
McMaster University

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Room, Gilmour Hall

PRESENT: Mr. P. Douglas (Chair), Ms. J. Allen, Mr. A. Colgoni, Ms. S. Cruickshanks, Dr. P. Deane, Mr. S. Donnelly, Dr. D. Farrar, Mr. D. Feather, Dr. C. Filipe, Mr. D. Horwood, Dr. R. Kleiman, Ms. S. McLarty, Mr. B. Merkel, Mr. R. Narro Perez, Mr. K. Nye, Dr. A. Niec, Ms. J. Rowe, Ms. F. Samji, Mr. J. Schertzer, Dr. D. Sloboda, Ms. C. Stefankiewicz, Dr. E. Szathmáry, Mr. T. Valeri, Dr. R. Walker, Ms. H. Ayre (University Secretary), Ms. M. Zheng (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
Dr. J. Heisz, Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology, Director, Neuro Fit Lab
Ms. A. Farquhar, Assistant Vice-President, Communications and Public Affairs

REGRETS RECEIVED: Ms. E. Alfanous, Ms. L. Brown, Dr. A. Holloway, Mr. D. Huctwith, Ms. R. Jamieson, Ms. J. Pike, Mr. N. Skelding, Mr. D. Williamson,

A. OPEN SESSION

1. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Douglas welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Ms Helen Ayre as Acting Secretary of the Board of Governors.

2. NOTICE OF MEETING – April 4, 2019

The Notice of Meeting was circulated on April 4, 2019.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – OPEN SESSION

Mr. Douglas 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 April 4, 2019, and that items 4-7 be approved or received for information by Consent.

The Motion was *Carried*.

CONSENT

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – March 7, 2019 (OPEN SESSION)

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2018 as circulated.

Approved by Consent

5. BUSINESS ARISING

6. REPORTS FROM SENATE

a. Proposal to Establish the Gladys Sharpe Chair in Nursing

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Gladys Chair Nursing, as outlined in the report from Senate.

Approved by Consent

b. Proposed Name Change – Boris Family Chair in Leukemia and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Translational Research

Motion

that the Board of Governors approve the name change of the Boris Family Chair in Human (Blood) Stem Cells to the Boris Family Chair in Leukemia and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Translational Research, as outlined in the report from Senate.

Approved by Consent

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Committee on University Advancement

i. Annual Report from University Advancement

The material was for information.

b. Remunerations Committee

i. Ratification of Tentative Agreement – Operations and Maintenance Employees

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the tentative agreement between McMaster University and UNIFOR, Local 5555, Unit 5 (Operations and Maintenance Employees) for a 26-month term effective October 1, 2018 expiring November 30, 2020, with terms outlined in the report from the Remunerations Committee.

Approved by Consent

REGULAR

8. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2019.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications for the meeting held on April 18, 2019.

10. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. Jennifer Heisz, Associate Professor, Kinesiology gave a presentation on the benefits of exercise for brain health.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

a. Report from the President

The Board was given an update on the University's rankings, noting that McMaster recently placed second in the world in the Times Higher Education Impact rankings. These international rankings recognize the impact universities are making in their own countries and on a global scale and are based on the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations. This is a great testament to all of the

University's work and focus on community engagement, building international partnerships, expanding research impact, and working to revise internal policies and approach, and will raise McMaster's profile both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Deane provided members with an update on the recent federal budget, highlighting several items of note for Canadian universities. With regard to student loans, it was explained that in addition to the lowering of interest rate, interest will no longer be accrued during the six-month non-repayment period after graduation.

Provincially, members were informed of several announcements that will impact the post secondary education sector in Ontario. Related to the forthcoming ancillary fee changes, it was explained that more detailed information has been released regarding the categorization of mandatory and optional fees. The University continues to work with the leadership of the McMaster Students Union (MSU), Graduate Student Association (GSA), and Student Societies to sort through the implications and impact of these changes.

Dr. Deane noted that provincial budget was delivered on April 11, 2019. It was explained that the province intends to move to an outcomes-based funding model to be achieved through the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process. The overall number of metrics in the SMA will be reduced from 28 to 10 with the metrics aligning with the government's priorities in skills and jobs outcomes, and economy and community impact. The University will have the flexibility to weigh the province's metrics to reflect McMaster's differentiated strategic goals and will be measured against targets based on historical performance. Members will be kept apprised of any developments in this area.

Members heard that the provincial government recently released a summary report of findings from the Student Voices on Sexual Violence survey undertaken in 2018. The announcement on March 19 was accompanied by a welcome announcement that the province plans to double its investment in the Women's Campus Safety grant. This additional funding will be used in support of our ongoing efforts to prevent sexual violence through prevention, education, supports and services.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive and Governance Committee

i. Revisions to Board By-Laws – Execution of Instruments and Title Changes

On March 7, 2019, the Board of Governors approved in principle, on the recommendation of the Executive and Governance Committee, updates to the Banking, Safekeeping, Sale of Securities, Borrowing, and Directions to CIBC Mellon Global Securities Resolutions and revisions to Appendix E – Resolution Respecting the Execution of Instruments by McMaster

University.

At the same meeting, the Board of Governors approved in principle, on the recommendation of the Executive and Governance Committee, revisions to Appendix E – Resolution Respecting the Execution of Instruments by McMaster University. The material was also approved by the Planning and Resources Committee and is now presented to the Board of Governors for final approval.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the attached Banking, Safekeeping, Sale of Securities, Borrowing, and Directions to the CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company resolutions, and amendment to the University By-Laws.

The Motion was *Carried*.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the attached revisions to Appendix E - Resolution Respecting the Execution of Instruments by McMaster University.

The Motion was *Carried*.

ii. Terms of Reference – Audit and Risk Committee

On April 17, 2019, the Executive and Governance Committee reviewed and approved revisions to By-Law 5(a) – Audit Committee and is now presented to the Board of Governors for approval in principle. It was noted that amendments to the by-laws require two meetings of the Board, one to provide notice of motion, and a second to vote.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve in principle the attached revisions to By-Law 5(a) – Audit Committee within the Board of Governors By-Laws.

The Motion was *Carried*.

b. Planning and Resources Committee

i. Restatement of Plan Texts

On March 28, 2019 the Planning and Resources Committee reviewed and approved for recommendation to the Board of Governors, Amendment #1 and a restatement of the Plan 2000 text incorporating Amendment #1. The material was also approved by the Pension Trust Committee.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve Amendment #1 to the Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College 2000 and the text of the Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College 2000 (as amended and restated effective January 1, 2019) and incorporating Amendment #1, as contained in the attached report.

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 for the period of February 13, 2019 – March 22, 2019.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

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