

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	Reg Joseph
	Martin Kennedy	Julian Martin
	Cynthia Onyegbula	John Stelter
<i>Chancellor</i>	Anthony Fields	
<i>Academic Staff Members</i>	Lucio Gelmini	Rafat Alam
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Scott Kashuba, Vice Chair	Tracy Sopkow
<i>Non-Academic Staff Member</i>	Tim Barker	
<i>Student Members</i>	Nathan Poon	Andrei Santiago
Resource Members	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Maureen Lomas, Vice-President Finance and Administration & CFO	
	Lara McClelland, Vice-President University Relations	
	Jason Fung, General Counsel	
Guest	Jason Cobb, Chief of Staff	
Observers	Melike Schalomon	Craig Kuziemsky
	Christy Raymond	Lisa Rochman
	Sally Banek	Julie Green
Office of University Governance		
Sumiko Yip, University Secretary		Marco Turlione, Scribe
Christian Zukowski		Leah Stock
Ginikachi Ugwuegbu		
Absent, with regrets		
Julian Martin		Rafat Alam

PRESENTERS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Name	Agenda Item
N/A	N/A

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0.0	Land Acknowledgement
	The Chair provided the land acknowledgement.
1.0	Call to Order

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	The Chair called the Open Session to order at 2:10 pm, noting that quorum was present.
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 #BOG-01-06-12-2024/25: Moved by L. Banister 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 meeting on March 27, 2025, the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference Update, AI Systems Governance Policy, Annual Transfer Agreement for approval, and the 2025/26 Investment Management Agreement Targets for information.
2.0	Reports
2.1	Board Chair’s Report The Chair reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed members to the final meeting of the 2024/25 governance year and extended appreciation for their ongoing commitment and contributions. Congratulations were extended to Minister Myles McDougall on his recent appointment. The Chair had the opportunity to meet with him and provide a tour of the new School of Business building. Chancellor Fields was recognized for his exceptional leadership and tireless ambassadorship. As of July 1, 2025, Chancellor Fields will hold the title of Chancellor Emeritus in recognition of his service. Appreciation was extended to L. Gelmini and A. Guiney, whose terms will conclude in August 2025. Both served two full terms and were thanked for their energy, commitment, and contributions to the University. Congratulations were offered to V. Cui on his election to the Canadian Olympic Committee, and to S. Haskins, recognized by Electricity Canada for her leadership and industry contributions. The Chair acknowledged a student artist who created a meaningful gift for the Board. The piece, rooted in cultural tradition and personal expression, was observed for its visual impact and significance.
2.2	President’s Report A. Trimbee reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring and Summer enrollment increased by over 500 students and overall growth projected between 10 and 12% for the upcoming academic year. The Registrar is advancing admissions and retention strategies and working to raise the University’s profile in Edmonton.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board Chair and President met with the provincial Mintz Panel to discuss institutional funding. The University emphasized the opportunity to align funding models with institutional growth, demographic trends, and labour market demand. MacEwan officially opened its Immersive Learning Centre of Excellence, its fourth Canada Research Chair supported centre, highlighting cross-academic student involvement. From May 12 to 15, the University also hosted the C2UExpo, welcoming over 600 participants under the theme Partners in Place. The University continues to build strategic partnerships, including work on memoranda of understanding with the Winspear Centre, the Alberta Motor Association, and participation in Build Edmonton Metro initiatives. MacEwan Athletics launched a refreshed brand for the Griffins, strengthening team identity and student engagement. The Centre for Teaching and Learning launched a new academic journal focused on Pedagogical Inquiry and Practice focused on the scholarship of teaching and learning.
2.3	<p>General Faculties Council Report</p> <p>A. Trimbee reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections were held for the GFC Vice-Chair position, and a member was nominated to serve on the Board of Governors. New members were welcomed to GFC, and departing members were thanked for their service. The 2025/26 Academic Schedule was approved, including a compressed Fall Term. GFC also conducted its first self-evaluation, and prompted a discussion on structural elements, committee delegation, and the evolving culture of a larger, more representative council. GFC also approved the Bachelor of Social Program Review Action Plan as part of ongoing quality assurance processes, aimed at fostering continuous improvement through peer review and evidence-based recommendations.
2.4	<p>Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report</p> <p>J. Stelter reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee met on May 29 and June 4 and recommended approval of the financial statements. The Committee also recommended the Board approve revisions to terms of reference and the internal control policy.
2.5	<p>Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair's Report</p> <p>T. Sopkow reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee met on June 5 and recommended the AI Governance Policy for Board approval. The policy clarifies roles and responsibilities related to oversight of AI systems and serves as a step toward establishing institutional AI processes and procedures.
2.6	<p>Foundation Board of Directors' Report</p> <p>S. Haskins reported on the following:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foundation provided a recommendation on the Annual Transfer Agreement and received an update on the Return of Investment: Cost of Fundraising, and the Alumni and Development Q4 report. The University saw its second-highest year for donations, with staffing and costs remaining stable. Overall performance reflects year-over-year improvement and aligns with comparator benchmarks.
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 met on June 5, and several items were recommended for approval, including an update on the Investment Management Agreement and the Annual Transfer Agreement. Authorization for the annual transfer from the Grant MacEwan University Foundation and the appropriation of funds from the accumulated operating surplus to the internally restricted accumulated surplus was recommended to the Board of Governors. Amendments to several finance and budget policies were approved, focusing on non-substantive changes to separate procedures from core policy content.
2.7.1	<p>2025/26 to 2027/28 Financial Plan (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION #BOG-02-06-12-2024/25: Moved by M. Kennedy and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2025/26 to 2027/28 Financial Plan. Motion Carried.</p> <p>S. Haskins presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment and potential mitigation strategies were outlined, with particular emphasis on the impact of multi-year commitments such as faculty hiring and resource allocation aligned with the strategic vision. Assumptions include no increases to government funding despite rising student enrolment. Tuition increases and cost-of-living adjustments are also factored into the forecast. The plan underscores the need for mindful growth and strategic allocation of resources. External factors such as tariff costs, professional services, and federal immigration policy continue to add forecasting uncertainty. Programming adjustments are not included in the plan. Focus remains on supporting the Provost and academic leaders in identifying areas of sustainable growth, with no plans to close existing programs.
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 met on June 5 and recommended the 2024/25 Annual Report for Board approval.

		2.8.1	<p>2024/25 Annual Report (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION #BOG-03-06-12-2024/25: Moved by L. Banister and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the draft 2024/25 Annual Report, as presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p>R. Joseph presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion at the Committee highlighted that the government uses this report for its consolidated budget and expects consistent performance measures. Committee satisfaction with the report was expressed. • Plans for communication with the community include potentially releasing the financial statements accompanied by a narrative from the President and Board Chair.
3.0	Adjournment of Open Session		<p>The Chair adjourned the Open Session 2:43 pm and wished MacEwan faculty, staff, and students a good summer break.</p>