



Board of Governors

Meeting

October 19, 2018

Ayamdigut Boardroom

DAY 1 – October 19th, 2018

Present: Vera Holmes (Interim Chair), Carol Geddes, Julia Salo, Judy Gingell, Jocelyn Curteanu, Chris Milner, Eric Jun Hyeock Kim, John Burdek, Ernie Prokopchuk, Piers McDonald (Chancellor), Karen Barnes (President)

Staff: Michael Hale (Chief Administrative Officer), Janet Welch (VP Academic & Student Services), Bronwyn Hancock (Associate VP Research Development), Clint Sawicki (Associate VP, Research Administration), Lacia Kinnear (Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives), Tosh Southwick (VP Indigenous Engagement & Reconciliation), Erin Symington (Executive Assistant)

Regrets: John Phelps, Shawn Allen

Guests: Dave Joe (Citizen of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Legal Advisor)

Indigenization Engagement Team:

Allison Perrin, Susan Starks, Michael Kulachosky, Rhiannon Klein, Lianne Charlie

**WELCOME &
INTRODUCTORY
REMARKS**

President Karen Barnes welcomed the Board to the October Board Retreat and introduced guest speaker Dave Joe.

**SPIRIT & INTENT
OF THE FINAL
AGREEMENTS**

Dave Joe gave a presentation to the Board, members of the Indigenous Engagement Team, and Staff on the spirit and intent of the final agreements. The powerpoint was included in the meeting package.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- History of the land claims process
- The Spirit & Intent of the Agreements
 - Ensure and enhance YFN culture, economy and lifestyle;
 - Balanced power sharing;
 - Mutual respect of people and rights;

- Non-litigious but consensus based;
 - Rights not inherited but borrowed from future generations and must care in that fashion;
 - Integration of simple resource management processes (ie. water; land; air; fire;);
 - Processes should bring people together;
 - Rights should be easily understood and exercisable without fear of prosecution;
 - Most progressive and forward thinking integration of management of resources and people in the world based on traditional and scientific knowledge;
 - Evolutionary processes that grows as understanding, trust and respect grow
- Possible Yukon College Initiatives
 - Reflect diversity of YFN culture, language and heritage in all facets of YC Governance and Administration;
 - Ensure YFN equity of participation in Board and Administration;
 - Represent the identity of YFN cultures in all facets of College life;
 - Use consensus decision making to the extent possible;
 - Leave a broad and generous legacy of learning and scholiastic optimism that represents Yukon's evolving society;
 - Reflect foundational constitutional constructs of Final and SGA Agreements along with constitutional principles (honor of the Crown) in Yukon's constitutional evolution;
 - Reflect diversity of professional opportunities from renewable resource uses, trades to professionals;
 - Always encourage and reflect integrity, trust and respect of nature and people, holistically;

10:20am Eric Jun Hyeok Kim joined the meeting

11:34am Chris Milner joined the meeting

**INDIGENIZATION
PRINCIPLES
DISCUSSION**

The President, AVP of Indigenous Engagement & Reconciliation, and Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives facilitated an exercise with the Board to explore the development of indigenization principles that could be used to guide the Board's operations and activities.

The Board and staff split up into groups to discuss what these

principles could include. The groups then shared their ideas with the rest of the Board.

Action Item:

- Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives to compile the group ideas and provide draft language around principles for the next Governance meeting in December.

**POLICY POSITION
PAPER**

Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives emphasized that it is important that the Board provide recommended policy positions to Yukon Government for consideration and inclusion in the development of the Yukon University Act.

The Board has been working on the development of a position paper that will be provided to YG in advance of the development of the Yukon University Act.

The Board used this opportunity to read the draft report and provide comments and direction.

Action Item:

- Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives to work on suggested changes to language in the Policy Position Paper and bring back to the next Governance meeting in December.

**IN CAMERA
DISCUSSION**

MOVED by Julia Salo, SECONDED by Carol Geddes to commence the in camera discussion at 3:55pm

MOVED by Vera Holmes, SECONDED by Jocelyn Curteanu to end the in camera discussion at 4:40pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm



Board of Governors

Meeting

October 20, 2018

Ayamdigut Boardroom

DAY 2 – October 20th, 2018

Present: Vera Holmes (Interim Chair), Carol Geddes, Julia Salo, Judy Gingell, Jocelyn Curteanu, Chris Milner, Eric Jun Hyeock Kim, Shawn Allen, Ernie Prokopchuk, Piers McDonald (Chancellor), Karen Barnes (President)

Staff: Michael Hale (Chief Administrative Officer), Janet Welch (VP Academic & Student Services), Clint Sawicki (Associate VP, Research Administration), Lacia Kinnear (Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives), Colleen Wirth (Director of Student Infrastructure Support), Maureen Caron (Manager Finance), Jacqueline Henley (Budget Officer), Erin Symington (Executive Assistant)

Regrets: John Phelps, John Burdek, Bronwyn Hancock (Associate VP Research Development), Tosh Southwick (VP Indigenous Engagement & Reconciliation)

Guests: Jim Butler (Lecturer, Director Faculty Bargaining Services)

**PROPERTY &
FINANCE
DISCUSSION**

Karen Barnes introduced guest Jim Butler to the Board and Staff.

Jim Butler gave a presentation and facilitated discussion around property and finance with regards to university legislation. The powerpoint was included in the meeting package.

The group worked through two mini case scenarios; one case with a finance legislative theme, and one with a property management theme.

Highlights of the presentation & discussion included:

1. The legislative tools needed to fulfill Yukon University's mandate
2. Clarity around financial and property decision making themes and oversight powers
3. Clarity with respect to Yukon's distributed decision making authorities, i.e. the respective roles of the Board of Governors, Senate, and Senior Administration

4. Yukon's desired role for Government

REVIEW OF YUKON COLLEGE ACT

Jim had the group split up and review the Yukon College Act and asked them to consider and discuss the following:

- Key elements of the existing Yukon College Act
- The merit's, pro's and cons of each element in the Act
- Only relevant sections of the Act are presented given today's themes
 - What changes would you recommend, if only to government?

The Board spent one hour discussing the act and shared their views with the group.

CONCLUSION/ NEXT STEPS

In conclusion Jim highlighted the following questions/statements for the Board to consider as they move forward:

1. What is the best legislative fit for Yukon University?
2. Each Jurisdiction is different
3. Governments have the power to override a university's rights, notwithstanding, its constituting legislation
4. The financial environment is such that universities will and are entering into a broader array of financial partnerships and programs

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action Items:

- Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives to compile the group ideas and provide draft language around principles for the next Governance meeting in December.
- Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives to work on suggested changes to language in the Policy Position Paper and bring back to the next Governance meeting in December.