

**Public Session Minutes for the Meeting of June 7, 2017**

**Attendees:** Karyn Brearley (Chair), Andrew Elrick, Francis Garwe, Adele Imrie, Tim McTiernan

**Staff:** Robert Bailey, Becky Dinwoodie, Craig Elliott, Douglas Holdway, Susan McGovern

**Regrets:** Jay Lefton, Mike Snow

**Guests :** Mike Eklund

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

**2. Agenda**

The Chair proposed deferring agenda item 7(a) – By-law Review Project until the fall to allow for additional consultation.

*Upon a motion duly made by A. Imrie and seconded by F. Garwe, the Agenda was approved as amended.*

**3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

**4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of March 29, 2017**

*Upon a motion duly made by A. Imrie and seconded by T. McTiernan, the minutes were approved as presented.*

**5. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair noted that there are a number of important topics on the agenda. She added that the draft of By-law Number 1 will be deferred until the fall to allow for further comment.

**6. President's Remarks**

The President expressed his excitement at the upcoming convocation ceremonies. He is looking forward to seeing the graduates' faces shining with a sense of accomplishment.

The Board will be receiving a briefing from the Ministry at the AGM regarding the focus and expectations for the university's next Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA). The university will also be engaging in discussions with the Ministry on the first draft of the SMA, including enrolment targets.

## **7. Governance**

### **7.1 By-Law Review Project**

Deferred.

### **7.2 Annual Board Practices Assessment 2016-2017**

The Chair introduced the Annual Board Practices Assessment results. She noted that a substantive review had been completed earlier in the year and the updated assessment form was used. This year's assessment was conducted through e-mail instead of the online polling format and the Chair was pleased with the high participation rate.

The Chair commented on the variety of successes identified by the Board. Many governors' responses were well flushed out and it was clear that a lot of thought was put into the comments.

B. Dinwoodie walked through the summary of responses and noted the general themes. The concerns expressed about the time commitment and volume of meeting material will be included on the committee's work plan for the following year.

### **7.3 Policy - Student Sexual Violence Policy Review**

R. Bailey presented the report on the proposed amendments to the Student Sexual Violence Policy to the committee. He reviewed the background to the ongoing review of the Student Sexual Violence Policy and discussed the proposed substantive changes to the policy.

R. Bailey invited M. Bowman to address the committee. M. Bowman sought GNHR's direction on whether the comments relating to sections 4 and 5 of the attached amended policy should be incorporated into the document. The Committee supported making those changes and also suggested removing the parentheses from the proposed change to section 4. These changes reflect feedback from the student community. M. Bowman reviewed several of the other changes resulting from community feedback. The policy is intended to reassure students that all disclosures and reports will be taken seriously.

*Upon a motion duly made by A. Imrie and seconded by T. McTiernan, the Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee recommended the Policy on Sexual Violence for Students and Procedures for Responding to Incidents of Sexual Violence, as amended, for approval by the Board of Governors.*

## **8. Consent Agenda:**

*Upon a motion duly made by T. McTiernan and seconded by A. Elrick, the committee approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:*

### **8.1 Board Schedule 2017-2018**

### **8.2 Pension Plan Amendment**

## **9. Other Business**

## **10. Termination**

*There being no other business, upon a motion duly made by T. McTiernan and seconded by A. Imrie, the meeting terminated at 12:45 p.m.*

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary