

February 23, 2017
Open Session
Grant MacEwan University
Governors' Boardroom 7-218 City Centre Campus

Board Members:	E. Barichello, Acting Chair D. Atkinson, President, via conference call S. Budnarchuk, Public Board Member M. DeRoo McConnan, Public Board Member A. Fisher, 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. Rhoads, MacEwan Staff Association Member A. Skye, Faculty Association Member
Vice Presidents:	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	J. Corlett, Provost and Vice President Academic M. Fyfe, Public Board Member
Guests	K. Boros, Director, Employee and Labour Relations A. Canto Ellis, Executive Director, Alumni and Development M. Chisholm, Associate Vice President, Human Resources E. Elford, Dean, School of Business R. Ellis, Associate Vice President, Finance and Chief Investment Officer A. Gilliland, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communication C. Hancock, President, Faculty Association B. Horan, Internal Auditor C. Hunting, Director, Faculty Relations M. Leathem, Chief of Staff F. McGinn, Dean, Health and Community Studies D. McGugan, Dean, Library D. McLaughlin, Executive Director, Institutional Analysis and Planning K. Pilkington, Sustainability Coordinator 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 4:01

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

No conflicts were declared

1.2 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

01-02-23-2016/17 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda and items on the consent agenda as circulated. Carried.

1.2.1 Previous Minutes: December 15, 2016

1.2.2 Correspondence

1.2.3 President's Newsletter

1.2.4 MacEwan Staff Association

1.2.5 Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU)

1.2.6 Academic Governance Council (AGC)

1.2.6.1 AGC Report - *received as information*

1.2.6.2 AGC Appointment – Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications – *approved*

1.2.6.3 AGC Senior Administrator Appointments: Process Change – *approved*

1.2.7 Audit Committee Report

1.2.8 Campus Planning Committee Report

1.2.9 External Relations Committee Report

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

1.2.14 Items approved July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

1.2.15 Policy Approvals

1.2.15.1 D3011 Investment Policy - *approved*

2.0 New Business

2.1 International Student Tuition Fee Increases for 2017/18 Academic Year – Revision to Motion

Atkinson indicated that the previous motion erroneously encompasses a number of international students who attend the University for academic upgrading or English as an Additional Language instruction. That was not the intent and a revision to the motion has been proposed to exempt those students.

02-02-23-2016/17 Moved and seconded to rescind motion #03-12-15-2016/17 and replace it with the following:

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 international students in Open Studies, degree, diploma and certificate programs pay at least a minimum fulltime student fee equivalent to the tuition cost for nine credits in each of the Fall and Winter semesters. International students in professional development, English as an Additional Language, high school prerequisite courses or other preparatory programs or courses are exempt from the minimum fulltime student fee equivalent to the tuition costs for nine credits. Carried. (McConnell opposed)

2.2 Strategic Campus Sustainability Plan

Atkinson noted that the Integrated Strategic Plan has three cornerstones: Internationalization, Indigenous Education and Sustainability. The Board has previously reviewed initiatives and principals for Internationalization and Indigenous Education, leaving the approval of the Strategic Campus Sustainability Plan as the last item to complete this triumvirate. The plan was brought forward to Academic Governance Council and passed unanimously.

Kalen Pilkington, Sustainability Coordinator, provided background information regarding the development of the plan through consultations with staff, students and faculty. The plan focuses on four areas: Academic Program, Teaching & Research, Engagement, Outreach & Communications, Campus Operations and Leadership. She discussed the budget for the sustainability initiatives and, in particular, the green revolving fund that will reinvest any savings realized from implementing the proposed initiatives into creating further opportunities for sustainable practice. The Plan is aligned with other plans on campus as well as the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) which is a "transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainable performance."

The Board requested additional information regarding the budget for the plan. Pilkington and Quinton explained that any initiatives that cannot be addressed in the current budget for the Sustainability Department or the green revolving fund would come forward as a request for additional funding through the usual budgeting process.

Responding to a question about the reporting structure for the Office of Sustainability, Atkinson indicated reports on initiatives will be shared at Deans' Council, which is the senior administrative body for operational issues.

The Board inquired about the proposed credential in sustainability. Pilkington noted that Sustainability 201 is already running as an interdisciplinary course and it will be used to create a minor or a certificate in sustainability. Many courses currently offered have a sustainability component and could be used towards this minor or certificate. Development and approval of the minor or certificate will follow the current approval process for academic matters.

03-02-23-2016/17 Moved and seconded to approve the Strategic Campus Sustainability Plan 2017-2021. Carried.

Pilkington was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

2.3 Standing Committee Membership

Hurley advised that a number of board members are completing their terms shortly, including Barichello who has been the Acting Chair. His term will end on March 8, 2017. She thanked Barichello for his service. Hamilton and Fyfe will also be concluding terms on March 3, 2017:

04-02-23-2016/17 Moved and seconded to:

- Appoint Carolyn Graham as Acting Chair, effective March 9, 2017
- Appoint Darrell Halliwell as Chair, Campus Planning Committee, effective March 9, 2017
- Appoint Meghan DeRoo McConnan as Chair, Investment Committee, effective March 3, 2017
- Appoint Alexandria Fisher as a member of the Investment Committee and the External Relations Committee. She will serve as a Board representative on the MacEwan Medal of Excellence Committee. These appointments are effective February 23, 2017

- Appoint Enzo Barichello as an external advisor to the Governance and Human Resources Committee, effective March 9, 2017.

Carried.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Faculty Association Report

Skye presented information about the upcoming Student Research Day that will take place on April 24, 2017. She encouraged Board members to attend this University-wide event that showcases community-based student research projects. A schedule of events will be shared as soon as it is available.

ACTION: The Board Office will provide details on the Student Research Day to the Board.

3.2 Acting Chair's Report

The Report from the Acting Chair, Barichello included:

- Recognition of Stewart Hamilton and Myrna Fyfe for their contributions to the Board.
- A welcome to Alexandria Fisher who was appointed to the Board on February 14 as a public member for a three-year term. Alexandria was most recently Responsible Investing Analyst with AIMCo (Alberta Investment Management Corporation) where she provided oversight of the environmental, social and governance factors that impact risk and returns for AIMCo's portfolio of assets. She has just started a new position as a Policy Analyst with Alberta Energy. She holds a Masters of Science, Environment and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a member of Young Energy Professionals – Edmonton Chapter and a past member of the Western Canada Water Edmonton Young Professional Committee, the Edmonton Chapters of Net Impact and Engineers Without Borders.
- Events which have occurred since the December Board meeting:
 - January 29: Family Literacy Carnival presented by the University's Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Centre for Family Literacy. It included a visit from the Edmonton Eskimos and a book reading by MacEwan Alumni/TV personality Bridget Ryan.
 - January 30 to February 3: Global Awareness Week. A wide range of activities, speakers, international cuisine, photo exhibits and cultural celebrations.
 - February 8 to 18: Footloose, the last theatre production in the John Haar Theatre at the Jasper Place Campus.
 - February 15: Naming of the John L. Haar Library at City Centre Campus. Stephanie Haar along with her husband Jack Abbott and her sisters Leona Humphrey and Joanne Haar were in attendance. Former President, Dr. Gerry Kelly who succeeded Mr. Haar attended, along with many retirees, staff and faculty.
 - February 20-24: Reading Week
- Upcoming Events and Meetings:
 - May 7, 2017: Allard Chair in Business Reception, 4:00-6:00 in the Heart of the Robbins. The 2017 Allard Chair in Business is Dr. Ray Muzyka, Founder and CEO of Threshold Impact; Co-founder and CEO of BioWare. Additional information noted below.
 - March: music graduation recitals will be taking place.
 - March 13: Pride March hosted by the Students' Association

- March 22 to April 1: Into the Woods, a theatre production that is taking place in the Theatre Lab.
- April 2 – Composition Concert
- April 3 – Big Band Concert
- April 1 to 3: Association of Governing Boards National Conference in Dallas. Attendees include Aimee Skye, Sharon Budnarchuk and Meghan DeRoo McConnan. Margo will attend the AGB Board Professionals Workshop and present on the topic of Professional Development.
- April 11 to April 22: Final exams for the 2016-17 academic year.
- April 24: Student Research Day. A full-day of presentations from student research and scholarly activities.

Following this report, Hurley thanked Barichello for his service to the University and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Board and the University.

4.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The open session adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Gail Jones
Governance Assistant