

Meeting Minutes

Present: Tom Ulyett (Meeting Chair), Christine Mahar, Jason Bilsky, Mark Wedge, Erica Bourdon, Jennifer Harkes, Joel Cubley, Lesley Brown, Pearl Callaghan, Kathleen Van Bibber, Chris Milner (2:40pm)

Regrets: David Morrison, Carol Geddes, Judy Gingell, James Allen, Vera Holmes, Sarah Newton

Staff: Blake Buckle, Shelagh Rowles, Bronwyn Hancock, Robin Bradasch, Fabi Naves (Recorder)

Guests: Josephine Afful (YukonU student and Research Assistant), Taylor Belansky (YukonU student and Research assistant), Joe Collier (Northern Energy Innovation Project coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm

Erica Bourdon provided an opening moment of reflection

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	None
Approval of the Agenda	MOVED by Jason Bilsky, SECONDED by Christine Mahar that the Board of Governors approves the meeting agenda for June 10th as presented. CARRIED.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS	<p>MOVED by Jennifer Harkes, SECONDED by Erica Bourdon that the Board of Governors approve the items in the consent agenda as presented.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2022 Summary of Motions 2021-22 Approval of Articulation agreements Learning Assistance Centre - name change proposal</p> <p>All in Favour CARRIED.</p>

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR Tabled

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT President Lesley Brown provided a written report that listed key engagements, government meetings, and staffing changes over the last two months.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. VP Academic and Provost – written report provided, highlights:
 - 15 YukonU students working in research
 - Electrical student won gold medal at Skills Canada
 - Challenges – staff vacancies
- b. VP Finance and Administration – written report provided, highlights:
 - Year of change in Finance
 - Adjustments in procurement
 - Campus infrastructure new leadership
 - Continuing studies – revenue generating year
- c. AVP External – written report provided.
- d. Fundraising update – written report provided
 - Soft launch of fundraising campaign to raise \$4M

Action Item:

Administration to provide to the Board at a future meeting further information on different Graduation regalia and their symbolism, and how to include our own culture in the convocation ceremony.

REPORT FROM HR COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Tom Ullyett provided an update from the meetings from May 5th and June 3rd.

The Board discussed remuneration of Board members who are employees of the University:

- Faculty representative on the Board of Governors is strongly against the decision as participation is not currently allowed within assigned workload
- President objects to presentation and its relevance
- Staff members do not have workload time – no flexibility in the collective agreement
- There could be real or perceived conflict of interest for publicly funded institutions
- Other Universities do not usually compensate employee board members as it is considered part of their service

MOVED by Kathleen van Bibber, SECONDED by Mark Wedge that the Board of Governors approves that Bylaw #14 be

amended to remove section 14.5,g outlining employee remuneration for Board activities, effective July 1, 2022.

- Kathleen and Mark remove support for the motion

MOVED by Christine Mahar, SECONDED Mark Wedge that the Board of Governors amends the motion to recommend to the Human Resources Committee further consultation and consideration on the remuneration of board members who are employees of the University.

**All in Favour.
CARRIED.**

Action Item:

Administration to look at other publicly funded institutions and how they navigate compensating employees sitting on their Board.

HR Committee will meet and discuss the remuneration of Board members who are employees of the University prior to the September Board meeting.

HR Dashboard

Interim HR Director provided a HR Dashboard presentation to the Board of Governors

Student Presentation to the Board

Student Josephine Afful presented to the Board of Governors on the Beat the Peak project:

- Outreach and educational campaign
- Reduce energy consumption at specific times during winter peak
- Visit ptgyukon.ca for more details

Student Taylor Belansky presented to the Board of Governors on Semi-passive treatment of nitrogen compounds in mine impacted water in cold climates:

- Water treatment by semi-passive technologies
- Mining activities release nitrogen compounds into environment
- Semi-passive treatment – assistance provided to natural processes

**REPORT FROM HR COMMITTEE
(Cont'd)****Board Chair & Board Self-Evaluation**

Board members were reminded to complete the Board Chair & Board self-evaluation surveys

Peer Evaluation

The draft Board of Governors Peer evaluation and categories and questions were presented to the Board for review and consideration

MOVED by Jennifer Harkes SECONDED by Mark Wedge that the Board of Governors adopts the Peer evaluation process to be actioned by the Board chair at a suitable time. CARRIED.

**REPORT FROM GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE**

The Governance Committee report was provided by the meeting chair of the June 7th meeting, Pearl Callaghan.

BOG-15 Credit program tuition fee adjustment:

- recommendations proposed by Registrar
- Inclusion of international tuition fees
- Differential between 1st/2nd-year courses to 3rd/4th-year courses have been removed
- Removal of the policy formula, which is cumbersome to operationalize as not all the comparator institutions run the programs as listed, and not every institution charges tuition on a per-credit basis
- Comparator institutions presented as an appendix rather than in the policy, so it can be reviewed at the Provost Table
- Consultation process with Students in past has not provided feedback that influenced the proposal

MOVED by Joel Cubley SECONDED by Pearl Callaghan that the Board of Governors approves the proposed changes to policy BOG 15 Credit Program Tuition fee as presented.

All in favour

CARRIED.

BOG-19 Naming policy:

- Consistent framework for naming facilities and physical assets
- Minor changes made, mostly wordsmithing

- Considerations to incorporate indigenous knowledge into the policy

MOVED by Erica Bourdon SECONDED by Jennifer Harkes that the Board of Governors approves the recommended changes to the BOG 19 Naming policy as presented.

**All in favour
CARRIED.**

Chris Milner joined the meeting at 2:40pm

Confirm Board meeting dates for next fiscal year

Board of Governors reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2022/23.

- Consideration to hold the Board of Governors retreat earlier in September

Board of Governors approved the proposed meeting dates for 2022-2023.

Action Item:

Executive Assistant to add Pension Committee dates to the important dates calendar.

Administration to consider holding the Board of Governors retreat in September and on the land.

Executive Assistant to send a poll to gather Board of Governors availability for the retreat in the fall.

Student Union report

Tabled

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to send agenda requests to the Board Chair.

REPORT FROM FARC

FARC Chair, Chris Milner, provided a report from the meeting held on June 3rd, 2022:

Pension Committee Terms of Reference

The Pension Committee completed a full review of the Terms of Reference and approved the revisions at its

meeting of May 17th, 2022, the updated version was provided in the meeting package for review.

MOVED by Jennifer Harkes SECONDED by Jason Bilsky that the Board of Governors adopts the Terms of Reference for the Yukon University employees' Pension Plan as presented.

All in Favour. CARRIED.

Science building update

- Project risk matrix presented to assist in mitigate those risks
- Updates will be presented to the Board in the future

Variance report

- Estimated positive variance of \$1M, with an accumulated surplus of \$1.7M over two years
- Revised budget should come back to the Board

INFORMATION ITEMS

Adjourned 3:11 pm

- OH&S update
- Action Item Summary

Board of Governors meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.