



Board of Governors

Minutes of the Meeting – Open Session

Peterborough, June 27, 2024

Present – In Person: D. Cooper Burger (Chair), D. de Launay, T. Gervais, L. Groarke, K. Honey, E. Kaszecki, M. Keefer, D. Kirk, M. Lavallée, V. Lovekin, C. Nelan, A. Ramsay, K. Scaldwell, J. Smith, H. Uluorta, (Vice-President, Finance & Administration) T. Al-idrissi, (Vice-President, Research & Innovation) C. Bruce, (Vice-President, External Relations & Development) J. Davis, (Provost & Vice-President, Academic) M. Khan, (Vice-President, Human Resources) Stephanie Williams, (Associate Vice-President, Finance) C. Turk, (University Secretary) B. Blackburn, (Governance & Access Privacy Officer) R. Hall, T. Edwards (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Y. Craig, S. Martic, J. McGarrity, A. Mishra

[The Secretary confirms that quorum was present for this meeting.]

- 1. Welcome and Adoption of Agenda.** The Chair called the Open Session of the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Hearing no amendments to the agenda, and no conflicts of interest declared, the agenda was adopted as presented.
- 2. Consent Agenda.** Following on a Governor's request, consent agenda item 2.5 – Annual Report on Sexual Violence was moved to the main agenda following item 6.0 – AMOD Master Program International Tuition Fee. It was moved/seconded (Lavallée/McGarrity),

That the consent agenda be approved as amended. Carried

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes.** The Open Session minutes of May 10, 2024, were approved as presented.
- 2.2 Financial Update.** Received for information.
- 2.3 Capital Project Update.** Received for information.
- 2.4 Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan Update.** Received for information.
- 2.5 Annual Report on Sexual Violence.** Moved off Consent Agenda.
- 2.6 Annual Report from the Equity & Human Rights Office.** Received for information.
- 2.7 Annual Report on Quality Assurance.** Received for information.
- 2.8 Senate Report to Board of Governors.** Received for information.
- 2.9 Investment Performance Summary (Pension) – Q1.** Received for information.
- 2.10 Investment Performance Summary Endowment/SRI Fund – Q1.** Received for information.

2.11 Annual Report on distribution from Endowment Fund. Received for information.

- 3. Chair's Remarks.** The Chair congratulated the convocation team for another successful year of ceremonies. With the generous support of sponsors and participants, the annual Excalibur Golf Tournament raised \$78K, bringing the total raised to over \$700K for the Green and White Scholarship fund. The Chair closed her remarks by thanking President Groarke for 10 years of outstanding leadership with the University.
- 4. President's Report.** The President reported on various activities and events since the last meeting, including:
 - May 10 - President Groarke travelled to Hong Kong with VP Bruce to visit the Alumni chapter and introduce the President Designate.
 - May 27-29 - First annual Trent/Trento conference at the Trent Symons Campus, hosting discussions regarding future research projects, faculty exchanges, and further collaboration opportunities.
 - May 30 - Dedication ceremony for the renaming of the University Court to the Don Tapscott & Ana Lopes court
 - June 4–14 – Convocation ceremonies
- 5. Year-end Appropriations.** Governor Smith reported that preliminary year-end financial results indicated an excess revenue over expenses of approximately \$20.1M, after appropriations already approved by the Board. This is due to enrolment growth, unanticipated government funding, and additional interest income. As a result, the Finance & Property Committee is recommending that \$12.650M be appropriated to various strategic priorities, including, new college/residence development, Durham expansion, capital projects, Cleantech Commons infrastructure, and endowment contributions. Further appropriations of the remaining surplus will be brought forward to Executive Committee for consideration in August 2024, after the year-end audit is substantially completed and the final financial position is known.

It was moved/seconded (Lavallée/Smith),

That the Board of Governors approve the year-end appropriations in the amount of \$12.650 million as recommended by senior management. Carried

- 6. AMOD Master Program International Tuition Fee.** Governor Smith called on VP Al-idrissi to introduce the revised tuition fee framework for the new compressed Applied Modelling & Quantitative Methods (AMOD) stream, Data Science and Analytics. Due to the rigour and expense of this accelerated degree, administration

recommends that current tuition costs be split across three terms instead of four to reflect the condensed curriculum of the program.

