

# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

# **MINUTES (PUBLIC SESSION)**

MEETING NUMBER: 78

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 17, 2013

MEETING LOCATION: ERC 1058

### **GOVERNORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Larry Seeley, Chair

Michael Angemeer

Rupinder Brar

**Garry Cubitt** 

Rami El-Emam

Andrew Elrick

Miles Goacher

**Donald Hathaway** 

Adele Imrie

Zaid Keldani

Jay Lefton

**Robert Marshall** 

John McKinley

Tim McTiernan, President and Vice Chancellor

Michael Newell

Glenna Raymond

Bonnie Schmidt

Andrea Slane

Pierre Tremblay

Peter Williams (via teleconference)

**Heather White** 

### **REGRETS:**

Perrin Beatty, Chancellor

Marj Rempel

Ann Stapleford-McGuire

# **BOARD SECRETARY:**

Cheryl Foy, University Secretary and General Counsel

#### **UOIT STAFF:**

Murray Lapp, Vice President, Human Resources and Services

Susan McGovern, Vice President, External Relations

Craig Elliott, Chief Financial Officer

Brad MacIsaac, Assistant Vice-President, Planning & Analysis

Cathy Pitcher, Assistant to the President

Richard Marceau, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Michael Owen, Associate Provost, Vice-President, Research, Innovation and International

Olivia Petrie, Associate Vice-President, Student Life

Jennifer Freeman, Manager Research Services, Office of the Associate Provost, Research

#### ITEMS 1 AND 2 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Larry Seeley called the Public Session of the Meeting to order at 3:13 p.m., welcomed everyone and invited those who had not been introduced in the Non-Public session to introduce themselves.

### ITEM 3. AGENDA

Dr. Seeley asked for comments on the Agenda. Ms. Foy requested that item 11.4 be removed from the agenda as it had been noted that additional changes were required to the document. There being no further proposed changes, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Agenda was approved as amended.

### ITEM 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Garry Cubitt noted that he is the CAO for Durham Region in respect of Item 12.3 on the Agenda.

# ITEM 5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2012

Upon motion duly made by Michael Newell and seconded by John McKinley, the minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2012 were approved as presented.

#### ITEM 6. CHAIR'S REMARKS.

Dr. Seeley reminded those present that UOIT is in its tenth year. He stated that the university is to be commended on its great accomplishments and invited members and guests to look at reports conducted by third parties, such as the <u>Globe and Mail</u> and <u>Maclean's</u>, on colleges and universities to get a sense of how well the university has done in this ten-year period. Dr. Seeley said that the university has a very strong senior leadership team to take it through its next five years and to successfully build on previous achievements. He added that the Board of Governors is composed of capable and high quality individuals, all of whom will support the university in its bid to reach new heights. Dr. Seeley pointed to the recently-completed strategic plan and confirmed that the Strategy & Planning Committee has the mandate to oversee the strategic planning process. He stressed that execution is as important, if not more important, than the planning process itself. Finally, Dr. Seeley advised that the university is operating in a very difficult external environment with many different stakeholders.

#### ITEM 7. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan echoed the Board Chair's comments confirming that it is most worthwhile to look back on the first ten years and to consider what has been accomplished. He advised that UOIT leads Ontario universities in placing its graduates in employment and emphasized what a feat this is in the context of a university environment which is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) intensive. The accomplishment is even greater when considered in the broader social and financial context. He noted that UOIT is gaining in stature and pointed to the fact that he is receiving overtures and invitations from other universities both nationally and internationally to collaborate. Increasingly, the university is seen as a synergistic partner. Dr. McTiernan advised that the collaboration with Durham College is creating other opportunities to collaborate and noted that UOIT had recently entered into a collaboration agreement with the Dublin Institute of Technology indicating that this is an example of how building on our core strengths enables us to leverage our capacity.

### ITEM 8. CO-POPULOUS MEMBER REMARKS

Mr. Cubitt introduced himself and the two other governors with joint appointments to the UOIT and Durham College ("DC") Boards ("co-populous governors") – Pierre Tremblay and Michael Newell. He confirmed that the role of co-populous governors is to act as a shared conduit of governance. He advised that he would be providing remarks at each Board meeting to share key information. He pointed to the successes of the close collaboration between the two institutions, including the articulation agreements between DC and UOIT. He noted that the institutions are by far the leader in the college/university partnership and articulation agreements and that this is part of the founding Board's vision. He congratulated the two institutions, and in particular Dr. Marceau and his colleagues, noting that this level of collaboration is an unbelievable accomplishment. Mr. Cubitt talked about Durham College's successes and achievements. Mr. Cubitt informed the Board about Durham College's Whitby campus and its key features including wind turbines and solar alternate energy forms. He also described the new and innovative food services program.

# ITEM 9 PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Seeley introduced Dr. Michael Owen and invited Dr. Owen to deliver his presentations. Dr. Owen delivered a presentation on International Agreements and responded to comments and questions from the governors. Dr. Owen explained that prior to establishing agreements, the university looks for a number of things: 1) does the institution provide programs like ours to create opportunities for our students?; 2) does the institution perform complementary research?; and 3) what is the quality of the other institution – would a relationship enhance reputation, drive quality and increase the international reach of the faculty? Dr. Owen provided an overview of the challenges faced and discussed issues and targets associated with international students.

Dr. Owen introduced Jennifer Freeman and invited her to deliver the first part of a second presentation on Research Ethics. Ms. Freeman provided an overview of the context within which research is performed, summarizing for the Board the sources of policy and guidelines and principles governing research involving humans and animals, radiation and laser safety, as well as biosafety. Dr. Owen then spoke to the Board about the compliance context, addressing high profile issues of non-compliance, the public perceptions, and contrasting the previous approach to research ethics to the evolving approach. Dr. Owen described what is considered to be "non-integrity" in research and the impact of the broader

scope of "non-integrity" for researchers and universities. Dr. Owen provided an update on the status of UOIT's research ethics policy. Dr. Owen and Ms. Freeman responded to various comments and questions from the governors.

Jennifer Freeman left the Meeting .

Bob Marshall left the Meeting.

### ITEM 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Newell delivered the report on behalf of the Chair of the Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee. He advised the governors that the Committee had approved the submission of Don Duval as a new appointee to the UOIT Board of Governors.

Upon motion duly made by Michael Newell and seconded by Adele Imrie, the motion to appoint Don Duval for a term to expire on June 30, 2015 was approved.

# ITEM 11. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion duly made by John McKinley and seconded by Zaid Keldani, the Consent Agenda items were approved.

### ITEM 12. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 12.1 Convocation Dr. McTiernan advised the governors of the dates of Convocation (June 6 and 7, 2013) and asked them to reserve these dates in their calendars.
- 12.2 Research Matters Dr. McTiernan confirmed that the Research Matters event would be held on April 3, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Regent Theatre.
- 12.3 Regional Transit Development Charges Dr. McTiernan advised that the Regional Transit Authority had requested that a by-law change be brought to the Board's attention. Both Mr. Lapp and Ms. Foy confirmed that the by-law changes had no impact on UOIT.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Seeley noted that the next meeting of the Board of Governors is to be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

In the absence of any further business and upon motion duly made by Garry Cubitt and seconded by Glenna Raymond, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Secretary	Chair