

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Monday, September 30, 2013
Jorgenson Hall – JOR 1410
380 Victoria Street
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors of Ryerson University held on Monday, September 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in Jorgenson Hall, JOR-1410.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Phyllis Yaffe (Chair), J. Fukakusa (Vice Chair), M. Al Zaibak, C.A. Bissonnette, L. Bloomberg, J. Cockwell, M. Dionne, M. Frazer, B. Halilovic, C. Hilkene, G. Kapelos, S. Levy, D. Shivraj, M. Maheux, K. Noor, B. Richards, H. Rosen, D. Sookram, K. Varma

Regrets: P. Ataei, J. Côté-O'Hara, N. Mohamed, C. Yim

Board Secretariat:

J. Shin Doi, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors
C. Redmond, Governance Officer

Others Attending

M. Lachemi, Provost and Vice President Academic
J. Hanigsberg, Vice President Administration & Finance
A. Kahan, Vice President University Advancement
W. Cukier, Vice President Research and Innovation
E. McGinn, Assistant Vice-President, Communications, Government and Community Engagement
J. Shin Doi, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors
P. Stenton, Vice Provost University Planning
M. Ng Director, Office of the President
J. Isbister, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs
D. O'Neil Green, Assistant Vice President/Vice Provost Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
H. Lane Vetere, Vice Provost, Students
J. Winton, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Vice President Financial Services
C. Sass-Kortsak, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources
E. Stroback, Executive Lead Capital Projects and Real Estate
M. Bountrogianni: Interim Dean, The G Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education
K. Nicole, RCDS Steering Committee
C. McGee, RCDS Steering Committee
S. Kassim, FCAD Student
R. Ghamari, President, Ryerson Engineering Student Society
D. Zegarac, Vice President, External, Ryerson Engineering Student Society

Z. Khan , Manager, Student Relations and Development, Office of the Dean

1. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)

2. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Senior Management Invited)

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

3. INTRODUCTION

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed new Board members Khatera Noor, Darren Shivraj , Michelle Dionne, Kim Varma and Darius Sookram. Curtis Yim was unable to attend the Board meeting because he was participating at the Enactus World Cup in Cancun. Branka Halilovic was re-elected to the Board for a second term.

The Chair reported that the President had been selected as one of the 50 most powerful people in Canadian Business Today magazine. She congratulated Erin McGinn and her team for the coverage.

Vice Chair, Janice Fukakusa was recently named one of the 25 most powerful women in banking by American Banker Magazine.

The Chair thanked Adam Kahan for hosting the film and the reception of the Jennifer Baichwal and Edward Burtynsky's film "Watermark".

The Chair remarked on presentations made to each Board member namely, sample baskets supplied by Zacherie Weingarten of Foodstory, Marlissa Flint's Mai Lin bracelet given by Wendy Cukier and FCAD Image Arts Student book given by Mohamed Lachemi.

The Chair advised Board members on their governance role, encouraged their participation at the upcoming convocations; senate meetings and financial literacy sessions and advised them on a number of housekeeping matters.

4. REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Advancing Scholarly Research and Creative (SRC) Activity, Innovation & Internationalization at Ryerson

Wendy Cukier presented an overview of SRC and innovation at Ryerson University. The presentation focused on the types of research the University is doing, its impact on the community, business and students, industry partnerships and building a culture of innovation. Dr. Cukier reported that the total research funding at Ryerson has tripled in the last decade with significant increases in our market share. For 2012-13 it has reached an all-time high of \$32.3 million.

At this point Phyllis Yaffe left the meeting and Janice Fukakusa chaired the meeting.

5. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed new Board members and also mentioned the appointment of John Turtle as Secretary of Senate.

Julia Hanigsberg introduced two new administrators Christine Sass-Kortsak, Assistant Vice President and Joshna Maharaj, Assistant Director, Food Services and Executive Chef. Ms. Hanigsberg spoke of the new sustainable and healing approach to food services at Ryerson.

The President reported that Stephen Murphy, Dean of Ted Rogers School of Management was currently in Cancun participating in the Enactus competitions.

The President congratulated Michèle Maheux for her stewardship of the Toronto International Film Festival and noted that at least ten of the TIFF films were made by Ryerson alumni and students.

The President also mentioned the importance of the connections established at the Canadian University Fair, which had just concluded.

The President updated Board meetings of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Roundtable meetings and Differentiation Framework.

Approval of the September 30, 2013 Agenda

The meeting was approved as presented

6. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Julia Shin Doi reported on the upcoming Council of Chairs of Ontario Universities Conference on November 8 and 9th of November. Sheldon Levy will be speaking at the conference on November 9.

