

May 25, 2023

1:00 p.m.

MRU, EC 1050

PRESENT:

Sherri Evers – Public Member	Kenna Olsen - Faculty Member
Brenden Hunter- Public Member	Shannon Pestun - Alumni Member
Pam Karlenzig - Staff Member	Alex Pourbaix, Chair - Public Member
Chris Lee, Vice-Chair-Public Member	Tim Rahilly - President and Vice-Chancellor
Carrie Lonardelli - Public Member	David Routledge – Alumni Member
Jacqueline Musabende - Faculty Member	Shannon Ryhorchuk - Public Member
Joseph Nguyen – Student Member	Rob Schaefer – Public Member
Thomas O’Leary – Public Member	Anisa Tilston – Student Member

RESOURCES:

Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, Recording Secretary
Chad London, Provost and Vice President, Academic
Mustansar Nadeem, Vice-President, Finance and Administration
Amy Nixon, General Counsel and University Secretary
Paul Rossmann, Vice-President, University Advancement
Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students (virtually)

GUESTS:

Evan Cortens, Director, Institutional Research and Planning
Jane O’Connor, Special Advisor, President’s Office
Kimberly Smith, Research and Planning Consultant, Institutional Research and Planning

REGRETS:

Denise Man – Public Member
Dawn Farrell – Public Member
Salimah Walji-Shivji – Public Member

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Alex Pourbaix, Chair of the Board of Governors, called the Open Session to order at 1:28 p.m., confirmed quorum, and Joseph Nguyen commenced with a land acknowledgement.

1.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

ACTION ITEMS

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved, as distributed.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 16, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Open Session of the Board of Governors' meeting held March 16, 2023, be approved as distributed.

CARRIED.

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the past set of minutes.

4. CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO MARCH 31, 2023

The Consolidated Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023, were provided for approval, as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee. It was explained that the approval was subject to the satisfactory completion of final procedures by the Office of the Auditor General to be confirmed to the Chair of Audit and Risk Committee.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Mount Royal University consolidated audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023, subject to the satisfactory completion of final procedures by the Office of the Auditor General to be confirmed to the Chair of Audit and Risk Committee.

CARRIED.

5. 2022-2023 YEAR END APPROPRIATIONS AND RESERVE FUNDS

Information on the proposed appropriation was presented for approval from the 2022/23 accumulated surplus from operations to internally restricted surplus to fund institutional strategic priorities was provided, and background information was highlighted at the meeting by T. Rahilly.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the appropriation of \$8.8 million from the 2022/23 accumulated surplus from operations to internally restricted surplus to fund institutional strategic priorities.

CARRIED.

6. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

T. Rahilly summarized the information provided on the Investment Management Agreement targets, tolerances and weightings for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the weightings, targets and tolerances outlined in the Investment Management Agreement.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

7. MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN

T. Rahilly delivered a presentation of the proposed Mount Royal University Strategic Plan 2023-2030, *Vision 2030: Opening Minds and Changing Lives*. In response to a comment about reporting on the implementation with respect to the notion that the plan is not a tactical document, rather a living document, T. Rahilly explained that his intention is to report on implementation of the Strategic Plan annually to the board including addressing the goals and outcomes.

REPORTS

8. REPORTS

8.1. Board Chair

A. Pourbaix, Board Chair, provided a written report that contained updates on letters to Board Chairs from the Minister, and an acknowledgement of the last Board open session of this academic year. In addition to the written report, he thanked T. Rahilly, who will be serving a second term starting in 2024 as President and Vice-Chancellor, and thanked all the faculty and staff for their continued efforts to make Mount Royal University a welcoming environment for students and community members.

8.2. President and Vice-Chancellor

T. Rahilly, President and Vice-Chancellor, provided a written report that included updates regarding academic affairs; the Chancellor search; Convocation; the Gender-Based Violence Policy; international education; Alberta Bureau of International Education update; student affairs; fundraising; Alumni relations; marketing and communications; and equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

8.3. General Faculties Council

The General Faculties Council written report for the March 17 and April 21, 2023 meetings was received for information. In addition to the written report, T. Rahilly, Chair of GFC, added that GFC discussed at their May 19, 2023, meeting the GFC Assessment results and opportunities for improving its effectiveness. He also acknowledged the granting of Audit Status by the Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC), and thanked outgoing GFC member, Kenna Olsen, for her service on GFC as the GFC-Nominated Academic Staff Member of the Board.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

9. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

9.1. Committee Report

A written report outlining the items considered by the Committee at the May 25, 2023 meeting was included for information, and areas of the report discussed at that meeting were summarized by S. Ryhorchuk, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

10. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10.1. Committee Report

A written report from the May 8, 2023 meeting was included in the package for information, and areas of the report were highlighted by D. Routledge, Chair of the Campus Development Committee. He thanked Denise Man, outgoing Vice-Chair of the Campus Development Committee.

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE

11.1. Committee Report

A report outlining the items considered by the Committee at the May 25, 2023 meeting was included for information, and areas of the report discussed at that meeting were summarized by R. Schaefer, Chair of the Finance Committee.

12. GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

12.1. Committee Report

A. Pourbaix, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, provided a written report summarizing the discussions from the May 8, 2023 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

13. ITEMS REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION

A statement was made regarding agenda item 14.2. *Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures* about how gender-based violence has particular impact on Indigenous women, and a request was made to ensure there is an Indigenous lens in the implementation of this policy, referencing the Calls to Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Item 14.1. *Parking Fee and Enforcement Rate* was requested to be removed as a singular motion for the approval from the Consent Agenda items.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve of a parking rate increase not to exceed a cumulative total of 2% beginning September 1, 2023.

CARRIED.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda items 14.2 – 14.9 for the May 25, 2023, Open Session.

CARRIED.

14. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

14.1 Parking Fee and Enforcement Rate

Removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

14.2 Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct, Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures and that, upon approval of the Policy and Procedures, the Sexual Violence Response Policy and Procedure is rescinded.

14.3 Sexual Violence Policy Rescindment

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Gender-Based Violence and Misconduct, Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures and that, upon approval of the Policy and Procedures, the Sexual Violence Response Policy and Procedure is rescinded.

14.4 Governance and Nominating Committee Terms of Reference

THAT the Board of Governors approve the updated Governance and Nominating Committee Terms of Reference to come into effect immediately.

14.5 Board of Governors Bylaws (Editorial Update)

THAT the Board of Governors approve of the editorial changes in the Board of Governors Bylaws to reflect the change in terminology from charter to terms of reference to come into effect immediately.

14.6 Board Committee Appointments 2023-2024

THAT the Board of Governors approve the appointment of members to Board standing committees for a one-year term, commencing July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2024, as presented.

14.7 Striking of the Chancellor Search Committee

THAT the Board of Governors strike the Chancellor Search Committee, effective immediately.

14.8 Chancellor Search Committee Board Representatives

THAT the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Shannon Ryhorchuk, Chris Lee and Rob Schaefer to sit as members, representing the Board of Governors, on the Chancellor Search Committee.

14.9 Chancellor Search Committee Number of Nominees

THAT as per the requirements from the Post-secondary Learning Act, the Board of Governors direct the Chancellor Search Committee to nominate one person for the office of Chancellor.

15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were received for information:

15.1. MRU Foundation Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2023

15.2. MRU Child Care Centre Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2023

OTHER BUSINESS

16. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business identified for the consideration of the Board.

The Chair acknowledged public board member, Denise Man, and academic staff member, Kenna Olsen, who are both stepping down from their roles, for their contributions to the Board.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors meeting be terminated at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED.