



BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC MEETING

Friday, February 28, 2025

1:00 PM

Clock Tower Boardroom, CT309

MINUTES

Board members present:

Hee Young Chung, DeDe DeRose, Brett Fairbairn, David Hallinan, Jim Hamilton, Dian Henderson, Cindy Ozouf, Rohini Ranganatha, Niki Remesz, Dancing Water Sandy, Christine Sorensen

Regrets:

Hasnat Dewan, Heather Fader, Mugesh Narayanasamy, Tim Webber

Executive and others present:

Gillian Balfour (Provost and Vice-President Academic), Brian Daly (Vice-President University Relations), Matt Milovick (Vice-President Administration and Finance), Shannon Wagner (Vice-President Research), John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator), Yvette Laflamme (AVP, Finance), Scott Blackford (Associate General Counsel; *for agenda item 10.a. only*), Ian Hartley (AVP Graduate Studies and Student Research, Interim; *for agenda item 11.a. only*), Sukh Heer Matonovich (Director of Student Research and Graduate Studies; *for agenda item 11.a. only*), Robert Hanlon (faculty member, Political Studies; *for agenda item 11.b. only*), Justin Kohlman (TRU International; *for agenda item 12.a. only*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

H. Chung, board chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

- a. 20th Anniversary of TRU becoming a university (March 31, 2005)

The board chair highlighted a TRU milestone, the university's upcoming 20th anniversary.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

H. Chung delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

3. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

H. Chung led the recognition of excellence.

a. School of Trades and Technology — completion of the 35th Training House

Baldev Pooni and Tim Kasten were recognized for the School of Trades and Technology's completion of the 35th training house. They were presented with a framed certificate by the board chair.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the public board meeting of February 28, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No conflicts of interest were declared by governors.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Minutes of Board Public meeting of December 6, 2024

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public board meeting of December 6, 2024 be approved as circulated.*

7. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

H. Chung, board chair, delivered his report.

a. Presidential search update

H. Chung provided an update on the status of the presidential search.

8. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair of the Finance Committee, D. Hallinan, presented the committee's report.

a. 2024-2025 Third Quarter Financial Results and Forecast

D. Hallinan reported that the third quarter financial results and forecast had been presented to, and reviewed by, the committee at their meeting on February 19, and then commented on the high points.

b. 2025-2026 Domestic Tuition and Other Fees (Notice of Motion)

D. Hallinan indicated that the proposed 2% increase to domestic tuition and other fees had been discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and was for notice of motion at this meeting. He added the matter would be considered for decision at the March 28 board meeting. He invited G. Balfour to comment, which she did.

c. 2025-2026 Budget Update

D. Hallinan reported that the committee reviewed the 2025-2026 budget update and then he commented on it. He also invited administration to speak to the update, so G. Balfour and M. Milovick presented some information.

d. Minor revision to Policy BRD 02-1 Signing Authority

D. Hallinan reported that, in accordance with the process outlined in the Signing Authority policy, the Vice-President Administration and Finance had approved an addition to Section H.5. of the policy, as follows (red text):

*“Any of the Associate Vice-Presidents (**a Vice-Provost and the University Librarian are also AVPs under this Policy**).*”

9. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

a. President’s Report to the Board

President Fairbairn spoke to some information contained in his report, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package. He also asked G. Balfour to expand on some of the information in his report.

i. TRU Student Profiles, Winter 2025

B. Fairbairn presented information about TRU’s students, a document related to which was circulated with the agenda package. He noted this information was provided in response to a question raised by a governor at the previous meeting. Discussion ensued.

b. President's Reports to Senate

The following President's Reports to Senate were circulated via links on the agenda:

- i. January 2025
- ii. February 2025

10. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Proposed revisions to policy BRD 25-0 Sexualized Violence

S. Blackford attended the meeting to comment and respond to any questions on the proposed revisions to this policy. He noted that the policy revisions were for notice of motion at this meeting, to be considered for decision at the next board meeting on March 28.

b. Campus Master Plan refresh

M. Milovick updated governors on the 2013 Campus Master Plan and indicated that he would present on it at the next board meeting.

11. PRESENTATION

a. Student Research

I. Hartley, S. Heer Matonovich, and several students presented on student research.

b. Study tour to Western China (Xinjian Uygur Autonomous Region), MA Human Rights and Social Justice project through Global Skills Opportunity

R. Hanlon and some of his students attended to speak about their experiences during a study tour to China.

12. BUSINESS

a. Strategic Internationalization Plan presentation (*notice of motion served December 6, 2024*)

J. Kohlman presented the Strategic Internationalization Plan, for which notice of motion had been served at the December 2024 board meeting.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the Strategic Internationalization Plan be approved as circulated.*

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- a. The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2025 in the Clock Tower Boardroom.

14. TERMINATION OF MEETING

Given that there were no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 2:41pm.