

Attendance

Board Members <i>Public Members</i>	Carolyn Graham Chair	Annette Trimbee President and Vice-Chancellor
	Brittany Baltimore	Linda Banister
	Victor Cui	Adam Guiney
	Sandra Haskins	Martin Kennedy
	Julian Martin	Cynthia Onyegbula
	John Stelter	
<i>Chancellor</i>	Anthony Fields	
<i>Academic Staff Members</i>	Lucio Gelmini	Rafat Alam
<i>Non-Academic Staff Member</i>	Tim Barker	
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Scott Kashuba, Vice Chair	
<i>Student Members</i>	Gabriel Ambutong	Joseph La Torre
Resource Members and Guests	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Maureen Lomas, Vice-President Finance and Administration & CFO	
	Lara McClelland, Vice-President University Relations	
	Jason Fung, General Counsel	
	Jason Cobb, Chief of Staff	
	Craig Kuziemytsky	Kenway Yan
	Julie Green	Zack Suelzle
	Lisa Rochman	Sarah Branton
	Eva Revitt	Michelle Stevenson
	Richard Perlow	Stacy Johnson
	Christy Ramond	Soraya Granados Abad
	Kris Bruckmann	Andrea Proulx
	Robert Sabulka	Sara Read
	Sally Banek	Natalie Bender
	Corrine Longoz	Cristin Gimble
Office of University Governance	Sumiko Yip, University Secretary	
	Marco Turlione, Governance Officer, and Recording Secretary	
	Christian Zukowski, Governance Coordinator	
	Leah Stock, Governance Coordinator	
Absent with Regrets	Tracy Sopkow	Reg Joseph

PRESENTERS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Name	Agenda Item
N/A	N/A

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0.0	Land Acknowledgement
	C. Graham provided a land acknowledgement.
1.0	Call to Order
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm, noting that quorum was present.
	The Chair welcomed Members to the first meeting of the 2024-25 governance cycle. Members provided introductions.
1.1	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived)
	No conflicts were declared.
1.2	Open and Consent Agenda (MOTION)
	MOTION #01-10-15-2024/25: Moved by J. Martin and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the open and consent agenda as presented.
	Motion Carried.
	*The consent agenda included the minutes from the meetings on May 23, 2024, and June 13, 2024, and the 2024/25 Committee Workplans, for approval; and the SAMU Audited Financial Statements, for information.
2.0	Reports
2.1	Board Chair's Report
	The Chair reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in a roundtable hosted by the Minister on Bill 18's impacts and access to research funding. Congratulated the President and Vice-Chancellor on their reappointment Highlighted the inaugural MacEwan President's Circle, fostering dialogue on post-secondary institutions' roles in community objectives. Noted Governors' attendance at the Invest Alberta Board reception and the State of the University Address, celebrating institutional progress. Acknowledged the Governors' strong participation in the Board Orientation and expressed gratitude to the team for their efforts in organizing it.
2.2	President's Report
	A. Trimbee reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Load Equivalents (FLE) grew by over 7%, with promising indicators for 2024/25. The university is on track to meet Teaching Greatness enrolment goals, supported by hiring faculty, academic staff, and support staff. Administration is addressing international student housing challenges in collaboration with the community and sector, noting that international students comprise about 5% of enrolment and are not relied upon for financial sustainability. Strategic enrolment management will be crucial as the institution continues to grow.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other highlights included Dr. Wells' appointment to the Senate of Canada and upcoming events such as the Chancellor Speaker Series and Governor General Symposium.
2.3	General Faculties Council Report A. Trimbee reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GFC first met on September 16 and will reconvene on October 28, with plans to approve the Academic Schedule. Updates to the GFC Bylaws introduced two new positions, and a reapportionment process is underway to ensure proper representation. GFC will approve a new Major, Bachelor program, and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, which will be presented at the next board meeting, along with the Bachelor of Social Work Action Plan in early 2025. All programs now include a Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) component, except those designed for working professionals or foundational programs for future learning. MacEwan continues to meet academic quality assurance requirements under Campus Alberta Quality Council.
2.4	Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report J. Stelter reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference, confirming no changes, and reviewed the 2024/25 Workplan.
2.5	Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair's Report
2.5.1	Governance and Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference (MOTION) MOTION#02-10-15-2024/25: Moved by J. Martin and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the delegation of authority for the approval of bargaining mandates and collective agreements for the institution to the Governance and Human Resources Committee as presented in the Terms of Reference. Motion Carried. The Chair presented the item. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revision permits collective bargaining mandates to be approved at the Committee level, consisting exclusively of public Board members. Peer institutions have similarly delegated authority to address potential conflicts. The Committee will continue to report its decisions to the Board.
2.5.2	Revised Policy Document Framework (MOTION) MOTION#03-10-15-2024/25: Moved by M. Kennedy and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the revised Policy Document Framework as well as the revised document policy. Motion Carried.

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	<p>The Chair presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions enable GFC to delegate policy approvals to its standing committees. • At MacEwan, policies are decentralized, with those directly involved best positioned to understand and apply them. • Institution-wide policies are presented to Deans Council to ensure administrative communication of changes. • All policy revisions undergo a mandatory public consultation period to facilitate transparent communication.
2.5.3	<p>Revised Establishing University Policy Documents Policy (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#04-10-15-2024/25: Moved by M. Kennedy and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the revised Establishing University Policy Documents Policy.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>The Chair presented the item. No discussion occurred.</p>
2.6	<p>Foundation Board of Directors' Report</p> <p>S. Haskins reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foundation Board of Directors explored ways to enhance the Foundation's value and purpose. • A working group will be established to review its structure and will present recommendations in the new year, with work set to begin within the next two months.
2.7	<p>Finance, Property, and Investment Committee Chair's Report</p> <p>S. Haskins reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommended revisions to the Terms of Reference and reviewed the 2024/25 Workplan. • The Investment Report was reviewed, with Administration considering a new outsourced Chief Investment Officer to evaluate the portfolio manager. While this could result in an accounting gain, no negative impacts are anticipated based on peer experiences. • A \$12 million surplus is forecasted, driven by increased FLEs, with discussions underway on the best use of the surplus.
2.7.1	<p>Finance, Property, and Investment Committee Terms of Reference (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION#04-10-15-2024/25: Moved by S. Kashuba and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the delegated authority for the Finance, Property and Investment Committee to approve the University's investment and cash management strategies as presented in the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>

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2.8	<p>Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee Chair's Report</p> <p>R. Joseph reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference, confirming no changes, and reviewed the 2024/25 Workplan.
2.8.1	<p>2023/24 Annual Report: Additional Reporting Requirements (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION #05-10-15-2024/25: Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the additional appendices to the 2023/24 Annual Report required by the Government of Alberta.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>R. Joseph presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item, previously approved, was revisited over the summer after the Ministry requested additional information, requiring the full report to be resubmitted with four added appendices. Following Board approval, the Office of the Auditor General will conduct another review, with a submission deadline to the government of November 30, 2024.
2.8.2	<p>Strategic Vision Dashboard Update</p> <p>R. Joseph presented the item. No discussion occurred.</p>
3.0	<p>Adjournment of Open Session</p> <p>The Chair adjourned the Open Session at 5:03 pm.</p>