

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee (GNHR)

Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of March 21, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. Videoconference

Attendees: Maria Saros (Chair), Laura Elliott, Steven Murphy, Gaurav Singh, Dwight Thompson, Emily Whetung

Regrets: Mitch Frazer

Staff: Kristie Ayotte, Jamie Bruno, Disha Gupta, Barb Hamilton, Krista Hester, Lori Livingston, Ruth Nyaamine, Sarah Thrush, Lauren Turner

Guests: Frank Carnevale, guest governor

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and read aloud the land acknowledgement.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott and seconded by S. Murphy, the Agenda, including the contents of the consent agenda, was approved as presented.

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

There was none.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, wishing Muslim friends and colleagues a blessed Ramadan. She thanked all members for their ongoing engagement and support throughout the academic year.

5. President's Remarks

The President updated the Committee on the limited information available about the government's response to the Blue-Ribbon Panel report. He noted that the tuition fee freeze will continue for at least three more years. For the same time period, a one-time only \$900 million funding grant has been allocated for the entire college and university sector. The University does not know what portion of that grant it will receive. The President noted that the total grant allocated is less than half the Blue-Ribbon Panel recommendation required for sustainability in the

sector. The President also noted that unfortunately there is no report on the international student file while the other province's attestation letters have started going out. He noted that the sector is anticipating a minimum 25% reduction.

6. Governance

6.1 Board Practices Assessment

The University Secretary presented the Board Practices Assessment, noting that it has been significantly revised since last year. She drew the Committee's attention to the combination of the Board and Committee Assessments, a revision made to increase efficiency. The Assessment has also been shortened to avoid duplication while still covering key topics and providing free text opportunity for governor input. To drive for a desired 100% response rate, the Committee recommended that governors be reminded to complete the Assessment.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 Minutes of the Public Session of the Meeting of February 1, 2024

Upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott and seconded by S. Murphy, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, upon a motion duly made by L. Elliott, the public session adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Lauren Turner, University Secretary