



**SYNOPSIS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
APRIL 20, 2016**

Chair's Remarks

The Chair gave regrets on behalf of several Board members and wished J. Hackett well with his exams. She reported that B. Schmidt was recently appointed as one of the Board's Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) members and that we are awaiting confirmation of the appointment of one more LGIC member.

The Chair pointed out that one of the main focuses of the meeting was the 2016-17 budget, which represents a tremendous amount of work done by the staff. She commented that she was looking forward to a thoughtful and robust discussion on the topic. She also discussed the significant policy matters on the meeting's agenda, including the Safe Disclosure Policy.

The Chair remarked that as the academic year ends, there are excellent stories of student success to be shared and she looks forward to hearing them.

She ended by thanking the Board members for committing their time to the retreat scheduled for the next day and a half.

President's Report

The President discussed the end of the academic year and the evolution of UOIT's programs. He reported that Academic Council had a full and rich discussion on an array of issues the previous day, including the proposal for an informatics program. He also reported that UOIT is one of only 30 institutions selected to submit a full proposal to the Canada First Research Excellence Fund. It is a fiercely competitive environment for funding and it is significant that we are being considered.

The President also discussed the preparations for the next symposium in a series of conferences on Higher Education in Transformation, which are jointly organized by UOIT, Trent University and Durham College (DC), along with the Technological University for Dublin Alliance. The next symposium will take place at the beginning of November 2016.

He also reported on the conversion of the tennis bubble to the Campus Field House for indoor soccer and other field sports, which will be available for use during the winter. He noted the increase in the number of our student athletes who are also high academic achievers.

The President talked about an ACE capstone project that culminated in a workshop for drones. He informed the Board that ACE has a series of videos on YouTube, including a demonstration of the use of ACE as a training facility. These are just a few examples of the array of events and accomplishments that occur on campus on a daily basis.

Co-Populous Report

D. Allingham sent his regrets but the Chair provided an update on his behalf. The last meeting of the DC Board was held on April 13, 2016, during which the annual budget was approved. A slight surplus is forecast for 2016-2017. The Board also discussed the results of the e-vote on the Campus Mandatory Ancillary Fee - the fee was approved by the students. The Five Year Program Plan for Quality Assurance was also discussed and endorsed by the Board. The Board was updated on the new provincial Student Grant Program. The DC annual Board retreat was held on April 15th and 16th at the Centre for Food in Whitby.

Highlights from Committee Reports

Audit & Finance Committee

- The Board of Governors approved the following items:
 - 2016-2017 Budget;
 - Safe Disclosure Policy;
 - Contract Management Policy; and
 - 2016-2017 Ancillary Fees Addendum.

- C. Foy delivered a presentation on the University Risk Management Implementation

Alumni Association

- C. Andrews from the Alumni Association delivered a presentation to the Board providing an update on several of the alumni association's initiatives, including the Student Alumni Mentorship Program (STAMP)