

Meeting Minutes

Present: David Morrison (Chair), Carol Geddes, Christine Mahar, Jason Bilsky, James Allen, Jennifer Harkes, Joel Cubley, Lesley Brown, Pearl Callaghan, Tom Ulyett, Vera Holmes, Sarah Newton

Regrets: Chris Milner, Judy Gingell, Kathleen Van Bibber, Mark Wedge, Erica Bourdon

Staff: Blake Buckle, Robin Bradasch, Shelagh Rowles, Bronwyn Hancock, Fabi Naves (Recorder)

Guests: Joan McArthur-Blair (McArthur-Blair Consulting), Jocelyn Joe-Strack (Research Chair, Indigenous Knowledge, YukonU Research Centre)

Community Campus Chairs: Jenny Skelton (Watson Lake), Laurette Sylvain (Haines Junction), Kari Johnston (Haines Junction), Bree Josie (Old Crow), Lauren Baranik (Mayo), Doris Uhnru (Faro), and Matthew Cybulski (Carmacks).

Carol Geddes provided an opening moment of reflection

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	None
Board and Community Campus Committee Chairs joint session	<p>President Lesley Brown presented the 2022/2027 Strategic Plan to frame the discussion between the Board of Governors and the Community Campus Committee Chairs.</p> <p>Campus Community Chairs provided highlights of what's happening on the communities throughout the year.</p>
DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	None
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS	<p>MOVED by Joel Cubley, SECONDED by Tom Ulyett that the Board of Governors approve the items in the consent agenda as presented. CARRIED.</p> <p>Dean of Applies Arts, Andrew Richardson, joined the meeting to provide further information on the Early Learning and Child Care Certificate/Diploma and Climate Change post-degree certificate program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue engagement with Early Learning from the Department of Education. • Offering first year level courses through the diploma.

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

Board Chair, David Morrison provided a verbal update to the Board of Governors.

- Presentation of the 2022/2027 Strategic Plan to the Legislature
- Positive response from the public to the Strategic plan
- 10 million dollars for Science Building is in the government's capital plan – over three years

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

President Lesley Brown provided a written report that listed key engagements, government meetings, and staffing changes over the last two months.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. VP Academic and Provost – written report.
- b. VP Finance and Administration – written report.
- c. AVP External – written report.
- d. Fundraising update – written report

REPORT FROM FARC

The Board Chair and member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee David Morrison provided an update from the meeting on April 1st, 2022:

- *Pension Plan Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIPP)* – The Pension Committee completed a full review of the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures.
- *Yukon University Employees' Pension Plan amendments* – The Yukon University Employee Pension Plan document was reviewed by the Pension committee.

MOVED by Jason Bilsky, SECONDED by Vera Holmes that the Board of Governors approves the revisions to the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures for the Yukon University Employees' Pension Plan as recommended by the Pension Committee and FARC. CARRIED.

MOVED by Jason Bilsky SECONDED by Vera Holmes that the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Yukon University Employees' Pension Plan to ensure

all provisions in the plan are stated in gender neutral language as recommended by the Pension Committee and FARC. CARRIED.

- *IT equipment delay* - Supply chain issues have impacted delivery times on 3 large critical IT equipment, and as the equipment won't be delivered before the 2021/22 year-end, it will require funding as a new-year 2022/23 expense. Funds have already been committed to the purchase.

MOVED by Joel Cubley SECONDED by Carol Geddes that the Board of Governors approves the transfer of \$725K from 2021/22 in-year surplus to the capital reserve as recommended by the Finance Audit and Risk Committee. CARRIED.

MOVED by Joel Cubley SECONDED by Carol Geddes that that the Board of Governors approves the transfer of \$725K from the capital reserve to the 2022/23 operating budget to cover costs of the delayed IT equipment order as recommended by the Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee. CARRIED.

- *Polaris Project* - Interim Vice-President Finance provided an update on the Polaris Project: Yukon Government tabled capital budget that includes \$10,000,000 for the Polaris project for 2023/24; Requests for proposals have been posted for the functional plan and provision of architectural design and consulting; governance structure confirmed and included in meeting package for information.

REPORT FROM HR COMMITTEE	<p>The Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Tom Ullyett provided an update from the meeting on April 1st, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Updated Board Matrix</i> – Board members to populate the ‘<i>other expertise</i>’ column of the matrix.• <i>HR Metrics Dashboard</i> – dashboard presented to HR Committee with the employment trends at YukonU.• <i>Flexible work arrangements policy, Benefits for excluded employees’ policy and VP compensation update</i> – information items presented to the HR Committee.• <i>Other</i> – items deferred to special HR Committee meeting included: training plan, peer evaluation, collective bargaining update, remuneration of Board members who are employees of the University.
REPORT FROM GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	<p>The Governance Committee report was provided by the meeting chair of the April 1st 2022 meeting, Tom Ullyett.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>BOG-11 Investment in Governance – no revisions.</i>• <i>BOG-15 Credit program tuition fee adjustment</i> - recommendations proposed by Registrar. Policy will be reviewed again at the next Governance meeting.
NVD donation report	In-camera discussion, see confidential part of the minutes
REPORT FROM INDIGENOUS ADVISORY CIRCLE	<p>The Chair of the Indigenous Advisory Circle, Carol Geddes, provided an update from the meeting on April 1st, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee discussed how to define indigenization.• Outreach to First Nations and communities will begin soon
Board meeting dates & locations for next fiscal year	Administration proposes the addition of one extra Board meeting to the yearly schedule.
CICan Conference 2022 / Canadian University Boards Association	President Lesley Brown provided two conference options for the Board of Governors.

**PRESENTATION ON
INDIGENIZATION, EDUCATION
AND POLICY**

Research Chair Indigenous Knowledge, Jocelyn Joe-Strack joined the Board meeting to discuss Indigenization, Education and Policy.

Conversation highlights:

- Bringing indigenous ways of being through education and research
- Supporting community members and youth
- Building confidence and creating space of love and belonging
- Support for community youth
- Indigenous world views incorporated into programs
- Mental health support
- Indigenization strategy – space for conversation and what YukonU's role is

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to send agenda requests to the Board Chair.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Action Item Summary
- YukonU Media Releases

Adjourned 12:58 pm

MOVED by Jennifer Harkes, SECONDED by Vera Holmes that the Board of Governors moves to adjourn at 2:41pm. CARRIED.