



BOARD OF GOVERNORS – OPEN SESSION
Approved Minutes

Friday, June 13, 2014
8:00 a.m. Waterton Lakes Lodge

- Present:** G. Jong (Chair), G. Adamson, A. Amelinckx, J. Berezan, R. Corbiere, J. Copeland, M. Gray, C. Hollingsworth, B. Kunz, M. Mahon, R. Masson, S. McClellan, M. Persinger, R. Scrimshaw, M. Smith, S. Sproule, S. Talbot, J. Varzari
- Regrets:** P. Forrest
- Other:** J. Gallais (recording secretary), L. Brown, M. Carrell, L. Corbiere, S. Glydon, A. Hakin, C. Horbachewski, N. Walker

Welcomed new members Sean Glydon, SU President and Mark Carrell, GSA President.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL

- 1.1. Approval of the June 13, 2014, Open Agenda
- 1.2. Approval of the April 24, 2014, and June 5, 2014 Open Minutes

MOTION: opn.2014.06.01

Waters/Scrimshaw

*That the Board of Governors approve the June 13, 2014
Consent Agenda.*

Motion: Carried

2. BOARD CHAIR REMARKS

G. Jong had nothing to report.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

M. Mahon reported on:

Meetings: Western Economic Diversification on THINC \$5-6 million proposal; July 14th Government Innovation Forum re: Alberta innovates system- changes being discussed meeting so see what changes might take place; quarterly meeting April 30 – Board Chair and President with Minister coincided with the celebration of life at UofC to honour the murdered students.

The new social innovation endowment fund – good for social sciences and humanities. The three presidents met with the Premier to propose increase in funding for graduate students and fulsome proposal is in front of Premier

Around campus:

TD Bank announcement- \$400,000 for the First Nation gathering and transition program.
The long service awards and retiree luncheon were held on campus.
Wonderful news Calvision Microsoft Imagine Cup – we made the finals. \$50,000 prize and a meeting with Bill Gates. Two Graduate students are our team. Very big deal for the University, and they are the only Canadian team in this category.
Active shooter video release – strategy around making safe campuses.
Conoco Philips – positive meeting regarding water and First Nations work.
Attended many events around convocation, which was a great week.
ASPIRE program
Cor van Raay announcement – Thursday June 19th at CASA
Jim Coutts celebration of life July 6 Coutts property
Funding tuition model meeting
MOU signing at Red Crow outstanding event- we met there as a board and gifted them a replica of our buffalo that sits on our campus.

4. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

S. McClellan reported on:

Convocation was a great week with many great events including Alumni Reception.
Attended one UofA Convocation in agriculture where Dr. Alex McCalla from Brown University in California was the Honorary Degree Recipient.
She indicated the Cor van Raay gift is a great announcement for agriculture, and June 19th is also the dinner for the Retiring Senators that evening.

5. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

5.1. 2013-14 Annual Report

MOTION: opn.2014.06.02

Berezan/Persinger

That the Board of Governors approves the 2013-14 Annual Report.

Motion: Carried

5.2. Health Services Quality Institute

MOTION: opn.2014.06.03

Smith/Amelinckx

That the Board of Governors approves the establishment of the Health Services Quality Institute (HSQI).

Motion: Carried

A question arose that in the comprehensive institutional plan it was reported that it would occur in 2015, but the work of David Hill and group moved this forward. This vision is from when Markin Hall was created to merge Management and Health Sciences.

5.3. Board of Governors Vice-Chair Appointment

MOTION: opn.2014.06.04

Smith/Berezan

That the Board of Governors approve Janice Varzari as Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion: Carried

Marilyn was thanked for her time served, and Janice for taking this on.

5.4. Board of Governors Committee and Chair Membership

MOTION: opn.2014.06.05

Smith/Berezan

That the Board of Governors approve the undesignated committee membership as follows for the 2014- 2015 year starting on September 1, 2014:

Audit Committee: Jim Berezan (Committee Chair), Marianne Gray, Tim Waters, and Mark DeBlois.

