



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was held at the Western Interdisciplinary Research Building, Room 3000 and on Zoom.

PRESENT: Keith Gibbons, Chair  
Amy Bryson, Secretary

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| Kenisha Arora                  | Stephen Pitel                |
| Michelle Banik                 | Geoff Pollock                |
| Susan Bennett                  | Stephen Poloz                |
| Wade Boye                      | Cecil Rorabeck               |
| Arzie Chant                    | Bruce Ross                   |
| Ethan Chen                     | Effie Sapuridis              |
| Greg Dick                      | Alan Shepard                 |
| Lori Higgs                     | Sarah Shortreed (Vice-Chair) |
| Beth MacDougall-<br>Shackleton | David Simmonds               |
| Marlene McGrath                | Sam Trosow                   |
|                                | Ken Yeung                    |

Regrets: Linda Hasenfratz, Michael Surkont

By Invitation: Althea Blackburn-Evans, Ruban Chelladurai, John Doerksen, Paul Eluchok, Lynn Logan, Jane O'Brien, Jeff O'Hagan, Florentine Strzelczyk

Secretariat Resource: Bonnie Brown

Chair K. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Land Acknowledgement**

L. Higgs offered a land acknowledgement.

K. Gibbons congratulated S. Trosow for his election to City of London Council. He also advised that the City of London is expected to appoint their representative to the Board later in November 2022 and the County of Middlesex will appoint their representative by January 2023. K. Gibbons concluded his opening remarks by commenting on his participation at the Advocacy Days held at Queen's Park and in Ottawa and noting the esteem by which Western is held by those he met.

BG.22-179 **Adoption of Agenda – Open Session**

Moved by G. Pollock, seconded by M. McGrath:

That the agenda for the open session be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

BG.22-180 **Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2022**

Moved by L. Higgs, seconded by E. Sapuridis:

That the open session minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2022, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

**Business Arising from the Minutes** – None.

BG.22-181 **Report of the President**

A. Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor, opened his remarks by commenting on the recent death of Dr. Peter Fowler. He expressed his appreciation of Dr. Fowler and his family, acknowledged his contributions to the field of medicine, and highlighted the important partnership between Western and the Fowler Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic.

A. Shepard continued his report by advising on the tentative agreement reached between Western and the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association.

A. Shepard shared information on several recent and upcoming events including Western's win at the Yates Cup, the official opening of the Wampum Learning Lodge, the Advocacy Days held at Queen's Park and in Ottawa, the Words Fest, the Faculty of Information & Media Studies event with Carol Off, the Open House for prospective students and their families scheduled for November 20, and the Vanier Cup to be played on November 26. He also noted that the recently cancelled visit by the Ambassador of Ukraine will be rescheduled.

A. Shepard reported on the recent Government of Canada grant awarded to the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. He further recognized Dr. Xiaowei Zhuang, the 2022 J. Allyn Taylor International Prize winner, for her pioneering work.

A. Shepard also reported on the recent visit by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board noting Western is awaiting the decision of the accreditation process.

**AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE AND SENATE REPORTS** – See Unanimous Consent Agenda.

BG.22-182 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by G. Pollock, seconded by K. Yeung:

That the items listed in the consent agenda be approved or received for information by the Board of Governors by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

**ITEMS FROM THE PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

BG.22-183 **New Scholarships, Awards, and Prizes**

The report on the terms of reference approved by the Property and Finance Committee for the new scholarships, awards, and prizes was received for information in item 5.1(a).

BG.22-184 **Semi-Annual Ratio Report on Non-Endowed Funds**

The semi-annual report on non-endowed funds presented to the Property and Finance Committee was received for information in item 5.1(b).

BG.22-185 **Annual Report on Underwater Endowments**

The annual report on endowments (underwater) presented to the Property and Finance Committee was received for information in item 5.1(c).

**ITEMS FROM GOVERNANCE AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

BG.22-186 **Board of Governors Election Schedule 2023**

The Board of Governors election schedule for 2023, outlining the vacancies to be filled by the election, was received for information in item 5.2(a).

**ITEM FROM THE SENIOR POLICY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

BG.22-187 **University Discipline Appeals Committee Membership**

On recommendation of the Senior Policy and Operations Committee in the report received in item 5.3(a), and by unanimous consent, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of the following individuals to the University Discipline Appeals Committee: Maya Shatzmiller (term to June 30, 2023); Mi Song Kim (term to June 30, 2024); Amy Horton (term to June 30,

2025); Devon Golding (term to June 30, 2023); and Owen Robson (term to June 30, 2023).

**ITEMS REFERRED BY SENATE**

BG.22-188 **Report of the Academic Colleague**

The report from the October meetings of the COU Academic Colleague was received for information in item 5.4(a).

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

BG.22-189 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

In responding to a question regarding the decision-making process that would trigger an expansion of Western's masking mandate, A. Shepard advised on the decision-making/consultation process used. In response to concerns raised about compliance and the need to consider a broader definition of instructional spaces, he offered to look at the possibility of expanding the mandate to include library spaces.

In response to a question as to whether Western was prepared to commit to producing a public report on student housing issues, both on and off campus, and the vision for addressing student housing needs into the future, Administration advised initial recommendations for expanding student housing will be coming forward to the Property and Finance Committee in January 2023. It was noted that while off-campus housing is not the mandate of Western, Administration does meet with the City of London regularly to share plans regarding its construction and growth.

In clarifying the question, it was suggested there be a document similar to the Campus Master Plan (2015) that provides a broader or longer-term vision/plan for student housing as a way of engaging the community. Administration advised the timing was opportune as they plan to update that document.

S. Trosow advised he will recuse himself in the future with respect to any discussions pertaining to student housing and applications, or similar, made to the City of London. He noted he has consulted the Integrity Commissioner regarding his obligations for declaring conflicts of interest.

In response to a question regarding graduate funding, the individual was referred to the Provost's office for follow up.

In relation to the next question, G. Pollock declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from the meeting.

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In response to a question regarding the status of the liquor license application by 7-11 located at the corner of Western and Sarnia Roads, it was noted the pending procedural matter was taken off calendar and likely will not proceed. The application itself is still pending. It is anticipated hearings will not begin until spring 2023.

In response to a question regarding the newly appointed special advisor on gender-based and sexual violence, F. Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic), described the candidate experiences they were seeking for this role. It was noted the successful candidate begins in January 2023 with the advisory committee rolling out after that time. It further was noted that student voice will be involved and represented on the advisory committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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K. Gibbons  
Chair

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A. Bryson  
University Secretary