



**UNIVERSITY OF REGINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Meeting of the Board of Governors**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
**AH 527**

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Present: C. Delorme (Board Chair), K. Addison, L. Bellegarde, A. Cameron, M. Deters, K. Howlett, J. Keshen, P. Klein, M. Lang, T. Patel, A. Russell

Resources: D. Biesenthal, L. Campbell (part), I. Dostaler, D. Ford, G. Sylvestre, C. Yost

Recorder: S. Stewart

Guests: M. Chittenden (EYES), K. Mullock (EYES)

**Call to order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**1.1 Reconciliation**

The Committee Chair acknowledged that the University of Regina and its federated colleges are on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 — the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda peoples, and the homeland of the Michif/Métis nation.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Addison – Bellegarde  
*Moved approval of the agenda as circulated.*

CARRIED

**3. Governor Conflict of Interest**

The Chair asked Board members to declare a conflict of interest should they have one with any of the agenda items. A. Cameron noted that as the elected faculty member, he would recuse himself from any discussions regarding collective bargaining. J. Keshen noted that he would recuse himself from discussions related to his performance and compensation (12.3 – President’s Performance Review and 12.4 – President’s Compensation). No other conflicts were declared

*(All resources and guests with the exception of J. Keshen and G. Sylvestre withdrew from the meeting at 8:04 a.m.)*

#### 4. *In Camera* Session

The Board held an *In Camera* session with resources and guests excused.

*(All resources and guests returned to the meeting at 8:18 a.m.)*

#### 5. Minutes

##### 5.1 Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2023

Deters – Klein

*Moved approval of the minutes of July 25, 2023 as circulated.*

CARRIED

#### 6. Business Arising

None

#### 7. Strategic Presentation – “Cypress Astronomy Outreach Program (EYES)”

C. Yost, Vice-President (Research) introduced M. Chittenden and K. Mullock, Coordinators, Engineering Outreach to the University of Regina Board of Governors.

At the conclusion of the presentation, discussion followed and included:

- How the Cypress Astronomy Outreach Program is funded, mainly through grants from the Actua organization
- Potential for expansion of the program to other provincial and national parks
- Importance of the Cypress Hills area to Indigenous peoples
- Use of the EYES program for future University recruitment, and the importance of this program for youth
- Support of EYES and the Cypress Astronomy Outreach Program by the Vice-President (Research)'s office, and commitment to ensure its sustainability

The Board Chair thanked M. Chittenden and K. Mullock for the presentation.

The presentation is appended to the [Official File](#).

*(M. Chittenden and K. Mullock withdrew from the meeting at 8:53 a.m.)*

#### 8. Strategic Items

##### 8.1 Statement of Expenses for Health Care Professional Training and Retention Project for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 (A&RM)

Lang – Addison

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the Statement of Expenses for the Healthcare Professional Training and Retention Project for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 (Attachment A).*

M. Lang introduced the item to the Board and noted that the University prepares a statement of expenses for the Healthcare Professional Training and Retention project, as required by the 5-year agreement. The agreement has been extended until March 31, 2028. No issues were identified by the Provincial Auditor.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

## 9. Administrative Items

### 9.1 2023-24 Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plans for the Board of Governors and its Standing Committees (A&RM, F&F, GOV&NOM, DSA, HR)

Lang –Russell

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plan for the Audit and Risk Management Committee.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Bellegarde –Cameron

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference and the 2023-2024 Annual Work Plan for the Finance and Facilities Committee.*

It was noted that the Committee name for the Finance and Facilities Committee will be changing to Investments and Infrastructure.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Russell –Klein

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plan for the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Distinguished Service Award Committee, and the Board of Governors Annual Work Plan.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

Howlett –Bellegarde

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plan for the Human Resources Committee.*

It was noted that this decision item was mistakenly not included with the Board of Governors agenda items, but can be found in the Human Resources Committee items.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

The Terms of Reference and the 2023-2024 Annual Work Plan for the Human Resources Committee are appended to the [Official File](#).

## 9.2 Trust & Endowment Committee Terms of Reference (F&F)

Bellegarde –Cameron

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the Terms of Reference for the Trust & Endowment Committee (TEC).*

L. Bellegarde introduced the item to the Board and noted that this is an annual update to the terms of reference and no changes are proposed.

A question was raised regarding membership of the Trust & Endowment Committee. It was clarified that all members are approved by the Board of Governors and the additional (non ex-officio) member appointed by the Board is currently Jim Tomkins.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

*(The Board recessed at 9:00 a.m. and returned at 9:19 a.m.)*

## 10. Consensus Items

K. Howlett – L. Bellegarde

Agreed to move items 10.1 and 10.2 as an omnibus motion as follows:

### 10.1 Policy Update: GOV-010-010 Delegation of Authority, Senior Executive (GOV&NOM)

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the revised policy GOV-010-010 Delegation of Authority, Senior Executive, Attachment A.*

### 10.2 Policy Update: OPS-010-045 Management of Assets Policy (F&F)

*Moved that the Board of Governors approves the revised policy OPS-010-045 Management of Assets, Attachment A.*

The question was called on the omnibus motion.

