

December 15, 2016
Open Session
Grant MacEwan University
Governors' Boardroom 7-218, City Centre Campus

Board members:	E. Barichello, Acting Chair D. Atkinson, President S. Budnarchuk, Public Board Member M. DeRoo McConnan, Public Board Member M. Fyfe, Public Board Member C. Graham, Public Board Member D. Halliwell, Public Board Member S. Hamilton, Public Board Member, via conference call E. Hurley, Vice Chair D. McConnell, Students' Association Member A. Skye, Faculty Association Member
Vice Presidents:	J. Corlett, Provost and Vice President Academic J. McGrath, Vice President Integrated Information and Communication Services and Chief Information Officer M. Plouffe, Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer B. Quinton, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Board Office:	M. Baptista, University Secretary G. Jones, Governance Assistant (Recording Secretary)
Absent, with regrets	A. Rhoads, MacEwan Staff Association Member
Guests:	K. Boros, Director, Employee and Labour Relations A. Canto Ellis, Executive Director, Alumni and Development M. Chisholm, Associate Vice President, Human Resources R. Ellis, Associate Vice President, Finance and Chief Investment Officer J. French, Executive Director, Grant MacEwan University Faculty Association J. Graney, Edmonton Journal A. Holleman, The Griff B. Horan, Internal Auditor M. Leathem, Chief of Staff H. McCrae, Dean, School of Continuing Education C. Monk, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences D. McLaughlin, Executive Director, Institutional Analysis and Planning K. Yan, Manager, Finance and Administration, Alumni and Development

MINUTES: OPEN SESSION**1.0 Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s)**

Barichello called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

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

No conflicts were declared.

1.2 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

The Board requested additional information regarding the classification of the Emeritus Policy as an administrative policy, which requires Board approval, as opposed to classifying it as an academic policy which would require approval by Academic Governance Council (AGC). Corlett explained this is a form of appointment and is related to Human Resources. Plouffe added that the question was also posed during the consultation process; given the

potential reputational risk associated with the title, it was felt this would fall under the Board's duties. She noted that only a full professor, as appointed through AGC will be given the title professor emeritus.

01-12-15-2016/17 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda and items on the consent agenda as circulated. Carried.

- 1.2.1 Previous Minutes: October 27, 2016
- 1.2.2 Correspondence
- 1.2.3 President's Newsletter
- 1.2.4 Faculty Association
- 1.2.5 MacEwan Staff Association
- 1.2.6 Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU)
 - 2015-16 SAMU Audited Financial Statements
- 1.2.7 Academic Governance Council (AGC)
 - 1.2.7.1 AGC Report
- 1.2.8 Campus Planning Committee Report
- 1.2.9 External Relations Committee Report
 - Terms of Reference (REAFFIRM)
 - Centre for Arts and Culture Key Messages Summary
- 1.2.10 Finance Committee Report
- 1.2.11 Foundation Board of Directors' Report
- 1.2.12 Governance and Human Resources Committee Report
- 1.2.13 Investment Committee Report
 - Terms of Reference (REAFFIRM)
- 1.2.14 Policy Approvals:
 - 1.2.14.1 Policy B3000 AGC Bylaws (REVISE)
 - 1.2.14.2 Policy D1308 Emeritus Professor (NEW)
 - 1.2.14.3 Policy D1305 Emeritus-Faculty and Administrators (RESCIND)

2.0 New Business

2.1 2015/16 Annual Report

Atkinson indicated the annual report has been prepared and reviewed by various individuals and groups within the University. Much of the content is specified by provincial guidelines. Once approved, the report will be submitted to the Minister.

A number of minor edits were suggested and the Board expressed appreciation to all who were involved in the development of the report on a job well done.

02-12-15-2016/17 Moved and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2015/16 Annual Report for submission to the Minister of Advanced Education in accordance with the legislative requirement set out in the Postsecondary Learning Act. Carried.

2.2 2017/18 Tuition and Service Fees

Atkinson reminded the Board of a previous conversation regarding international tuition. The current recommendation reflects the direction received at that meeting and has been approved by the Finance Committee. As mentioned previously, the additional revenue generated by the international tuition fees will be used to provide financial support to international students while also assisting domestic students to participate in learning abroad opportunities.

McConnell voiced a concern about the impact of the increased tuition costs for current international students and suggested there could be a grandfathering clause to ensure those students are able to complete their program.

Atkinson indicated that the ability to offer financial aid to international students will assist in attracting students. He added that this increase will bring the University's tuition fees in line with competing institutions such as Mount Royal University. He also shared that, often in the international marketplace, the cost of a program is perceived to as reflecting the quality of the program.

Responding to a question about the number of scholarships that would be provided, Corlett indicated that approximately 1500 students would be eligible for the scholarships and about 15 to 20% of those would be given scholarships.

The Board noted that student services for international students may need to be bolstered and requested information on the source of the additional funding to provide those services. Corlett advised that funds will be allocated based on the budget process.

Atkinson committed to communicating the information about the tuition fee increase immediately.

03-12-15-2016/17 Moved and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the following for the academic years 2017/18 and 2018/19 respectively:

1. No changes to the domestic tuition tables for 2017/18.
2. An increase in international tuition of 10% for 2017/18 from \$16,590 to \$18,240 and 5% for 2018/19 from \$18,240 to \$19,140.
3. That all international students pay at least a minimum fulltime student fee equivalent to the tuition cost for nine credits in each of the Fall and Winter semesters.

Carried. (McConnell opposed).

3.0 Reports

3.1 Acting Chair's Report

The report from the Acting Board Chair, Enzo Barichello included the following:

- Notice of the passing of Elder Jerry Wood on December 8, 2016
- Recognition for Denise Roy, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications, who is stepping down from this position at the end of December to return to faculty
- Events which have occurred since the October Board meeting:
 - November 3rd, Post-secondary Governance Summit hosted by Field Law
 - November 5th, Open House
 - November 15th, Convocation

- November 24th, Theatre Night and Reception for Retirees
- November 29th, meeting with the Director of Public Agency Appointments with the Premier's Office
- December 2nd, Meeting between Minister Schmidt and Board Chairs
- December 9th, Meeting with Mayor Iveson regarding the Health City strategy
- Announcement of Dr. Ray Muzyka as the Allard Chair in Business for 2016/17
- Status of recruitments to the Board for the Board Chair and four public member positions

As this was her last regular Board meeting, Myrna Fyfe, who is concluding her three-year term in early March was thanked and presented with a gift to acknowledge her service to the Board and the University.

4.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The open session adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Gail Jones
Governance Assistant