

June 3, 2021
Open Session
4:04 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting by Webex

Board Members:	Carolyn Graham, Chair	Annette Trimbee, President
<i>Public Members</i>	Adam Guiney, Vice Chair	Cameron Barr
	Linda Banister	John Stelter
	Julian Martin	Samantha Kernahan
	Reg Joseph	
<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>	Myles Dykes	Larissa Williams
Vice Presidents:	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Michelle Plouffe, Vice-President and General Counsel	
	Myrna Khan, Vice-President University Relations	
	Sharilee Fossum, Vice-President Finance and Administration, and Chief Financial Officer	
Resource Members:	Marg Leathem, Chief of Staff	
	Sumiko Yip, Director, Strategic Initiatives	
	Bronwyn Sneffjella, Governance Officer and Recording Secretary	
	Marco Turlione, Governance Coordinator	
	Mike Gallagher, Director, Budget and Resource Planning	
	Kenway Yan, Director, Financial Services	
Absent, with regrets:	Jasmine Nuthall	
	Meghan DeRoo McConnan	
	Gwen Bauer, University Secretary	

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0.0	Land Acknowledgement Following the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, Chair Carolyn Graham made special recognition of the discovery of the remains of 215 indigenous children at the site of the former Kamloops Residential School on the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc.
1.0	Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s) The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm, noting quorum is present.
1.1	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived) No conflicts declared.
1.2	Approval of Open and Consent Agenda (MOTION)

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MOTION # 01-06-03-2020/21 Moved by A. Skye and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the meeting agenda and consent items for June 3, 2021.

Motion Carried.

*The consent agenda consisted of the approval of the minutes from the meeting on March 18, 2021, the Facilities Rental Policy, Parking Policy, Distinguished Alumni Policy, Alumni Policy, Employment Equity and Inclusion Policy, Recruitment Policy and the Board Correspondence Report for information.

2.0 Reports

2.1 Board Chair's Report

- Graham welcomed new members, Reg Joseph and Larissa Williams, and provided a year in review, thanking the board, GFC and administration for their contributions over the last year.
- A number of accomplishments were highlighted including managing the pandemic, an all “green” response from the OAG on audit recommendations and progress on a new strategic vision.
- In addition to approving the budget, several milestone decisions are before the board including awarding of our first honorary doctorate and the election of our first chancellor.
- Next week the Board of Governors Research Chairs will be announced. These are awards recognize two researchers each year as a way to enhance the university's research profile.

2.2 President's Report

- An update of progress on the strategic visioning process was provided. The board will have an opportunity to review the draft vision and key directions later in the summer. An update was also provided on Alberta 2030 and ways in which the university's strategic vision and directions will show alignment.
- The Indigenous Advisory Council has been reconvened with an impressive new membership. The university continues to build and strengthen partnerships and are exploring new opportunities through these partnerships, including work with Edmonton International Airport, Boyle Street Community Services and Edmonton Public Libraries.
- An update on Spring 2021 Convocation was provided and will include curbside and some recorded components for viewing.
- Dr. Trimbee noted a number of changes in relation to academic and non-academic senior leaders, including Dr. Christy Raymond as Dean of Nursing, and noted that the university will be recruiting two new Deans. Dr. Wanda Costen, School of Business has accepted the role of Dean of Smith School of Business at Queen's and Dr. Fred McGinn will return to a faculty position in Health and Community Studies.

2.3 General Faculties Council Report

A. Trimbee reported on the following GFC items:

- GFC reconfirmed a set of Institutional Learning Outcomes developed over several years of work. Learning Outcomes are important in the development of

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curriculum and pedagogy. They identify, broadly, what students ought to be learning from a MacEwan University education. They link with more detailed outcomes at the program and course level.

- GFC received and approved the Action Plan for the Bachelor of Commerce. Action Plans are developed in response to academic Program Reviews which are significant undertakings to ensure the quality of our academic programs. The findings of the Program Review itself, were very positive.

2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report

J. Stelter reported on the following on behalf of J. Nuthall:

- The Open session included the approval of the minutes from the Audit and Risk meeting on March 2, 2021.

2.5 Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair's Report

L. Banister reported on the following:

- The Committee recommended a number of policies to the Board for approval within the consent agenda, including the Employment Equity and Inclusion Policy and Recruitment Policy.

2.6 Finance, Property and Investment Committee Chair's Report

A. Skye reported on the following on behalf of M. DeRoo McConnan:

- The Committee recommended to the Board for approval the revised Facilities Rental Policy and the revised Parking Policy.
- They discussed plans for the fiscal year end transition – noting that the Committee and Board were provided a 9-month transitional budget.
- In addition, there was discussion about the Financial Plan and appropriation of surplus, and the first Investment Management Agreement, presented as separate motions today.

2.6.1 2021/22 to 2023/24 Financial Plan and Savings Plan **(MOTION)**

MOTION # 02-06-03-2020/21 Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the Board of Governors of Grant MacEwan University approves the 2021/22 to 2023/24 Financial Plan and a savings plan document with no amounts identified, subject to administration making minor edits to the document.
Motion carried.

S. Fossum provided high level overview of the financial and savings plan. The two documents are required to be submitted to government. Plan was developed based on established principles and in consideration of funding priorities. The plan reflects no change to the grant in future years and is based on principles and university priorities.

2.6.2 2021/22 Investment Management Agreements **(MOTION)**

MOTION # 03-06-03-2020/21 Moved by S. Kashuba and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2021/22 Investment Management Agreement for submission to the Minister of Advanced Education.

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	<p>Motion Carried</p> <p>S. Fossum provided a high-level overview. The IMA is a pilot, with work integrated learning as the one metric in relation to at risk funding. The next IMA will contain expanded metrics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A question was raised in relation to the application of programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, particularly sociology. S. Fossum responded that the definition applied to metric is program based rather than applied to student participation.
2.6.3	<p>Appropriation (MOTION)</p> <p>MOTION # 04-06-03-2020/21 Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the Board of Governors of Grant MacEwan University approve the following appropriation of the June 30, 2021 accumulated surplus from operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$10 million (maximum) to the new academic building internally restricted accumulated surplus; b. Any remaining balance of the June 30, 2021 accumulated surplus from operations to the campus development internally restricted accumulated surplus. <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>S. Fossum provided a high-level overview. There was discussion on the allocation of restricted funds. It was noted that the Board has discretion on allocating these funds, and this can be changed as priorities shift.</p>
2.7	<p>Foundation Board of Directors' Report</p> <p>A. Skye reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the Foundation financial plan of \$2,600,000 for 2021/22. • Kevin Fitzgerald, AVP, Alumni and Development, was appointed as Interim Secretary-Treasurer of The Grant MacEwan University Foundation, effective May 19, 2021. • In addition, the Foundation reviewed the Q3 Financial Report and Q3 Alumni and Development Report, noting very successful recent fund development activities.
2.8	<p>Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee Chair's Report</p> <p>A. Guiney reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommended to the Board the revised Alumni Awards Policy and the Distinguished Alumni Policy. • The Committee reviewed feedback from external stakeholder discussions on the strategic vision and received an update on the development and alignment with Alberta 2030, which will be further discussed at the Board retreat.

3.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:00.