

Voting Members Present with Carol Ryder in the Chair were: Sara Anhorn, Morgan Calenso, Chris Cran, Patti Dibski, Dr. Daniel Doz, John Gaucher, Tom Graham, Steward Hanlon, Chi Iliya-Ndule, Portia Scabar, Adrian Stimson, Sheila Taylor, Justin Waddell

Non-Voting, Ex-officio Member: Andrea Power, Secretary to the Board of Governors

Regrets: Jolie Bird

Guests: Joanne Deaver, Meeting Resource; Dr. Janis Goldie, Dean Academic Programs; Nicole Hamilton, Dean, Innovation, Learning & Development; Wendy Harding, Executive Director, Human Relations; Jamie Leong-Huxley, Vice President Advancement; Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Dean of Students; Scott Powell, Vice President, Finance and Operations

The Chair then welcomed all Board members and guests to the meeting, read the Land Acknowledgement and then called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

The Chair, Governance and HR Committee extended congratulations to:

- Sheila Taylor on the renewal of the Board of Governors term for an additional three years.
- Carol Ryder whose term as Chair, Board of Governors has been extended for one additional year.
- Carol Ryder will be appointed as Vice Chair, Canadian University Board Association (CUBA) in May 2023.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED and SECONDED:

THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE DRAFT FEBRUARY 28, 2023 BOARD OF GOVERNORS REVISED AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

2. Finance and Audit Committee: 2023-2024 AUArts Tuition and Fees Proposal

On behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee:

THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE 2023-2024 AUARTS TUITION AND FEES PROPOSAL, AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

The Vice President Finance and Audit shared the 2023-2024 AUArts Tuition and Fees Proposal presentation. The following was discussed:

- Requirement for international student tuition to be made known for the duration of a student's degree.
- The approved tuition will be published in the 2023-2024 academic calendar.
- As noted in the terms of reference, the current composition of the consultation Committee is composed of 3 administrative and 3 student members. It was queried as to why there were no faculty on the Student Fee Consultation Committee.
- It was pointed out that the 2021 Alberta Tuition Framework document does not state the requirement for tuition to cover the cost of delivery. As a follow up at the next Board meeting, the Vice President Finance and Operations will confirm in what regulation the requirement is derived.
- It was noted that the Alberta Government does not allow AUArts to run a deficit budget, so it is critical the operating grant funds received from the government and tuition meet the needs of operations and teaching, respectively.
- The 2021 Alberta Tuition Framework notes the following: "*The requirement for institutions to consult students on a regular and ongoing basis (e.g., institutions are required to have at least two meetings with their student association(s) to discuss tuition and fee increases).*" There were three meetings of the Student Fee Consultation Committee and the three student association representatives on the committee shared the tuition consultation documentation with the Student Leadership Committee (SLC), which represents the student body.

3. Governance and HR Committee: 2023-2024 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule

On behalf of the Governance and Human Resource Committee:

THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE 2023-2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SCHEDULE, AS PRESENTED.

CARRIED

In discussion of the motion, the following was noted:

- Discussed the idea of holding all our committee meetings in one day, but that was not recommended.
- The Board of Governors retreat is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 23, but unfortunately the BMO Center is not available that day. It is available on Friday, September 29. Members were asked which day was preferred – a Friday or Saturday. It was noted that Fridays could be a problem with students or faculty who have classes.
- It was agreed to keep the retreat to September 23 and find an alternate location.
- If any committee meetings conflict with student schedules, the schedule can be adjusted accordingly. This will be completed once the students are appointed and they have their schedules confirmed. The Board meeting schedule will note that it is subject to change, as required.

4. Consent Agenda

The following items were approved by consent.

- December 13, 2022 Draft Board Meeting Minutes
- Constituent Reports:
 - General Faculties Council
 - AUArts Student Association
 - Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
 - President's Cabinet Report

The following was noted in discussion of the consent agenda items:

- AUArts has not received the audited statements from the Student Association (SA) for 2021-22. The SA are working hard to complete the audit and are experiencing some difficulty with one piece of information. The Chair, Finance and Audit Committee, noted that the submission of the SA audited statements is a statutory requirement as noted in the Post-Secondary Learning Act. The SA do hope to have their statements submitted by the April 2023 Board meeting.
- The SA 2022-2023 Budget projects a deficit. The SA does have additional funds to cover this deficit and expects the budget to balance before the year end.
- It is unclear when the Board will receive the SA 2023-24 budget.
- It was noted that the Cabinet Reports follow great alignment to the Alberta 2030 report.
- To date, AUArts have received 666 applications and 197 of those are confirmed with a deposit. This is great news to demonstrate to the government there is demand for creative education.

5. Board Chair's Report

The Board Chair provided a written report, and the following was discussed:

- There will be further updates from the Minister of Advanced Education on the requirement to report to the government of freedom of speech.

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Finance and Audit Committee

A written committee report was presented by the Committee Chair and there were no questions.

6.2 Advancement Committee

A written committee report was presented by the Committee Chair, and the following was discussed:

- Highlighted the success of the boost a student campaign. This is the second campaign for the annual fund-raising campaign and \$100,000 was raised. Thanks were extended to the Board Chair and the Vice President Advancement. This campaign has paved the way for a more philanthropic attitude within the University.
- The boost funds will be directed toward student bursaries. Also, a student pantry partnership with the SA will be initiated.

6.3 Governance and Human Resources Committee

A written committee report was presented by the Committee Chair and there were no questions.

7. President and CEO Report

A written committee report was presented by the Board Chair as there was a meeting called by the Advanced Education Minister from 4:30-5pm. The President and CEO excused himself for that duration, and upon his return to the Board meeting, questions concerning his report would be taken during the in-camera meeting.

8. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

9. Governance and HR Committee**9.1 New Board of Governors Policy Documents:**

- 9.1.1 Presidential Search and Review Policy
- 9.1.2 Presidential Search Procedures
- 9.1.3 Presidential Search Terms of Reference
- 9.1.4 Presidential Reappointment Procedures
- 9.1.5 Presidential Reappointment Terms of Reference

- The work group prepared the five Presidential policy documents, and they are presented for discussion. The documents will return to the Governance and HR Committee at the April meeting with any comments or edits. The committee will then recommend the suite of documents to the Board for approval at the April meeting.
- The policy documents are grounded in human resource best practices, and they are consistent with what other Universities have in place.
- It is important for transparency that the policy documents be clear and indicate reasonable timelines for the search or re-appointment committees to complete their work.
- The search and re-appointment procedures contain more details, timelines and what is required from the Board, so everyone will know how this will work.
- The Terms of Reference outline who forms the search committee and what expectations are for participation and confirms the importance of confidentiality.
- There were no questions.

10. Minister of Advanced Education: Campus Free Speech Reporting

The email from the Minister of Advanced Education to the Board Chair was attached for information. All post-secondary institutions expect the government will come back with more details on Campus Free Speech Reporting process and procedure.

The Chair adjourned the open session of the Board meeting at 5:00pm and then thanked all Cabinet members for attending. The Board meeting then resumed in camera at 5:10pm.

11. Adjournment

The in-camera Board meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.