

October 12, 2023

1:00 p.m.

MRU, EC 2010

PRESENT:

Sherri Evers – Public Member	Tim Rahilly - President and Vice-Chancellor
Pam Karlenzig - Staff Member	Kari Roberts - Faculty Member
Chris Lee, Vice-Chair-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
Shannon Pestun - Alumni Member	Salimah Walji-Shivji- Public Member

RESOURCES:

Kathy Homer, Assistant University Secretary-Board, 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

REGRETS:

Dawn Farrell- Chancellor	Carrie Lonardelli - Public Member
Brenden Hunter - Public Member	

GUESTS:

Evan Cortens, Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Extension for item #4
Jane O’Connor, Special Advisor, President’s Office for item #4

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

C. Lee called the Open Session to order at 1:00 p.m., confirmed quorum and commenced with a territorial land acknowledgment.

1.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts 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 May 25, 2023.**

Moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Open Session of the Board of Governors' meeting held May 25, 2023, be approved, as distributed.

CARRIED.

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

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

E. Cortens and J. O'Connor were present in the gallery to respond to questions.

4. MRU ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The Annual Report was provided for information to the Board of Governors. T. Rahilly highlighted that the Annual Report is the primary accountability document required by Advanced Education and its format and content are prescribed by the Province. The Report was recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee and approved by the Governance and Nominating Committee on September 18, 2023 on behalf of the Board due to the September 30, 2023 deadline. The Report was also provided to the Finance Committee for information and can be located on the Mount Royal University website.

In response to a question, the Annual Report reflects this academic year and in the next cycle will reflect alignment with the University Strategic Plan and Academic Plan. Members heard that the Annual Report is not a reporting mechanism of the University Strategic Plan.

REPORTS**5. REPORTS****5.1. Board Chair**

A. Pourbaix, former Board Chair, provided a written report and highlighted the Chairs' BBQ that was held in June, the various messages received from the Minister this summer, and announced his resignation from the Mount Royal Board of Governors. Until the Ministry appoints a new Board Chair, the Board Bylaws state that the Board Vice-Chair, Chris Lee, is to carry out the responsibilities of the Board Chair and serve as an official signatory on behalf of the Board.

5.2. President and Vice-Chancellor

President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Tim Rahilly, provided a written report that included an update regarding: the chancellor search; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training, University Strategic Plan progress; the Leader's Dialogue; the Academic Plan; and information from the Academic Division, Students Division and University Advancement.

At the meeting, T. Rahilly congratulated board member, J. Musabende, for being the recipient of a 2023 Calgary Black Achievement Award, in the category of Education.

5.3. Chancellor

D. Farrell, Chancellor, provided a written report regarding the September 26th Chancellor's Society Dinner, the upcoming Chancellor's Dialogues and her involvement with the search for the next chancellor.

5.4. General Faculties Council

The General Faculties Council report summarizing the meetings held on May 19, June 8 and September 22, 2023, was received for information. It was highlighted that the Academic Plan was approved by GFC and comments were shared regarding the robust consultation process.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

6. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

6.1. Committee Report

S. Ryhorchuk, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, reported that the Committee met this morning to receive the Audit Plan from the Office of the Auditor General and KPMG and noted that the final report will come in May. She shared there was an ERM process update and software demonstration to bring together the aspects of risks (risk registry, policy, process). CIO Tom Durnin also attended for a well-integrated discussion around risk.

7. CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

7.1. Committee Report

A written report from the September 18, 2023 meeting was included in the package for information. D. Routledge, Chair of the Campus Development Committee, reported that the Committee continues to review the renovation details of the G-Wing and Springbank Hangar projects.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.1. Committee Report

R. Schaefer, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided a written report and highlighted the topics discussed at the meeting held this morning including the budget forecast, budget process and the work of the Investment Working Group.

9. GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

9.1. Committee Report

A. Pourbaix, former Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, provided a written report summarizing the discussions from the September 18, 2023 meeting.

C. Lee highlighted that student member, J. Nguyen, is the newest member of the committee, that the annual work plans for all committees were received and that GNC considered potential nominations for vacant positions on the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. ITEMS REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda items for the October 12, 2023, Open Session.

CARRIED.

11. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

11.1. Chancellor Role Profile

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Role of the Chancellor, as presented.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1. Financial Reports: First Quarter to June 30, 2023

Received for information.

12.2. HREB Annual Report 2022-2023

Received for information.

12.3. Call for Nominations for Honorary Degrees

Received for information.

12.4. MRU 2023-2030 Academic Plan

Received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned at 1: 30 p.m.

CARRIED.