

April 26, 2018  
Meeting #4-26-2017/18 Open  
4:00 p.m. - City Centre Campus Room 7-218

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Board Members:	Ione Challborn, Chair Deborah Saucier, President Cameron Barr, Public Board Member Sharon Budnarchuk, Public Board Member Alexandria Fisher, Public Board Member (arrived 4:30 p.m.) Lisa Jane de Gara, Public Board Member Nina Delling, Staff Association Member Meghan DeRoo McConnan, Public Board Member Beata Montgomery, Public Board Member Stephanie Nedoshytko, Student Member Jasmine Nuthall, Public Board Member Judy Piercey, Public Board Member Aimee Skye, Faculty Association Member Sarah Tokar, Public Board Member
Vice Presidents:	John McGrath, vice-president, Resources and People John Corlett, Provost & Vice President Academic Michelle Plouffe, general counsel and vice-president, Governance, Diversity and Inclusion
Board Office:	Elizabeth Hay, Governance Assistant Chelsea McNaughton, Governance Assistant
Guests	Parvin Sedighi, incoming SAMU president

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## MINUTES: OPEN SESSION

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

There were no declarations made.

#### 1.2 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

**MOTION #01-04-26-2017/18:** Moved and Seconded that the Board of Governors approves the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented, including:

- February 22, 2018 Open Session Board Meeting Minutes
- Appointment of the Academic Governance Council members for a two-year term from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2020;
  - Support/ Supervisory Staff: Krista Hanscomb
  - Deans: Craig Monk, Allan Gilliland, Fred McGinn, Vince Salyers, Debbie McGugan, Wanda Costen, Heather McRae, and
  - Senior Official: Mike Sekulic.

Carried.

### 2.0 New Business

#### 2.1 Presentations by Deans

Presentations were made by Dr. Fred McGinn, Faculty of Health and Community Studies and Dr. Vince Salyers, Faculty of Nursing.

## 2.2 Policy Development Update

M. Plouffe directed Board members to review the contents of their agenda package for current policy revisions; there were no questions.

## 3.0 Reports

### 3.1 Board Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed Parvin Sedighi, president-elect of the Students Association of MacEwan University thanked Stephanie Nedoshytko for her year of service and congratulated her on the commitments she has achieved as a Board Member.

The Chair also provided an update on the work with Government with regards to Executive Compensation and provided an update on Canadian University Boards Association conference (CUBA) that she attended in April.

### 3.2 President's Report

The President provided an update on activities since the last Board meeting, including: the Women in Leadership conference; Allard Chair reception for Theresa Spinelli; hosting the President's Gala at the Conservatory of Music; the Robbins Health Learning Centre's 10-year celebration; the Universities Canada Membership meeting in Vancouver to discuss free speech versus academic freedom; Michelle Obama's talk in Edmonton; and an Albertan Post-Secondary Institution Presidents' meeting regarding the Conflicts of Interest legislation. The President is also planning to connect with the indigenous nations' colleges and universities in Alberta to understand how MacEwan University could partner with those nations.

D. Saucier provided insight on funding announcements from the Government of Alberta: a 2% base grant increase, tuition freeze backfill payments, and the possibility of funding for high tech areas—though the criteria to date is unknown.

In follow-up to a request made by Pearson Education in November, to discuss how they could increase their indigenous educational offerings, Pearson attended a development session at kihêw waciston. The session was very well received by Pearson Education, and they donated \$5,000 to scholarships at MacEwan University.

### 3.3 Faculty Report

A. Skye commented that it would be great to see many Board, staff, and faculty members participate in the 2018 Pride Parade with MacEwan University. She continued that Monday, April 23 was student research day, which is an opportunity for students to show their work to parents and friends; and that this day was supported by faculty members assisting and guiding the research and work that students presented.

Finally, A. Skye reported that as of Tuesday, May 1, the Grant MacEwan Faculty Association will be members of the Canadian Association of University Teachers' Defense Fund, meaning if there was a strike or other hardship for the faculty association, they can have access to this additional pool of funds.

#### 3.4 Committee Reports

M. Plouffe and D. Saucier discussed the process of reporting from Board committees to the Board, and suggested instead of current practice (Board office writing the report that is submitted by the committee chair), that the committee chairs would give a five-minute verbal update at the Board meeting. D. Saucier confirmed that that the verbal reports would be minuted.

#### 4.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The Board of Governors Open Session was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.