



ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Thursday, June 10, 2021 Meeting

Present: Mary Ellen Cullen (Chair), Mark Wendland (Vice Chair), Frank Boerboom, Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Cynthia Davis, Ernie Doyle, Melanie Garaffa, Meaghan Hymers, Anne Jamieson, Benjamin Mathew, Ted McKechnie, Peter Meehan, Michael Pautler, Bruce Rodrigues, Toni Serafini, Andrew Turczyniak, Joe Varamo

Resources: Mike Gourlay, Executive Director, Finance and Administration; Cristina Vanin, Interim Vice President Academic and Dean; Katrina Kaczala, Recording Secretary

Guest: Brendan Whittle, SJU Students' Union President

Regrets: Cheri Chevalier, Chris Roehrig, Fr. Tim Uniac

The meeting was conducted using Zoom, a video and teleconference service.

OPEN SESSION

1. PRAYER

The prayer was provided by M. Cullen.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

M. Cullen provided an acknowledgement that the land on which the University resides and does business is located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Board Chair thanked and recognized the achievements of a number of individuals:

- Congratulated and recognized Veronica Austen being named the recipient of a Waterloo Undergraduate Students Association (WUSA) Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award.
- Congratulated and recognized Meaghan Hymers on receiving the St. Jerome's University Zach Ralston award. The Chair and the Board thanked Meaghan for her work on the Board, congratulated her on graduating, and wished her well on her future endeavours.
- Chris Roehrig, who is retiring from the Board, was thanked and appreciation was expressed for his service on the Board.
- Thanked and acknowledged the Student Affairs, facilities and cleaning staff at St. Jerome's for their hard work throughout the year. Specifically, Melissa Carvalho, Jessica Vorsteveld, and Jamie Hall for their work with our students in residence.
- Thanked Cristina Vanin for her work as the Interim Vice President Academic and Dean, and for her dedicated service and commitment to St. Jerome's.
- Thank Katrina Kaczala for her work supporting the Board of Governors.

The Chair also thanked and expressed her gratitude to all the members of the Board for their dedication and work.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

M. Cullen was thanked and celebrated for her years of service as the Board Chair. The speakers spoke of Mary Ellen's great work and accomplishments and expressed the Board's gratitude for her commitment and service to the Board.

P. Meehan provided some updates and remarks to the Board, including:

- The University has raised the Progress Pride flag for June (Pride Month)
- The flags will be flying at half-mast for 215 hours, to honour the memory of the children lost at the Kamloops Residential School.
- The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada (ACCUC) have formulated a communication urging the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to request Pope Francis formally apologize to the survivors, their families, and to all of the Indigenous communities of Canada.
- P. Meehan expressed sadness and condolences for the tragedy that occurred in London, Ontario the previous weekend.
- A subset of the Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting a few times in June to work on drafting the refreshed Strategic Plan. The Committee will be taking a break during the summer and continue meeting in the fall. It is expected that a plan will be brought before the Board for approval by the end of the year.

5. EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) UPDATE

The President's Advisory Group on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will be having two more meetings in June before breaking for the summer. The Group will reconvene in the fall with a goal of finalizing an action plan by October or November.

6. AGENDA REVIEW, DECLARE CONFLICTS, ADDITIONS, CHANGES

No conflicts, additions or changes.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: A. Jamieson, **Seconded:** J. Varamo, **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

7. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

8. 2020-2021 INSTITUTIONAL, OPERATIONAL & COVID-19 RISK PROFILE

9. UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY COMPLIANCE WORK PLAN

Motion: To approve and receive for information by consent items 7 to 9 above.

Moved: J. Varamo, **Seconded:** M. Hymers, **Carried.**

Regular Agenda

10. FINANCIAL UPDATE AND FORECAST

M. Gourlay provided a financial update and forecast. The deficit is not as high as was originally budgeted, the current forecast indicates a 1.1 million dollar deficit. Currently, \$500,000 has been withdrawn from the University's high-interest savings account, this does not impact the University's long-term unrestricted or endowed investments

Motion: To receive for information, the financial update and forecast as of April 30, 2021 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Moved: A. Turczyniak, **Seconded:** C. Davis, **Carried.**

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Motion: To adjourn Open Session and move into Confidential Session.

Moved: A. Turczyniak, **Seconded:** J. Varamo, **Carried.**

Meeting Adjourned.

June 10, 2021
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Mary Ellen Cullen
Chair of the Board of Governors