

SYNOPSIS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**PUBLIC SESSION****May 3, 2017****ACE First Responder Training Video**

The President shared the Weather Network video of first responder training conducted in ACE, which is available at:

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/videos/gallery/20c-indoors-with-a-frozen-fire-truck-real-weather-extremes-tested/sharevideo/5402564799001>.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair provided a brief update on the presidential search and reminded everyone that the Presidential Candidate ad and profile are available on the University website. She encouraged the Board to circulate the profile to anyone who might be interested in the role.

The Chair congratulated Ololade Sanusi, the graduate student governor, on her successful participation in the 3 Minute Thesis competition (known as 3MT). Ololade won UOIT's 3MT final and also earned fourth-place honours in the provincial 3MT competition on April 12 at the University of Waterloo. She and the other top-five Ontario presenters advanced to the national 3MT finals hosted by the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS). In the five-year history of the Ontario 3MT competition, Ololade is the first from UOIT to advance to the national event. The Chair advised that Ololade's video presentation exploring new technology for blood sterilization systems will be profiled on the CAGS website from May 12 to 26. In June, the national judges' panel will announce a national winner and runner-up. People across Canada could vote online for the People's Choice award. She wished Ololade good luck in the national 3MT competition.

The Chair reminded the governors of the Convocation dates and encouraged them to attend as it is an exciting day for the graduates and a wonderful opportunity for the governors to engage with the University community.

President's Report

The President reported on his attendance at the year-end meetings for UC and COU. The central focus of the recent UC meeting was inclusiveness and diversity, which included an address from the Minister of Science.

The meeting of the COU Executive Heads was held at McMaster and there were discussions regarding the ongoing SMA negotiations and provincial funding.

The President also confirmed that awards of tenure and promotion were approved during the non-public session of the meeting and would be announced once the successful candidates were notified.

Renaming Office of Graduate Studies to School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

The Board of Governors approved the renaming of the Office of Graduate Studies to School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, effective 1 July 2017.

Highlights from Committee Reports

Audit & Finance Committee:

The Board of Governors received a presentation on University Risk Management to give the governors an idea of how risk management fits into the budget planning. After receiving presentations regarding the budget and tuition fees and engaging in extensive discussion, the Board approved the 2017-2018 budget and 2017-2019 tuition and ancillary fees.

The Board also received an update on the progress of the SIRC building construction

Strategy and Planning Committee

Following a discussion lead by R. Bailey, the Board endorsed the key concepts presented for inclusion in the draft SMA.