



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Thursday, November 26, 2015**  
**Jorgenson Hall – JOR 1410**  
**380 Victoria Street**  
**12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors of Ryerson University (the “University”) held on Thursday, November 26, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in Jorgenson Hall, JOR-1410.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** J. Fukakusa (Chair), M. Maheux (Vice Chair), L. Bloomberg, S. Levy, L. Amleh, J. Austin, C-A Bissonnette, M. Frazer, J. Machado, C. McGee, B. Richards, H. Rosen, A. Saloojee, D. Sookram, A. Snobar, P. Sugiman, R. Traill, H. Van Dyk, P. Yaffe

**Regrets:** M. Al Zaibak, C. Hilkenne, R. Richards

**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. Winton, Vice President, Administration & Finance  
A. Kahan, Vice President University Advancement  
E. McGinn, Assistant Vice-President, Communications, Government and Community Engagement  
P. Stenton, Deputy Provost and Vice Provost University Planning  
M. Ng, Executive Director, Office of the President  
S. Zolfaghari, Vice Provost Faculty Affairs  
C. Evans, Vice Provost Academic  
H. Lane Vetere, Vice Provost Students  
C. Sass-Kortsak, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources  
D. O'Neil Green, Assistant Vice President and Vice Provost Equity, Diversity and Inclusion  
J. McKee, Chief Financial Office  
S. Sinha, Incoming Board Member

**1. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)**

## **2. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Executive Group Invited)**

### **END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION**

## **3. INTRODUCTION**

### **3.1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair remarked that we will have a new Interim President, Provost and Interim Vice President University Advancement starting their portfolios. This will be the last Board meeting for Adam Kahan, Phyllis Yaffe, Mary Ng and Sheldon Levy.

The Chair paid tribute to the President by asking each Board member to say three words that best describe the President.

The Chair reported that during the In-camera session the Board approved the appointment of Chris Evans as Interim Provost and Vice President commencing December 1, 2015 and continuing until Mohamed Lachemi returns to his position as Provost.

The Fall 2015 Convocation ceremonies were held on October 14 and 15, 2015. The Chair thanked all Board members who attended the ceremonies and the honorary doctorate events.

The Chair also thanked Alumni Relations for the beautiful alumni scarf and Athletics for VIP passes to the Ryerson Rams Varsity Games.

### **3.2. Approval of the November 26, 2015 Agenda**

Agenda was approved as presented

## **4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported that it was his last meeting as well as the last meeting for others at the University. The President paid tribute to Phyllis Yaffe and thanked her for her support over the years as the Chair.

The President paid tribute to Adam Kahan and said that his advice that the President was allowed to have a voice made a difference to him and the University. The President also spoke of the invaluable partnership of the Director of his office Mary Ng, who provided a welcoming and accessible face to the President's office.

The President said that he had enjoyed his years as President tremendously and couldn't imagine working in a better job or amongst a more collegial and wonderful community. His job as President was to give all stakeholders a voice and it was a huge responsibility of the University to help students' dreams come true

## **5. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary reported on Michele Pearson Clarke, the recipient of the Board of Governors Leadership Award and Medal and a graduate student in the Faculty of Communication and Design.

The Secretary spoke of the success of the Annual Conference of the Council of Ontario University Secretaries held on November 5, 2015 and the participation of both Board member Jessica Machado and members of the General Counsel and Board Secretariat.

The Annual Conference of Ontario University Board Members was held on November 6 and 7, 2015 and was attended by Mohamed Lachemi, Jessica Machado, Pamela Sugiman, Cormac McGee and John Austin.

## **6. REPORT FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC**

Mohamed Lachemi spoke of several initiatives, particularly the creation of a law school at the University. This is due in part to the success of the Law Program and the launch of the first legal incubator. The Provost mentioned the support of Mitch Frazer through a legal advisory committee, Anver Saloojee through the academy and the President in his new role as Deputy Minister.

Mitch Frazer spoke of the importance of having an innovative law school that is different and reflects the University.

### **Mental Health**

Heather Lane Vetere reported that universities and colleges across Ontario are seeing increased numbers of students seeking support for mental health related disorders and illnesses.

The University established a campus-wide Mental Health Advisory Committee which provides individual and group therapy and receives funding from the province's Mental Health Innovation Fund for several mental health initiatives

Several Board members commented on the presentation and spoke of the urgency of dealing with vulnerable students before damage is done to them and possibly the reputation of the University.

Incoming Board member requested information on diversity and LGBT student support. Ms. Lane Vetere responded on the types of support available.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7.1. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mitch Frazer reported that the Finance met on November 18, 2015 and was presented with a report from Fiera Capital investments; an update on Ryerson's strong enrolment and the status of first and second quarter financial statements which indicated that Ryerson is on track to meet the 2015/16 Budget.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

8.1. Approval of the September 28, 2015 Minutes

8.2. First and Second Quarter Financial Statements

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

*That the First and Second Quarter Financial Statements be approved as presented.*

9. **TERMINATION**