CARRIED

## 11.1 Board Chair's Report

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition to the activities and meetings provided in the written report, C. Delorme also reported on:

- The Pipe Ceremony held in July 2023 and his appreciation for the support of the University community
- Regular conversations with President Keshen and A. Russell
- Brought greetings, and spoke to members of the Hill Business Students' Society
- Excited to participate in the announcement of the Indigenous Engagement Strategic Plan

The Board Chair's written report is appended to the [Official File](#).

### **11.2 Chancellor's Report**

The Chancellor provided an update on recent meetings and activities, including:

- Launch of the Chancellor's Community initiative with the Chancellor's Community Concert featuring Digging Roots. A Taste of Research - Chancellor's Community Lecture will be held featuring presentations from a number of the University's researchers. The goal of the Chancellor's Community is to raise funds to support scholarships for students
- Alumni Crowning Achievement Awards held on September 21, 2023 recognizing a number of the University's amazing alumni
- The successful President's Art Collection Schumiatcher donation auction

The Board Chair thanked P. Klein for her report.

### **11.3 President's Report**

J. Keshen provided a verbal update on events and activities since the last meeting, as well as upcoming meetings and recruitment initiatives.

Discussion followed and included:

- Importance of recruitment and support for PhD students
- Administrative restructuring efforts are resulting in positive change
- Importance of the University's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and promotion of this milestone in the city and province

The Board Chair thanked President Keshen for his report.

### **11.4 Key Messages**

This report is regularly provided for the Board's information. It provides a few key messages for Governors to speak to in their conversations with community members.

*(L .Campbell joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.)*

### **11.5 Report from the Vice-President (Research)**

C. Yost presented his report to the Board and highlighted the recent successes within the research portfolio, including the recent hiring of Indigenous research engagement officers to further Truth and Reconciliation at the University.

Discussion followed and included:

- Opportunity to promote research the University has conducted over its 50-year history as part of the upcoming anniversary celebration
- Contribution of research to University reputation and recruitment, with more limited direct financial benefit from research commercialization

The Board Chair thanked C. Yost for his report.

### **11.6 Report from the Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Engagement)**

L. Campbell presented her report to the Board and highlighted the upcoming launch of the Indigenous Engagement Strategic Plan.

Discussion followed and included:

- Partnership between the University of Regina and First Nations University of Canada and the need to foster this relationship
- The opportunity for the Indigenous Engagement Strategic Plan to ensure that an Indigenous world view is considered in all aspects of the University, and how this benefits future generations

The Board Chair thanked L. Campbell for her report.

### **11.7 URSU President's Report**

T. Patel presented his report to the Board.

A question was raised on the impact of the tensions between Canada and India on our students. T. Patel responded that students are generally quite settled and feel safe on campus.

The Board Chair thanked T. Patel for his report.

### **11.8 Committee Chair Highlights**

M. Lang provided an update from the Audit and Risk Management Committee, including:

- Presentation on "Policies, Governance, and Oversight" from R. Seidler, L. Stradeski, and Y. Yevlanova
- Update on mitigation of the top ten risks for the University
- An update on the audit of Big Research Projects by the Internal Auditor

K. Russell provided an update from the Human Resources Committee, including:

- Discussion of the 2023 Academic Workforce Demographics report
- Receipt of a mid-year report on senior academic and administrative appointments, academic and other searches

L. Bellegarde provided an update from the Finance and Facilities Committee, including:

- Update on major capital projects
- Alignment with the Provincial Capital Commission in the development of the Campus Master Plan
- Update to OPS-010-045 Management of Assets Policy
- Discussion on student enrolments
- The results of our advancement and fundraising activity

A. Russell provided an update from the Governance and Nominations Committee, including:

- Fall retreat planning is underway

*(Resources with the exception of G. Sylvestre withdrew from the meeting at 10:29 a.m. A. Cameron withdrew from the meeting.)*

**12. In Camera Session I** – 10:29 a.m.

These items are recorded in the *In Camera* minutes and are retained in the [Official File](#).

*(A. Cameron rejoined the meeting at 10:51 a.m.)*

*(J. Keshen and G. Sylvestre withdrew from the meeting at 10:57 a.m.)*

**13. In Camera Session II** – 11:15 a.m.

The Board held an *In Camera* session with the President excused.

**14. Adjournment** – 11:42 a.m. Moved by Russell.

Cadmus Delorme  
Board Chair

Glenys Sylvestre  
University Secretary