the good work everyone has done and for the Board's dedication to the University.

Mr. Leclerc explained how the meeting would be managed to allow Board members to participate fully.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Knysh and seconded by Dr. Taylor:

**THAT the agenda for the April 21, 2020 meeting be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

2. **MINUTES (Open) Session**

- 2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the March 24, 2020 Open Session as circulated or amended

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

**THAT the minutes of the March 24, 2020 Open session be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

- 2.2 Business Arising – none

3. Report from the President

Dr. Barnard’s written report was provided in the meeting materials package. He said he had nothing specific to add, and noted that the University’s focus has been primarily on the pandemic response.

**MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

It was moved by Mr. Osiowy and seconded by Ms. Loewen:

**THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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University Secretary