

Board of Governors – Open Session Minutes

The meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

PRESENT: R. Konrad, Chair
 A. Bryson, Secretary

M. Banik	C. Rorabeck
S. Bennett	B. Ross
W. Boye	A. Shepard
G. Dick	S. Shortreed
K. Gibbons	D. Simmonds
D. Keddy	C. Stephenson
M. Lerner	M. Surkont
G. Parraga	J. Toswell
S. Pitel	S. Trosow
G. Pollock	H. Usher

Land Acknowledgement

S. Shortreed offered a Land Acknowledgement.

Adoption of Agenda – Open Session

It was moved by G. Parraga, seconded by C. Rorabeck,

That the agenda for the Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.21-95 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was moved by H. Usher, seconded by S. Shortreed,

That the open session minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.21-96 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

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Interim Dean J. Finnegan (Social Science) for their service to the University

- The University will conduct a virtual convocation celebration on Friday, June 18, 2021 including musical performances and a presentation by Ivan Coyote

The President concluded his report by acknowledging an article recently published by the Toronto Star that cited Western's commitment to in-person learning in the fall and spoke favorably about the University's decision to return to in-person learning.

AGENDA

including programming focused on lifelong learning

- Many of the points of discussion raised can be addressed during the execution of the strategic plan. It is important for the strategic plan to focus on the pressing issues of the institution

CARRIED with one opposed (H. Usher)

BG.21-99 **Status of the Rotman Institute of Philosophy**

L. Rigg [Lesley] presented the Rotman Institute of Philosophy for approval as shown in item 4.7(b). She stated that the Rotman Institute has moved through the process of becoming a formal research institute over the past year. She reported that it has been approved by the University Research Board and the Senate and is now coming to the Board for approval.

A Board member inquired what levels of governance will be implemented at the new institute. L. Rigg [Lesley] reported that the University is working to standardize the governance process across all formal institutes at Western and will have four levels to assist in overseeing the governance process.

It was moved by D. Keddy, seconded by H. Usher,

That the Board of Governors approve that the Rotman Institute of Philosophy be established effective June 17, 2021.

CARRIED

BG.21-100 **Update on Western Research Parks**

L. Rigg [Lesley] along with L. O'Blenis from Stiletto Consulting provided an update on Western Research Parks to the Board for information. During her presentation, she highlighted the following:

- The Research and Technology Parks established in Canada
- Innovative activity
- Components for Cluster, Park and Innovation District

regional industries and national networks to engage and establish connections between industry and institutional research, and not solely focus on student engagement and retention

- Multi-layered funding supports both public and private partnerships
- The notion of a theme that individuals can support is imperative to the success of partnerships
- The environmental scan of the Western Research Parks has provided the University with an idea of how the research parks are currently positioned nationally and globally, but also outlined strengths that should be recognized and areas for improvement that can be addressed institutionally, such as the research parks position as part of London's economic development

BG.21-101 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by B. Ross, seconded by H. Usher,

That the items listed in the Unanimous Consent Agenda with the exception of item 5.3(c) be approved or received for information.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

BG.21-102 **New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes**

The new scholarships, awards, and prizes approved by the Property and Finance Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, were provided for information in Item 5.1(a).

BG.21-103 **Report of the Investment Committee**

The report of the Investment Committee was provided for information in Item 5.1(b).

BG.21-104 **Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds**

The Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds was provided for information in Item 5.1(c).

BG.21-105 **2020-21 Operating Budget Update as at April 30, 2021**

The 2020-21 Operating Budget Update as at April 30, 2021 was provided for information in Item 5.1(d).

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BG.21-106 **2020-21 Ancillary Financial Report as at April 30, 2021**

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BG.21-116 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct

A Board member requested that Item 5.3(c) The Annual Report of the Code of Student Conduct be removed from consent to note that the report should not be coming to the Board of Governors and instead the Board should be receiving a report from the University Discipline Appeal Committee (UDAC) providing a consolidated high level report.

A. Bryson, University Secretary (University Secretariat) noted that