



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Governance, Nominations & Human Resources Committee (GNHR)

Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of March 31, 2022

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Videoconference

Members: Maria Saros (Chair), Laura Elliott, Mitch Frazer, Frances Garwe, Kathy Hao, Kori Kingsbury, Steven Murphy, Dietmar Reiner,

Regrets: Trevin Stratton

Staff: Jamie Bruno, Sarah Cantrell, Barb Hamilton, Krista Hester, Lori Livingston, Brad Maclsaac, Andrew Sunstrum

Guests: Mike Eklund, Dwight Thompson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott and seconded by D. Reiner, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Session January 27, 2022

Upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott and seconded by S. Murphy, the minutes were approved as presented.

5. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She acknowledged that we are all grieving the loss of our dear colleague and friend, Becky Dinwoodie. She noted that she was pleased to see the Becky Dinwoodie memorial fund that has been set up in her honour.

6. President's Remarks

The President confirmed that he has been in close contact with Becky's family and that we are paying tribute to her but not conflicting with family plans. We are hoping to hear about arrangements shortly.

He was pleased to update on many events happening on campus, both virtually and in person. Firstly, the Three Minute Thesis event (3MT) takes place at the end of March and was virtual this year. The students did incredibly well and one of our varsity rowers won the competition and will go on to represent Ontario Tech at the provincial level. Further, the Student Union put on Pangaea, an annual cultural celebration. The event was held in person (with masks) and was a night filled with cultural entertainment and dance. He encouraged governors to join in future years, noting the talent amongst our students is very high. Also, the Celebrate Teaching awards were held yesterday. This is an incredibly important event, especially in a time when instructors are continually pivoting depending on how COVID plays out. He thanked everyone for the education they provide to our students and noted that we have faculty who are very deserving but that on a whole, all faculty have done a great job through pandemic and continue to do so. Finally, varsity athletics held an in person event to recognize academic varsity athletes. The number of athletes has doubled from 40 to 80 with GPA xx and above. Mentoring in athletics dept. shout out to womens' hockey. Made all canadian list. All are stellar academically.

7. Governance

7.1 Update of Board of Governors Election Process

K. Hester provided a brief update of the election process noting that due to the labour disruption earlier this year, the election dates have been delayed. She explained that both the Academic Council and Board of Governors elections are done at the same time. The new dates were circulated with the material and the information has been posted in the Weekly Report. For the Board, there is one available student position for an undergraduate or graduate student. The nomination period for the positions is open from Monday, April 11 at 9 a.m. through to Monday, April 18 at 4 p.m. All related information can be found on the Board of Governors website.

8. Policy

8.1 Procedures to Prevent and Address Discrimination and Harassment by Or Against Students

A. Sunstrum noted that the procedures have been brought to the committee in January for consultation and have also been to Academic Council and out for online consultation. There have only been minor revisions as a result of some of the comments received. He concluded by stating that this will align the student procedures with the employee procedures.

Upon a motion duly made by K. Kingsbury and seconded by D. Reiner that the Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee hereby approves the Procedures to Prevent and Address Discrimination and Harassment by Or Against Students, as presented.

9. Other Business:

10. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by K. Kingsbury, the public session adjourned at 2:15 p.m.