



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2023 – OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was held at the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building, Room 3000 and on Zoom.

Susan Bennett  
Wade Boye  
Arzie Chant  
Susan Clarke  
Greg Dick  
Lori Higgs  
Beth MacDougall-  
Shackleton  
Marlene McGrath  
Josh Morgan

Stephen Pitel  
Geoff Pollock  
Stephen Poloz  
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By Invitation: Althea Blackburn-Evans, John Doerksen, Paul Eluchok,  
Lynn Logan, Eric Mallory, Bryan Neff, Jeff O'Hagan

Secretariat Resource: Bonnie Brown

Chair K. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Land Acknowledgement**

G. Dick offered a land acknowledgement.

A. Bryson, University Secretary, welcomed and introduced Caroline Whippey, the new Associate University Secretary.

K. Gibbons extended sincere appreciation to Bruce Ross for his insights and advice noting his term on the Board expires in April. B. Ross reflected on his time on the Board and expressed his own appreciation for the opportunity.

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New Board members, Mayor Josh Morgan, representative for the City of London and Councilor Susan Clarke, representative for Middlesex County were welcomed.

BG.23-001 **Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

Moved by G. Dick, seconded by W. Boye:

That the agenda for the open session be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.23-002 **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2022**

Moved by S. Trosow, seconded by C. Rorabeck:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2022, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

**Business Arising from the Minutes** – None.

BG.23-003 **Report of the President**

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Space Strategy that originally was completed in 2018. He further added the principles contained in the report were affirmed.

In responding to questions regarding the Open Space Strategy, A. Shepard confirmed the goal of reducing the cross-through traffic through the University continues to be a focus. He recognized, however, the challenges in making progress given the change in the rapid transit plans around the University.

J. Morgan described the City of London’s 25-year Mobility Master Plan for movement of people and goods across the city. Currently the city is in the early phases of the consultation. The importance of Western engaging closely in these efforts was identified especially as it relates to higher order transit options around the University.

L. Logan advised on the quarterly meetings with the City and advised the mobility component of the Open Space Strategy will be reopened given the delay in implementing a bus rapid transit strategy around the University.

In responding to a question regarding Western’s focus on global engagement and the scope of this initiative, A. Shepard advised the focus is on increasing the number of international students at Western and the number of international research partnerships. In reaching those goals, he advised Western will be looking at where to put recruiters, the cultivation of research partnerships, and potential for “outposts” in other countries. It was noted that the current focus is on increasing the number of international students and research partnerships.

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a complementary Avance NEO BioSpec console and a three-year extended service package was received for information in item 5.1(f).

**ITEM FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

BG.23-011

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The annual report of the University Librarian was received for information in item 5.5(c).

BG.23-017 **Report of the Academic Colleague**

The report from the December 2022 meetings of the

