

December 10, 2020

Open Session

6:01 – 6:37 p.m.

Meeting by Webex

Board Members:	Carolyn Graham, Chair	Annette Trimbee, President
<i>Public Members</i>	Adam Guiney, Vice Chair	Cameron Barr
	Janice Sarich	Jasmine Nuthall
	John Stelter	Julian Martin
	Linda Banister	Meghan DeRoo McConnan
	Samantha Kernahan	
<i>Academic Staff Members</i>	Aimee Skye	Lucio Gelmini
<i>Non-Academic Staff Member</i>	Nina Delling	
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Tracy Sopkow	Scott Kashuba
<i>Student Members</i>	Sean Waddingham	Myles Dykes
Vice Presidents:	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Michelle Plouffe, Vice-President and General Counsel	
	Myrna Khan, Vice-President University Relations	
	Rick Ellis, Acting Vice-President, Resources and People; Associate Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	
Resource Members:	Gwen Bauer, University Secretary	
	Marg Leathem, Chief of Staff	
	Sumiko Yip, Director, Strategic Initiatives	
	Bronwyn Sneffjella, Governance Associate and Recording Secretary	
	Marco Turlione, Governance Coordinator	
Guest:	David McLaughlin, Registrar	
Absent, with regrets:		

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0.0 Land Acknowledgement

1.0 Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01, noting quorum was present.

1.1 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived)

No conflicts declared.

1.2 Approval of Open Agenda (MOTION)

MOTION #04-12-10-2020/21: Moved by J. Sarich and seconded that the Board of Governors approves the December 10, 2020, agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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1.3 Approval of Consent Agenda (MOTION)

MOTION #05-12-10-2020/21: Moved by J. Stelter and seconded that the Board of Governors approves the December 10, 2020, consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

*The consent agenda received the following for information, Board Professional Development and Board Correspondence Report. It also included the approval of the October 8, 2020 minutes, the Harassment and Violence Policy, and the Financial Consideration of New Major of Digital Experience Design (DXD) – Letter of Intent.

2.0 Reports
2.1 Board Chair's Report

- Recognition of MacEwan faculty and administration given a challenging 2020.
- Chancellor process has launched public webpage with a deadline of February 15, 2021 for submissions.
- The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree has been approved by the Province.

2.2 President's Report

- Faculty and administration have adapted during this challenging time.
- Successful virtual Open House held in November.
- Installation of President went well.
- Dean Gilliland has been reappointed for a second five-year term.
- MacEwan signed an MOU with TEC Edmonton who will have business intern scholarships available to our students. This MOU reflects TEC Edmonton's desire to hire more MacEwan students.
- A virtual event will occur celebrating the awarding of the Allard Chair of Business to Naseem Bashir, President and CEO, Williams Engineering Canada.
- Work on equity, diversity and inclusivity is occurring throughout campus, most recent example being of Dr. Costen being invited to a discussion by an organization supporting black entrepreneurs.
- Kate White, Deputy Minister of Jobs, Economy, and Innovation gave an economic update and a look at the province's forecasts.

2.3 General Faculties Council (GFC) Report

The President hosted a workshop focused on discussing the importance of bicameral governance in the post-secondary sector. The resulting discussion will inform a letter the President is sending to the Minister of Advanced Education.

2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report

J. Nuthall referred to a discussion about tender exemptions, and no major issues were raised.

2.5 Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair's Report

L. Banister provided a brief report, noting that most of the Committee's discussion focused on the Board Professional Development plan.

2.6 Finance, Property and Investment Committee Chair's Report

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M. DeRoo McConnan reported the committee had a robust discussion on the Campus Master Plan and Investment Report. Review of the Foundation's September 30, 2020 financial report and MacEwan's Q1 Financial Report. Nothing substantive to highlight. The committee confirmed that the new Bachelor of Design Digital Experience Design Major is resource neutral. The tuition and fees discussion, now before Board.

2.6.1 Tuition Fees for 2020/21 (**MOTION**)

MOTION #06-12-10-2020/21: Moved by M. DeRoo McConnan and seconded That the Board of Governors approve the 2021/22 tuition for domestic and international students as well as the mandatory non-instructional fees in accordance with the following:

1. Increase domestic tuition fees by an annual average of 7% as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. Increase international tuition fees in accordance with Attachment 3.
3. Increase mandatory non-instructional fees in accordance with Attachment 4.
4. Consider redirecting up to 1% of tuition revenue to increase the distribution of bursaries to the university's vulnerable student population. Motion carried with 2 opposing.
 - Commentary on difficulty of this coming ahead of Provincial Budget.
 - Cycle of planning for changes to tuition fees, is at a time when students are thinking about where to apply. Change to fiscal year end to March will help better align.
 - Expecting cumulative Campus Alberta Grant reductions.
 - A. Trimbee acknowledges it is a significant decision in the absence of knowing the Provincial budget but need to make one in order to communicate to students in advance. To ease the burden of higher tuition and fees, it is hoped that financial support to most vulnerable students will be found through enhanced scholarships, awards and bursaries.

2.7 Foundation Board of Directors' Report

M. DeRoo McConnan provided an update on the Alumni and Development report and the Foundation's Financial report as at September 30, 2020.

2.8 Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee Chair's Report

J. Sarich provided a brief report and discussed the 2019/2020 Annual Report. The report was reviewed by the GFC and recommended the report be forwarded to the Board for approval. The report outlines the progress achieved during the year in relation to MacEwan's 2019/20 to 2021/22 Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP).

2.8.1 Annual Report 2019/20 (**MOTION**)

MOTION #07-12-10-2020/21: Moved by J. Sarich and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2019/20 Annual Report for submission to the Minister of Advanced Education in accordance with the *Post-secondary Learning Act*. Motion Carried.

3.0 Adjournment of Open Session

Session was adjourned at 6:37 pm.