
McMaster University

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

October 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Room, Gilmour Hall

PRESENT: Mr. P. Douglas (Chair), Ms J. Allen, Ms E. Alfanous, Mr. A. Colgoni, Ms. S. Cruickshanks, Dr. P. Deane, Mr. S. Donnelly, Dr. D. Farrar, Mr. D. Feather, Dr. C. Filipe, Mr. D. Horwood, Ms R. Jamieson, Mr. C. Keizer, Dr. R. Kleiman, Ms S. McLarty, Mr. B. Merkel, Mr. R. Narro Perez, Dr. A. Niec, Mr. K. Nye, Ms J. Pike, Ms F. Samji, Mr. N. Skelding, Dr. J. Schertzer, Ms. C. Stefankiewicz, Mr. T. Valeri, Mr. D. Williamson, Ms C. Garneau (University Secretary), Mr. M. Downard (Associate University Secretary), Mr. T. Paul (Governance Coordinator)

OBSERVERS: Ms E. Davies, Dr. M. Grignon, Ms D. Henne, Dr. B. Levy, Dr. K. Mossman, Ms M. Williams

INVITED: Dr. A. al Shaibah, Associate Vice-President, Equity and Inclusion
Dr. L. Waverman, Dean, Faculty of Business
Dr. S. McCracken, Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Business
Ms. W. McKenna, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ms S. Mitchell, Director of Administration, Faculty of Business
Ms L. Morine, Associate Director, Health, Safety and Risk Management

REGRETS RECEIVED: Ms L. Brown, Mr. R. Couldrey, Dr. D. Harnish, Dr. A. Holloway
Dr. P. O'Byrne, Ms J. Rowe, Dr. D. Sloboda, Dr. E. Szathmáry,
Ms J. Rowe, Mr. M. Runciman,

A. OPEN SESSION

1. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

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

2. NOTICE OF MEETING – October 4, 2018

The Notice of Meeting was circulated on October 4, 2018.

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 October 18, 2018, and that items 4-7 be approved or received for information by Consent.

The Motion was *Carried*.

CONSENT

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – June 8, 2018 (OPEN SESSION)

Motion:

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

Approved by Consent

5. BUSINESS ARISING

6. REPORT FROM SENATE

a. Establishment of the F.L Johnson Chair in Women’s Reproductive Health Research

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the F.L Johnson Chair in Women’s Reproductive Health Research, as outlined in the report from Senate.

Approved by Consent

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive and Governance Committee

i. Centre for Networked Media and Performance

ii. Establishment of the McMaster Chair in Health Technology Management

The material was for information.

b. Remunerations Committee

i. Ratification of Tentative Agreement

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the tentative agreement between McMaster University and UNIFOR, Local 5555, Unit 3 (Parking Services) for a 3-year term expiring September 30, 2021, 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 June 7, 2018.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications for the meeting held on October 18, 2018.

10. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. al Shaibah, Associate Vice-President (Equity and Inclusion), gave a presentation on McMaster's Strategic Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Framework and Action Plan.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Dr. Deane discussed McMaster's annual Ottawa Day, noting that it has recently been expanded to include a second day. Over the two days, the McMaster team met with government officials in areas related to health, science, innovation and technology. Members were provided with an update on the University's relations with the federal government.

Dr. Deane discussed the provincial government's requirement for universities to establish a policy on free speech, explaining that the University is developing a web-page which will contain all relevant policies and statements. McMaster continues to build relations with the provincial government and is monitoring ongoing discussions at Queen's Park.

The Board was given an update on world university rankings, including the recently published Time Higher Education World University Rankings in which McMaster moved up one spot from 78th to 77th. It was also noted that McMaster had moved up two places to 4th in the medical/doctoral category in Maclean's annual rankings of Canadian

universities. Members were updated on the University's work related to understanding the factors and data driving the rankings.

Members heard that McMaster engineering alumna Dr. Donna Strickland recently won the Nobel Prize in Physics, the first woman to do so in 55 years and one of only three in the history of the award.

12. REPORT FROM SENATE

a. Proposal to Establish the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research

At its meeting on October 10, 2018, Senate approved a proposal to establish the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research. CanChild is a research and educational centre founded in 1989 with funding provided by the provincial government. CanChild has become an international leader in childhood disability and child health through innovative research and a commitment to making its findings accessible to a wide range of audiences.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the proposal to establish the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research, as recommended by Senate.

The Motion was *Carried*.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Audit Committee

i. Annual Financial Report

Members were informed that the Annual Financial Report was reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee on October 4, 2018. It was also reviewed by the Planning and Resources Committee on September 27, 2018. It was explained that the Annual Financial Report 2017-2018 consists of a detailed financial analysis and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2018.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the Annual Financial Report 2017-2018, which includes the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2018.

The Motion was *Carried*.

ii. **Appointment of External Auditor**

The Audit Committee met on October 4, 2018 and reviewed and approved the re-appointment of KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants as the auditors for McMaster University for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the re-appointment of KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants as the auditors for McMaster University for the 2018- 2019 fiscal year.

The Motion was *Carried*.

a. **Planning and Resources Committee**

i. **Pension Plan Text Restatement**

On September 27, 2018, the Planning and Resources Committee reviewed and approved the proposed restatement of the Salaried Pension Plan texts. The material was also approved by the Pension Trust Committee on September 13, 2018. Details of the text are contained in Attachment I of the circulated report.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the restated plan texts for the Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College 2000 (Amended and restated effective January 1, 2019) and the Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College (Amended and restated effective January 1, 2019), as contained in the report from the Planning and Resources Committee.

The Motion was *Carried*.

14. **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.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

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