
McMaster University

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Room, Gilmour Hall

PRESENT: Mr. P. Douglas (Chair), Ms. E. Alfanous, Ms. L. Allan, Ms. J. Allen, Mr. A. Colgoni, Ms. S. Cruickshanks, Dr. P. Deane, Dr. D. Farrar, Mr. D. Feather, Dr. C. Filipe, Dr. A. Holloway, Mr. D. Horwood, Mr. D. Huctwith, Dr. R. Kleiman, Ms. S. McLarty, Mr. B. Merkel, Mr. R. Narro Perez, Mr. K. Nye, Dr A. Niec, Mr. J. Schertzer, Ms. C. Stefankiewicz, Dr. E. Szathmáry, Dr. R. Walker, Ms. C. Garneau (University Secretary), Ms. M. Zheng (Associate University Secretary), Mr. T. Paul (Governance Coordinator)

OBSERVERS: Ms. B. Couchman, 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. C. Emerson, Director, Institute on Ethics & Policy for Innovation,
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities

REGRETS RECEIVED: Ms. L. Brown, Mr. S. Donnelly, Ms. R. Jamieson, Ms. J. Rowe, Ms. J. Pike, Ms F. Samji, Mr. N. Skelding, Dr. D. Sloboda, Mr. T. Valeri, Mr. D. Williamson,

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 – February 21, 2019

The Notice of Meeting was circulated on February 21,2019.

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 March 7, 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 – December 13, 2018 (OPEN SESSION)

Motion:

that the Board of Governors approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2018 as circulated.

Approved by Consent

5. BUSINESS ARISING

6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

a. McMaster Museum of Art – Annual Report

The material was for information.

b. McMaster Museum of Art – Appendices

The material was for information.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive and Governance Committee

i. Revisions to Terms of Reference for the Vice-Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences and Associate Dean, Graduate Studies (Health Sciences)

The material was for information.

ii. McMaster Research Ethics Board Revised Terms of Reference

The material was for information.

iii. Research Ethics Appeals Board Revised Terms of Reference

The material was for information

REGULAR

8. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2018.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications for the meeting held on March 17, 2019.

10. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. Claudia Emerson, Director, Program on Ethics & Policy for Innovation and Associate Professor, Philosophy, gave a presentation on Ethical, Social, and Cultural (ESC) thinking and its impact in global health.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

a. Report from the President

Dr. Deane provided members with an update on McMaster's recent Chancellor search, explaining that since the last meeting, the University Senate has formally appointed Santee Smith as the next Chancellor. Santee is a renowned artist, dancer, choreographer, and a two-time McMaster graduate. Ms. Smith's term will begin on September 1, 2019.

Members were informed of several announcements made by the provincial government that will impact funding for Universities and students. With respect to tuition, the 2019-2020 tuition cut is expected to reduce university revenue in Ontario by approximately \$360M. In anticipation of potential cuts, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Administration), in collaboration with the Deans, have been modelling potential scenarios in order to preserve the financial well being of the institution.

Related to ancillary fees, a new classification framework will be introduced which establishes mandatory and optional fees. It was explained that mandatory fees relate to matters considered core services, which all students will be required to contribute to. Students will have the ability to opt-out of paying for services deemed non-essential. In response to questions, it was noted that the University has been working closely with the McMaster Students Union to understand the impact of the new framework on its services.

Dr. Deane noted the recent changes to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), explaining that the non-needs based portion for the Ontario Student Grant (OSG) will be eliminated. The income thresholds associated with the OSG will be reduced and students eligible to receive grants and loans will now receive a larger portion of their aid as Ontario Student Loans. Changes are also being made to the repayment provisions for student loans.

The Board was given an update on the federal governments focus on integrated learning. Members also heard of McMaster's work in the development of a new made in Canada Athena SWAN initiative, intended to recognize post-secondary institutions commitments towards advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in the research community.

Members heard that McMaster was recognized as one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers by MediaCorp and the Globe and Mail.

b. Minute of Appreciation

Dr. Deane informed the Board of Governors of the passing of Dr. Donald Green.

It is with great sadness that the Board of Governors of McMaster University notes the passing of Dr. Donald M. Green.

Dr. Green was born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1932 and graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic University in mechanical engineering. He has held executive or governance roles in many enterprises and gave generously of his time to public service. In 1980, Don was awarded the Order of Canada, the highest civilian honour bestowed on Canadians.

Dr. Green joined the University's Board and served as a committee member for the Changing Tomorrow, Today Campaign. He was named Vice Chair of the Board and then Chair in 2006. He would serve as a cabinet member for The Campaign for McMaster University 2006-2010. In 2008, he received an honorary Doctorate of Law from McMaster.

As an expression of our regard for the contributions of Dr. Donald M. Green 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.

12. REPORT FROM SENATE

a. Amendment of Item 42 of the Tenure and Promotion Policy

At its meeting on February 13, 2019, the Senate approved a recommendation from the Committee on Appointments to amend Item 42 of the Tenure and Promotion Policy.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the amendment of Item 42 of the Tenure and Promotion Policy, as contained in the report from the Senate.

The Motion was *Carried*.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive and Governance Committee

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

At its meeting on February 28, 2019 the Executive and Governance Committee reviewed and approved 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. The material was also approved by the Planning and Resources Committee. It was explained that amendments to By-Laws require two meetings of the Board, one to provide notion of motion, and a second for final approval.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

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

The Motion was *Carried*.

b. Planning and Resources Committee

i. Salaried Plan Actuarial Valuations

On February 14, 2019, the Planning and Resources Committee reviewed and

approved for recommendation to the Board of Governors, the 2018 salaried pension plan valuations. The material was also approved by the Pension Trust Committee.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the results of the Actuarial Valuation for Funding Purposes as at July 1, 2018 for the Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College (Plan 2000) and the Actuarial Valuation for Funding Purposes as at July 1, 2018 for the Contributory Pension Plan for Salaried Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College (Original Plan) and be filed with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and the Canada Revenue Agency.

The Motion was *Carried*.

ii. Restatement of Plan Texts

At its meeting on February 14, 2019, the Planning and Resources Committee reviewed and approved, for recommendation to the Board of Governors, the Hourly Plan text restatement, effective January 1, 2019.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED,

that the Board of Governors approve the Contributory Pension Plan for Hourly-Rated Employees of McMaster University Including McMaster Divinity College (Amended and restated effective January 1, 2019), as contained in the attachment.

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 for the period of November 16, 2018 – February 12, 2019.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

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