7. REPORT FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

The Provost reported on the appointment of Randy Boyagoda as the Director, Zone Learning and Nancy Walton, appointed Director, E-Learning.

The Provost updated Board members on two ongoing searches for the Deans of Ryerson Engineering and Architectural Science Faculty and the Chang School of Continuing education.

Sixty eight new faculty have joined Ryerson from across Canada, the States and Australia.

The Provost noted that demand continues to be strong in undergraduate and graduate applications and there continues to be a rise in the quality of secondary school applicants.

The Provost spoke of student participation in orientation which is a reflection of the strength of student life at Ryerson.

The Provost also spoke several new pilot project in zone education; new initiatives to strengthen

student engagement and the launch of several new academic programs.

Janice Fukakusa thanked the Provost for the gift of the IFCAD Image Arts book.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Report From The Chair Of The Executive Committee

The President reported that Executive Committee met on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 and, acting on behalf of the Board approved the filing of the January 1, 2013 Valuation Report for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO). The final valuation results were unchanged from the June 19, 2013 presentation to the Employee Relations and Pension Committee. The surplus on a going concern basis stands at \$17 million.

The Executive Committee also approved a recommendation to re-appoint Mohammad Al Zaibak as a Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council appointee to the Board for a second term, beginning on November 29, 2013. This recommendation has been sent to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and to the Public Appointments Secretariat. The appointment is then approved by Cabinet and signed by the Lieutenant Governor.

At this same meeting, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, approved the appointment of Mohammad Al Zaibak to the Audit Committee.

As a final piece of business the Executive Committee members were advised that alumni Board member Atifa Rasoul has accepted employment with the university. Accordingly, Atifa will be stepping down from her Board position as she is no longer eligible to serve pursuant to the by-laws.

8.2 Report From The Chair Of The Employee Relations And Pension Committee

The President reported The ERPC Committee met on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 and recommended filing the January 1, 2013 Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan valuation with the CRA and FSCO, which was approved by the Executive Committee as previously mentioned. The ERPC Committee also recommended that Towers Watson be approved for retention as Ryerson's Actuaries for 2014.

Appointment of the Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan

It was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT Towers Watson be approved by the Board of Governors for retention as Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan (RRPP) for the calendar year 2014.

8.2 Student Referenda Requests:

Ryerson Communication and Design Society

Heather Lane Vetere introduced student presenters Karina Cole and Cormac McGee from the Ryerson Communication and Design Society ("RCDS") Steering Committee who are seeking approval from the Board to hold a referendum asking for support from Faculty of Communication and Design students to create a levy to fund a new student society and its activities. The students made a brief presentation to the Board about the functioning of RCDS and its academic, professional and collaborative role in the life of Communication and Design students.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Ryerson Election Procedures Committee be authorized to hold a student referendum, at a time to be determined, amongst Faculty of Communication and Design students enrolled in full time programs, to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$60.00 per year, starting in September

2014, to be paid by all students enrolled in a full-time FCAD program, to fund the creation and operation of the Ryerson Communication and Design Society.

THAT the compulsory fee be adjusted to provide for any increase according to the Toronto Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

THAT the specific wording of the referendum question be subject to approval by the Provost and Vice President Academic.

(b) Ryerson Engineering Students Society

Heather Lane Vetere introduced student presenters Rose Ghamari and Dante Zegarac from the Ryerson Engineering Student Society (RESS) who are seeking permission from the Board to hold a referendum asking its members for an increase to the RESS levy. The Ryerson Engineering Student Society was formed in 1988 and uses funds it collects to support engineering student groups, provide academic and career events, publications, leadership training, social events and community service activities. The levy was increased once since 1988 with a successful referendum in 2006 and RESS is looking for students to support an increase to the levy again for 2014. The presenters reported that increased demand for funding requests amongst RESS students is the main rationale for the fee increase.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Ryerson Election Procedures Committee be authorized to hold a student referendum, at a time to be determined, amongst all full-time undergraduate engineering program students to seek approval for an one-time increase of \$15.65 per Fall and Winter semester (for a total fee of \$65 per year), starting in September 2014, to be paid by all students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate engineering program, to fund the activities of the Ryerson Engineering Student Society.

THAT the increased compulsory fee be adjusted to provide for any increase according to the Toronto Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

THAT the specific wording of the referendum question be subject to approval by the Provost and Vice President Academic.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the June 24, 2013 Minutes

The June 24, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

10. TERMINATION