
McMaster University

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Room, Gilmour Hall

PRESENT: Mr. B. Merkel (Chair), Ms E. Alfanous, Ms L. Allan, Ms J. Allen, Ms L. Brown, Mr. A. Colgoni, Ms. S. Cruickshanks, Dr. P. Deane, Mr. S. Donnelly, Dr. D. Farrar, Mr. D. Feather, Dr. A. Holloway, Mr. D. Horwood, Mr. D. Huctwith, Ms R. Jamieson, Dr. C. Filipe, Dr. R. Kleiman, Mr. R. Narro Perez, Mr. K. Nye, Ms J. Pike, Ms J. Rowe, Ms. C. Stefankiewicz, Ms F. Samji, Dr. E. Szathmáry, Mr. D. Williamson, Ms C. Garneau (University Secretary), Mr. M. Downard (Associate University Secretary), Mr. T. Paul (Governance Coordinator)

OBSERVERS: Mr. R. Couldrey, Ms E. Davies, Dr. M. Grignon, Ms D. Henne, Dr. B. Levy, Dr. P. O’Byrne, Ms M. Williams

INVITED: Ms D. Martin, Chief Facilities Officer
Ms. W. McKenna, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ms L. Morine, Associate Director, Health, Safety and Risk Management
Mr. M. Runciman, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Botanical Gardens
Dr. S. Singh, Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Neurosurgery, Faculty of Health Sciences
Dr. L. Waverman, Dean, Faculty of Business

REGRETS RECEIVED: Mr. P. Douglas, Ms S. McLarty, Mr. J. Schertzer, Dr. D. Sloboda, Mr. T. Valeri

A. OPEN SESSION

1. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Merkel welcomed members to the meeting and introduced new members and observers to the Board.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING – November 28, 2018

The Notice of Meeting was circulated on November 28, 2018.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – OPEN SESSION

Mr. Merkel noted that no requests had been received to move any items from the Consent to the Regular agenda of the Open Session.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the Open Session agenda for the meeting of December 13, 2018, and that items 4-6 be approved or received for information by Consent.

The Motion was *Carried*.

CONSENT

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – October 18, 2018 (OPEN SESSION)

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2018 as circulated.

Approved by Consent

5. BUSINESS ARISING

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning and Resources Committee

- i. Audited Financial Statements of Contributory Pension Plan Information for Hourly-Rated Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College as at June 30, 2018**

The material was for information.

- ii. Audited Financial Statements of Contributory Pension Plan Information for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College Plan 2000 as at June 30, 2018**

The material was for information.

- iii. Audited Financial Statements of Contributory Pension Plan Information for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College as at June 30, 2018**

The material was for information.

REGULAR

7. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2018.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications for the meeting held on December 13, 2018.

9. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. Shelia Singh, Professor, Department of Surgery and Principal Investigator, Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute, gave a presentation on the therapeutic targeting of brain cancer stems cells.

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

a. Report from the President

Dr. Deane provided members with an update on research rankings, explaining that McMaster has been named Canada's most research-intensive university by Research Infosource. McMaster researchers brought in \$379.9 million in total sponsored research income, an increase of \$25 million from last year – which is an average of \$434,700 per faculty member, more than double the national average. McMaster also placed first in graduate student research intensity, averaging \$82,800 per graduate student and well over twice the national average.

Members were informed that the provincial government has received the Auditor General's Annual Report for 2018, which examined government spending and procedures, including an assessment of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) program. It was explained that the Auditor General's findings make it likely that OSAP will be a major target of government funding cuts.

The Board was updated on the provincial government's recent requirement for all Universities to establish a policy on free speech. It was explained that since the University already has a policy framework in place, the University has developed a Freedom of Expression web-page, housed on the President's Office website, which gathers together all the relevant policies and statements in relation to this issue.

Dr. Deane provided members with an update on federal research funding, noting that Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport, announced funding of \$275M over the next five years in Tri-Agency Funding. The Vice-President (Research)'s office will be supporting applications on behalf of the University. The federal government is also engaged in a consultation around the Canada Foundation for Innovation and a survey

has recently been sent to institutions.

b. Minute of Appreciation

Dr. Deane informed the Board of Governors of the passing of Dr. Delsworth Harnish.

Dr. Harnish had a distinguished career at McMaster and his contributions to the University have spanned nearly 35 years. Following his graduation from Queen's University with a B.Sc. and M.Sc., Delsworth completed his PhD in Biology at McMaster. After successful post-doctoral work at the University of Alberta and Harvard University, he joined McMaster as a faculty member in 1984 in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine. Since this time, Del has been a passionate and innovative teacher, winning awards including the President's Award for Teaching Excellence and the prestigious 3M National Teaching Fellowship Award.

As an administrator, Dr. Harnish was known for his leadership, collaboration, and creativity. He was instrumental in developing McMaster's extremely successful Bachelor of Health Sciences Program, where he was the inaugural Assistant Dean, a position he held for 15 years. His success continued in his role as Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Education, Faculty of Health Sciences, where he developed unique programs such as the Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences Program and the Health Leadership Academy, both successful interdisciplinary collaborations. Dr. Harnish also worked to serve the university community and participated in governance as a member of the Board of Governors and Senate.

As an expression of our regard for the significant contributions of Dr. Harnish to McMaster University, it is moved that this Minute of Appreciation be recorded in the permanent minutes of the Board of Governors and a copy sent to his family.

11. REPORT FROM SENATE

a. Proposal to Establish the David Braley Centre for Antibiotic Discovery

At its meeting on December 12, Senate approved a recommendation from the University Planning Committee to establish the David Braley Centre for Antibiotic Discovery. The objectives of the Centre are to address issues related to antimicrobial resistance, identify new partnerships and diagnostic tools, as well as to become an international leader in antibiotic research and innovation.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish the David Braley Centre for Antibiotic Discovery, as recommended by Senate.

The Motion was *Carried*.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning and Resources Committee

i. Centre for Continuing Education Fees

It was explained that on November 21, 2018, the Planning and Resources Committee reviewed and approved, for recommendation to the Board of Governors, the proposed Centre for Continuing Education Fees. The material was also approved by the Budget Committee and Student Fees Committee

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the Centre for Continuing Education proposed tuition fees for 2019-2020, as circulated.

The Motion was *Carried*.

13. REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

a. Report from Health, Safety and Risk Management

Ms Morine provided an overview of the report from Health, Safety and Risk Management. In response to questions regarding the labelling of hazardous materials, it was explained that McMaster has inventoried approximately 25,000 materials and continues to work with its counterparts through the Council of Ontario Universities (COU).

b. Office of Equity and Inclusion – Annual Report

Ms Michaud provided an overview of the Office of Equity and Inclusion Annual Report.

c. Enrolment Figures

Mr. Van Koughnett and Dr. Thompson discussed McMaster's undergraduate and graduate student enrolment figures.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for the Open Session portion of the meeting.