Advancement Committee: Patrick Forrest (Committee Chair), Winston Chow, Richard Masson, Roger Swierstra, Anil Tahiliani, Jeff Wilson.

Compensation Committee: Blaine Kunz.

Executive Committee: Marianne Gray.

Governance Committee: Janice Varzari (Committee Chair), Blaine Kunz, Jennifer Copeland, Ron Scrimshaw, and Sean Glydon.

Finance Committee: Jim Berezan (Committee Chair), Ron Corbiere, Tim Waters, and Doug McArthur.

Motion: Carried

5.5. GFC Strategic Planning Committee Board Appointment

MOTION: opn.2014.06.06

Mahon/Copeland

That the Board of Governors approve Marilyn Smith to serve as the Board of Governors representative on the Strategic Planning Committee, effective July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016.

Motion: Carried

Tim was thanked for serving, as he is just finishing on this Committee.

5.6. Compensation Committee Terms of Reference Revisions

MOTION: opn.2014.06.07

Varzari/Scrimshaw

That Board of Governors approves the attached revised Compensation Committee Terms of Reference, effective immediately.

Motion: Carried

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 2013-2014 Financial Statements Approved

J. Berezan explained the process of why we have to do approval as we do. Pressure from Auditor General – offering a session in fall about financial statements – Nancy and Jim doing a report – also noted that the Auditor General report is very good. Only recommendation we have is the one for all Universities and it is difficult to get – at least 5 years for all green lights. N. Walker and her team were thanked.

N. Walker reported the legislative compliance has 160 plus pieces, S. Sproule reported on our progress. Have unqualified audit opinion on financial statements. Highlighted internally restricted surplus and what it is. There still is surplus and this will be brought again for allocation to specific projects.

A comment arose on joint audit/finance meeting, maybe open it up to the entire board.

6.2 Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (CURIE) 2013 Annual Report

N. Walker is on the board for CURIE and wanted everyone to see financial reports – we have been a part of this for 20 years. This started because insurance premiums were getting very expensive and this was a decision to self-insure and there are 60 members. They come in and assess as well – large advantages and it is run well. Also received surpluses when reserves are healthy enough. This goes into self-insurance reserve for paying things below deductible. Question on failure to educate. Key risk is potential for members to all have to pay if a large event occurs. They have a significant reserve set aside though.

6.3 2013-14 Sport & Recreation Services Community Report

N. Walker indicated that annually we tell the City about participation rate from the community – it is a fabulous building and run well.

6.4 University Academic Pension Plan Annual Report

It was reported that it is a significant deficit like most pension plans – still struggling with changing it as we are paying too much at 26% and need approval as it is regulated to only be 18%. 75% of all members need to approve proposed changes and UofC and UofA vetoed the changes due to cost of living increases. Some Provincial Government bills are trying to get a handle on the liability and it is a significant concern for all Universities. We all approved it – ULFA/APO/Senior Admin. Question on lobbying by group – they met with the Government to discuss this and other concerns, not getting anywhere at the moment.

6.5 Board of Governors 2014/15 & 2015/16 Meeting Schedule

J. Gallais reported on the meeting schedule. Highlighted the March meeting which is being put on hold, as February and March are very close together. We are trying to not need the March meeting. The schedule also has some changes to the committee meetings. The last Audit/Finance meeting was hard going, so we have split the Committees over two days instead of squeezing all meetings into one day.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Nothing to add to the post-agenda report.

7.2. Vice-President (Advancement)

Highlight 2 events at the Coutts Centre: July 27 Shakespeare in the park; Sunday Aug 24 – Fine Arts are hosting an afternoon of art and music and painting the centre, followed by a concert by the Faculty/students. Following that will be an event at the Penny Building to display the art work created at the August 24 event.

Forty individuals attended the Vancouver alumni event, want it to grow, but it was a great event.

7.3. Vice-President (Finance & Administration)

Nothing to add.

7.4. Vice-President (Research)

Nothing to add.

7.5. Board Member Reports

Nothing reported.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: opn.2014.06.08

Masson/Scrimshaw

*That the Board of Governors open session meeting of June 13, 2014
be adjourned.*

Motion: Carried