It was moved/seconded (Scaldwell/Smith),

That the Board of Governors approve the International Tuition in the amount of \$13,505.63/term for international students in the new compressed Applied Modelling and Quantitative Methods (AMOD) master's program, Data Science and Analytics stream. Carried

7. **Annual Report on Sexual Violence.** A Governor requested that the Board be provided with additional context regarding reported incidents, including how they are categorized and the effectiveness of initiatives. VP Williams and AVP Lam provided background on reporting and how numbers are tracked. They further reported on various actions being taken to increase staffing efforts and improve policies. It was requested that future reports include information surrounding the success of these measures to gauge how best to assist those seeking out these services.
8. **Special Resolution II.2 – Presidential Absence, Review and Search Policy.** Governor Scaldwell outlined the major changes brought forward for this policy including defining the re-appointment process, updated membership of the advisory committee, further clarification on Presidential absence, and the addition of a conflict of interest provision.

It was moved/seconded (Scaldwell/Kirk),

That the Board of Governors approve the revisions to Special Resolution III.2 – Presidential Absence, Review and Search Policy as presented. Carried

9. **Trent Farm Research Centre.** VP Khan presented the recommendation that the Board approve the establishment of the Trent Farm Research Centre, adding that it was approved by Senate on May 10, 2024. He outlined the purpose and primary functions of this Research Centre including: relevant field research, teaching and experiential learning opportunities, demonstrating ecologically-sound, socially-just Indigenous knowledge, and economically sustainable agricultural management approaches, allowing the University to become a focal point for agri-food research and learning in the East Central Ontario region. It was noted, on February 2, 2024, the Board approved \$350K in appropriations as startup funds for the initial five years of the Farm operations, until the Farm can be sustainable on its own.

It was moved/seconded (Scaldwell/Keefer),

That the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Trent Farm Research Centre. Carried

- 10. Alumni Engagement & Services Update.** VP Davis highlighted the importance of Trent's alumni as a community stakeholder which continues to grow each year. Director of Alumni Services and Engagement, Naomi Handley, presented the Annual Report to the Board for 2023-24, and the Alumni Engagement and Services Strategic Plan for 2024-27. The annual report outlined new benefits available to alumni, which has led to further engagement opportunities, Trent University Alumni Association (TUAA) award recipients, Life After Trent – Career Conversations, and various other successful annual events (i.e. Trent Day, Convocation). The 2024-27 Alumni Strategic Plan highlights 5 priorities and accompanying strategies to assist in guiding TUAA to deliver enhanced and forward-thinking alumni services/ programs over the next 3 years. Moving forward, metrics will be introduced to demonstrate progress and overall impact of these enhanced engagement services.
- 11. Alumni Philanthropy Update.** VP Davis announced the University was recently bestowed two awards for the Campaign for Momentous Change video *Gratitude for All Our Relations*; silver in the Prix d'Excellence Awards from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAÉ), and bronze in the Circle of Excellence Awards from the Council for Advancement and Support for of Education (CASE).

AVP Sherry Booth outlined this year's philanthropic successes, including \$57M raised to date for the Campaign for Momentous Change, 300 monthly donors to on-campus initiatives, and the Trill College endowment surpassing the \$1M goal. With the approved appropriations highlighted earlier in this meeting, the remaining college endowments will each respectively now sit at \$500K.

AVP Booth introduced Deb Key and Tamara Lightbody, daughters of Trent alumni Bob and Margie Lightbody. Together, they presented the legacy gift of the new Lightbody Drive Shed to be constructed at the Trent Research Farm, which will assist in supporting teaching and research efforts surrounding sustainable agriculture.

- 12. Meeting Adjournment.** The open session of the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Brenda Blackburn
University Secretary

Debra Cooper Burger
Chair