
Public Session Minutes for the Meeting of January 17, 2019
2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m., ERC 3023

Attendees: Francis Garwe (Chair), Laura Elliott (*videoconference*), Kori Kingsbury, Steven Murphy (*teleconference*), Trevin Stratton (*videoconference*)

Staff: Becky Dinwoodie, Cheryl Foy

Guests : Mike Eklund, Christine McLaughlin

Regrets: Doug Allingham, Lisa Edgar

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by K. Kingsbury and seconded by T. Stratton, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2018

Upon a motion duly made by T. Stratton and seconded by K. Kingsbury, the Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Chair's Remarks

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the first committee meeting of the year. He encouraged the members to actively engage during the meeting. The Chair invited the guests to introduce themselves.

6. President's Remarks

The President discussed the government's recent announcement of tuition cuts. He confirmed that the tuition for domestic students will be cut by 10% next year. There will also be changes to OSAP funding and to the student ancillary fees model. With respect to ancillary fees, students will have the option to opt out of certain fees. These changes must be examined to determine the impact on our students' services. The government has not announced any changes to the base grant funding. The tuition fees will be frozen for 2020-2021. The reduction to tuition fees will have a significant impact on the university's budget. The President responded to questions from the committee members.

7. Governance

7.1 Faculty Governor Working Group Recommendations:

- **Board of Governors Recruitment, Appointment and Leadership Policy**
- **Teaching Staff Nominee Election Form**

C. Foy presented the proposed changes to the policy for the committee's recommendation. She reminded the committee that the amendments were initially presented to the committee in the fall for comment. She responded to the committee's questions.

Upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott and seconded by K. Kingsbury, pursuant to the recommendations of the Faculty Governor Working Group, the Governance, Nominations & Human Resources Committee recommended the amended Board of Governors Recruitment, Appointment and Leadership Policy for approval by the Board of Governors, as presented.

7.2 By-laws Implementation:

- **Academic Council's Governance & Nominations Committee**

C. Foy provided an update on the implementation of the new By-laws, which came into effect on September 1, 2018. She walked through the work plan of the new Governance & Nominations committee of Academic Council (GNC), which will be holding its first meeting in November.

7.3 Board Engagement:

- **Board Portal**

B. Dinwoodie provided a status update on the implementation of the Board portal. A kick-off meeting with Passageways took place on January 11. The portal will be introduced to the governors at the committee meetings starting in March. Introductory training sessions will be held immediately before each spring committee meeting and one-on-one sessions will also be available.

Policy & Compliance:

7.4 Compliance Update

C. Foy provided a compliance update. The university recently enacted an interim smoke-free campus policy and will continue to conduct consultations. There are also ongoing consultations on the Student Sexual Violence Policy and Procedures.

7.5 Policy:

(a) Board of Governors Procedures for Election of Faculty, Non-Academic Staff & Student Governors

C. Foy presented the proposed amendments to the procedures for approval, which were initially reviewed by the committee at the October meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott and seconded by T. Stratton, the Governance, Nominations & Human Resources Committee approved the amended Board of Governors Procedures for the Election of Administrative Staff, Student, and Teaching Staff Governors, as presented.

8. Nominations

8.1 2019-2020 Election Process

B. Dinwoodie reviewed the proposed election timeline. She confirmed that the Board and Academic Council elections are run concurrently to maximize efficiencies.

Upon a motion duly made by K. Kingsbury and seconded by L. Elliott, pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer, the Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee approved the proposed 2019-2020 Board of Governors Election Timeline, as presented.

9. For Information:

9.1 Board of Governors Policy Review Update:

(a) Attendance Policy

(b) Meeting Policy & Procedures

C. Foy provided a brief overview of the results of the reviews. A guest, M. Eklund, interrupted and asked the Chair if the committee would consider amending the Board Meeting Procedures to allow members of the public to ask questions during public meetings. M. Eklund advised that he had missed providing this feedback during the online consultation period for the procedures. The Chair responded that the consultation procedures in place should be followed. C. Foy raised a point of order and advised the Chair that members of the public in attendance are not permitted to direct questions or comments to the committee.

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

There being no other business, upon a motion duly made by T. Stratton and seconded by L. Elliott, the public session of the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary