THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors

Summary of Activities

May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

Responsibilities

The powers and duties of the Board of Governors are outlined in the Thompson Rivers University Act. In summary, the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the University, except for the responsibilities vested in the Senate or the Planning Council for Open Learning, are vested in the Board.

Membership

Fifteen Governors serve on the Board: the Chancellor, the President, eight external members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two faculty members, two students, and one employee who is not a faculty member.

Membership effective April 30, 2021:

	Initial Appointment Date
Brett Fairbairn, President and Vice-Chancellor (Chair)	December 1, 2018
Nathan Matthew, Chancellor	ex-officio
Barbara Berger, Order-in-Council Appointee (Vice Chair)	November 24, 2015
Katy Gottfriedson Order-in-Council Appointee	June 18, 2019
Lillian Kwan, Order-in-Council Appointee	February 11, 2019
Marilyn McLean, Order-in-Council Appointee	July 31, 2018
Jimmy Lulua, Order-in-Council Appointee	July 31, 2020
Tracy Christianson, Elected Faculty Member	January 1, 2018
Lori De Frias, Elected Non Faculty Member	March 22, 2021
Azul Hernandez-Billy, Elected Student	September 1, 2020
Dev Shah, Elected Student	September 1, 2020

Activities

Meetings of the Board of Governors typically consist of both a public and in camera (closed to the public) session. To the extent permitted by legislation, the University strives to have matters dealt with at the public meetings of the Board. The Board held five regular meetings this year, as well as one meeting of the Executive Committee.

Below is a summary of the Board's accomplishments over the past year:

Recognition of Excellence
The Board recognized the following groups for their excellence in achievement in the noted endeavours:
- 2020 Convocation — recognition of graduands
- Sustainability Awards
- TRU Community
- Lisa Bourque Bearskin - exceptional teaching and commitment to Indigenous health education
- Ruby Dhand – research and teaching advocacy

Senate Matters
The Board approved the following matters as recommended by Senate:

New Programs
- New Undergraduate Program: Post-baccalaureate Diploma in Economics and Political Studies

Other
- Approval of the New Undergraduate Program: Post-baccalaureate Diploma in Economics and Political Studies
- Approval of the Institutional Response to Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA) Recommendations
- Approval of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Accreditation: Ad Hoc Report on Recommendation 2
- Approval of the 2020 Institutional Mission Fulfilment Report
- Approval of the separation of Architectural Engineering Technology (ARET) and Engineering
- Approval of president signing the Universities Climate Letter
- Approval of the TRU Strategic Enrolment Management Plan
- Approval of the Institutional Comparator Criteria

Honorary Doctorate Recommendations
The Board approved individuals to receive Honorary Doctorate degrees from Thompson Rivers University, including the following, who, because of COVID-19 circumstances, will receive their award by virtual Convocation ceremony on June 17, 2021: Dr. Maria Klawe, Mr. Andre Picard, Mr. Marvin Storrow and Mr. Norman Daley.

Tenure and Promotion Approvals
The Board of Governors approved 20 tenure recommendations and 25 promotion recommendations from May 2020 to April 2021.

Documents Approved or Reviewed
The following documents were approved or reviewed by the Board during the past year:

- M.Ed. Extension Fee Proposal (approved)

- 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements (approved)
- Institutional Response to Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA) Recommendations (approved)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Accreditation: Ad Hoc Report on Recommendation 2 (approved)
- 2019/20 Student Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Report (reviewed)
- Safety and Emergency Management Report, Winter Semester 2020 (reviewed)
- TRU Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (IAPR) (approved)
- Letter of Agreement between Industry Training Authority and Thompson Rivers University for the 2020/21 fiscal year (approval)
- Financial Information Act Report
- TRU's investment management activities (reviewed)
- Safety and Emergency Management Report (reviewed)
- President Emeritus nomination for former President Alan Shaver (approved)
- Industry Training Authority (ITA) amended contract (approved)
- TRU Strategic Enrolment Management Plan (approved)

Other
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair (approved)
- Anti-Racism Initiatives at TRU (reviewed)
- 2020 NWCCU Institutional Mission Fulfilment Report (approved)
- Change to Department Structure (ARET and Engineering) (approved)
- Summer 2020 Capital Update (reviewed)
- Approval of the 2020-21 Budget
- Board of Governors Appeals Committee Terms of Reference (approved)
- External Auditor Plan and Fees (approved)
- Administrative Salary Schedule (approved)
- Executive Compensation Freeze (approved)
- Competency Matrix – adding the title "Knowledge of Indigenous Communities in Our region (approved)
- Approval of Climate Change Letter
- Strategic Enrolment Management Plan (approved)
- Early Childhood Education Centre renovation project (approved)
- Electrified District Energy System report (reviewed)
- Ellucian contract (reviewed)
- Fall 2021 Return to Campus Initiative (reviewed)
- Institutional Comparator Criteria for the NWCCU (approved)
- 2021-2022 Domestic tuition and ancillary fee increases (approved)
- 2021-2022 International undergraduate and graduate tuition fee increases (approved)
- Approval of 2021 Draft Board Evaluation Survey
- Revisions to Policy BRD 17-0 Respectful Workplace and Harassment Prevention (reviewed)
- Integrated Strategic Plan: Realizing Envision TRU, Green Paper (reviewed)
- Winter Enrolment Report (reviewed)
- 2020 Institutional Mission Fulfilment Report (IMFR) (approved)

- Approval of returning Architectural Engineering Technology (ARET) and Engineering back to two separate departments