

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 30, 2023
Jorgenson Hall – JOR 1410
380 Victoria Street
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

M I N U T E S

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors of Toronto Metropolitan University (the “University”) held on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: S. Babikian, N. Campbell, N. Chauhan, J. Cockwell, J. Dallaire, S. Dworkin, I. Gammel, C. Garay, R. Graham, J. Kuriakose, M. Lachemi, D. Miller, C. Paisley (Vice-Chair), D. Porter, S. Ragunathan, S. Sinha, W. Soliman, T. Staffieri (Chair)

Regrets: K. Bhatia, J. Fakhim, J. Fukakusa, M. Kolios, G. Leong, N. Mohamed, M. Mullings, R. Rodrigues, E. Shim

Board Secretariat:

J. Shin Doi, General Counsel, Secretary of the Board of Governors, and University Privacy Officer
V. Luckiram, Governance Specialist

J. MacInnis, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Governors
A. Mall, Senior Legal Counsel and Governance Officer

Others in Attendance:

N. Bardshall Bredu, Student-at-Law, Office of the General Counsel and Board Secretariat

T. Conte, Executive Director, Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic

G. Craney, Chief Strategy Officer, University Planning

T. De Mello, Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion

M. Forbes, Chief of Staff and Executive Director, Communications

J. Grass, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic

S. Kanaya, Law Student, Lincoln Alexander School of Law

S. Kheraj, Vice-Provost, Academic

K. Lettner-Knowlton, Student-at-Law, Office of the General Counsel and Board Secretariat

J. McKee, Chief Financial Officer

J. McMillen, Vice-Provost, Students

L. Nater, Senior Presentation Technology Specialist

J. O'Donnell, Chief Human Resources Officer

A. Snobar, Executive Director of DMZ and CEO of DMZ Ventures

V. Yeganeh, Student-at-Law, Office of the General Counsel and Board Secretariat
S. Zolfaghari, Vice-President, Administration and Operations

1. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)

2. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Executive Group Invited)

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 Welcome

3.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

T. Staffieri, Board Chair, acknowledged the land.

3.1.2 Chair's Remarks

T. Staffieri reported that he was in Brampton for the announcement of the location of the School of Medicine and was proud to congratulate the Premier, the Mayor, and M. Lachemi on behalf of the Board. T. Staffieri congratulated the Executive Group and their teams.

T. Staffieri thanked DMZ, the Office of the Vice-President of Administration and Operations, the Office of Equity and Community Inclusion, and University Athletics and Recreation for the gifts provided for the Board members.

3.2 Approval of the January 30, 2023 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

M. Lachemi welcomed T. De Mello, Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion, to her new role. T. De Mello expressed her appreciation for the new position and the continued leadership the University has taken on equity and diversity issues.

M. Lachemi announced the retirement of J. Grass, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations, in the spring and wished her well. J. Grass noted that it has been a privilege to work on many transformational enterprises while at the University.

M. Lachemi reported that he was joined by Premier D. Ford and City of Brampton Mayor P. Brown on January 27, 2023, to announce that the current location of the Bramalea Civic Centre had been selected as the future site of the School of Medicine. M. Lachemi advised

that in addition to the site location, the City of Brampton announced a further investment in the amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000). M. Lachemi thanked T. Staffieri for his participation in this historic event and the University's Government Relations team for their efforts on this file.

M. Lachemi provided an update on the recent merger of the Leadership Lab and Brookfield Institute, noting that the new policy and leadership institute will be dedicated to advancing an inclusive and innovative economy and democracy in Canada.

M. Lachemi recognized the historic event of the *Toronto Metropolitan University Act, 1977*, receiving royal assent on December 8, 2022, and reported that the University is the first in North America to undertake a full-scale name change due to community feedback addressing colonialism.

5. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

5.1 Amendments to By-Law No. 1 being the General By-Laws

J. Shin Doi advised that pursuant to Article 27.1 of the General By-Laws ("By-Laws"), the Board received notice in November 2022 that the By-Laws would need to be amended once the University's new name was legally recognized with the passing of Bill 26. J. Shin Doi explained that Bill 26 received Royal Assent on December 8, 2022, and amendments to the By-Laws were proposed to reflect the name change and to provide for a seat on the Elections Procedures Committee for a student representative nominated by the Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Students' Union.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the amendments to *By-Law No. 1 being the General By-Laws of Toronto Metropolitan University* be approved as presented.

J. Shin Doi acknowledged the attendance at the meeting of the Law Practice Program Candidates and a Law Student from the Office of the General Counsel and Board Secretariat as part of their corporate governance and corporate commercial law education.

6. REPORT FROM THE INTERIM PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic, discussed the full return to campus and introduced S. Kheraj, Vice-Provost, Academic. R. Iannacito-Provenzano advised that the Lincoln Alexander School of Law presented a letter of intent proposing graduate programming in law and that the learning and teaching grant program has opened its 2023-24 call with six (6) priority focus areas.

R. Iannacito-Provenzano noted that the School of Medicine is actively recruiting for several roles, including a Black health lead and an Indigenous health lead. R. Iannacito-Provenzano advised that the University intends to appoint the inaugural Dean of the medical school by the summer of 2023. R. Iannacito-Provenzano announced that the faculty working group that is part of the Presidential Implementation Committee to Confront Anti-Black Racism recently launched a new postdoctoral fellowship program for Black scholars to increase the representation of Black-identified faculty in all disciplines.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Report from the Chair of the Finance Committee

D. Porter reported that the Finance Committee met on January 24, 2023, and heard from M. Lachemi, G. Craney, Chief Strategy Officer, and R. Iannacito-Provenzano, regarding the Introduction to the 2023-24 Budget Process. D. Porter noted that at the same meeting, the Finance Committee heard from J. McKee regarding Moody's Update to Toronto Metropolitan University's Credit Analysis.

7.1.1 Introduction to the 2023-24 Budget Process

M. Lachemi explained how a significant portion of the University's budget is defined by the government, which is not fully discernable yet, and that the government both gives grants and sets the framework or the tuition fee structure. M. Lachemi noted that grants from the government have been frozen for the last ten (10) years, and the tuition fee structure has been different for the last five (5) years.

G. Craney presented the introduction to the 2023-24 budget process and described the wide community consultation process. G. Craney outlined the timeline of budget presentations to the Finance Committee of the Board, noting that the next ones are in February, March, and April.

8. FOR INFORMATION

8.1 University Relations Monthly Metrics and Reach

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Approval of the November 30, 2022 Minutes

9.2 Approval of the December 21, 2022 Minutes

10. TERMINATION

NEXT MEETING: March 29, 2023