

Voting Members: Adrian Stimson, Chair, Sheila Taylor*, Vice-Chair, Sara Anhorn, Morgan Calenso, Chris Cran, Dr. Daniel Doz, Tom Graham, Ruby Gupta, Chi Iliya-Ndule, Evan Legate, Cassandra Paul, Tammi Price, and Justin Waddell*.

Regrets: Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Patrick Chiu, and Quynn Covey.

Guests: Tanya Mryglod, Students' Association (SA) President, and Murray Wittmeier, SA Vice-President, External, incoming (SA) representatives on the Board of Governors.

Observers: Gurman Sahota, Executive Director of the AUArts Students' Association.

Management & Resource Members: Joanne Deaver, Executive Assistant to the President (Scribe), Dr. Janis Goldie, Dean, Academic Programs, Wendy Harding, Executive Director, People and Culture, Scott Powell, Vice President Finance and Operations, and Cherie Tutt, University Secretary.

*Via Teams

The Chair welcomed members to the May 22, 2024 meeting, and introduced Ruby Gupta, a new public member as well as the new students representatives Tanya Mryglod and Murray Wittmeier who are awaiting their formal appointments to the Board through Ministerial Order.

The Chair then provided the land acknowledgement, called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agendas

Moved / Seconded

That the Agenda for the May 22, 2024 Board of Governors meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts were declared.

3. Adoption and Receipt of the Open Consent Agenda Items

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

The following Consent Agenda items were adopted:

4.1 April 23, 2024 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on April 23, 2024, be approved.

Adopted

The following Consent Agenda items were received by the Board for information:

4.2 Board Standing Committee Reports

- Finance and Audit
- Governance & HR

4.3 Board Work Plan

4.4 Constituent Reports

- General Faculties Council
- Students' Association (SA), including 2024-2025 Annual Budget

4.5 Cabinet Reports

- Dean, Academic Programs
- Vice President Advancement
- Vice President Finance & Operations
- Dean of Students

- In response to a question, the SA's Executive Director stated that to make up their budget deficit, the SA is considering the fee structure for Student Medical and Dental fees and an increase in student membership fees. The SA also plans to apply for additional grants and investigate other funding sources.

4. Board of Governors Graduating Student Award Winners

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Daniel Doz presented this item.

Highlights:

- The President reviewed the work submitted by the recipients of the Board of Governors Awards for the graduating class of 2024, noting that there were 12 undergraduate award winners from the various disciplines and one MFA award winner. Their work as well as the work of other members of the graduating class is included in the Grad Show.
- Congratulations were given to all the student recipients.

5. Endowment Contributions

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Tom Graham and Scott Powell presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee reported that the proposed allocations were reviewed and are being recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- It is being recommended that \$525K of the projected year end surplus of \$1.2M be allocated between four new endowments (1) summer residency program, (2) president student art commissions, (3) Show OFF awards, and (4) Community Events and that \$25K be allocated to top up the MFA Scholarships for a total of \$550K.
- A member of the Board expressed that it is very positive to see additional funding being directed to summer residency and scholarship programming.

Moved / Seconded

That the Board of Governors approve the contributions to endowments as presented to the Board, and as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Carried

6. 2024-2025 Operating Budget & Investment Management Agreement (IMA)

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Tom Graham and Scott Powell presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee reported that the 2024-2205 operating budget was reviewed and discussed at the Committee's last meeting and the Committee is supportive of adoption of the proposed budget.
- Management then provided an overview of the annual budget process including a review of ongoing challenges and planning methodologies, followed by an overview of the revenue and expenses within the operating budget, including projected revenue for the Continuing Education Creative Industries initiative, noting that the University has received permission from the government to run a deficit for this project.
- It was reported that the University's Investment Management Agreement continues until 2025 and will put 40% (\$5.6M) of the University's Campus Alberta grant at risk next year. This is tied to four (4) metrics, which are currently all on-track.
- The Board discussed the Graduate Survey metric included in the investment management agreement, and Management reported that as the survey is run by the government they don't have knowledge about how it is administered or the questions that will be included.

Moved / Seconded

That the Board of Governors approve the Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as set out in the document provided to the Board, and as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Carried

7. Student Academic Misconduct Procedure and Student Non-Academic Misconduct Procedure

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Chi Iliya-Ndule, Janis Goldie and Cherie Tutt presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Chair of the Governance and HR Committee reported that the Committee has reviewed these policies and procedures and recommends the delegations set out within the documents. The General Faculties Council which has overlapping authority regarding student discipline reviewed and approved the documents at its May 15th meeting.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - There were several opportunities for students to provide feedback on these documents and that changes were made in response to said feedback, to the Student Academic Integrity Policy and Student Academic Misconduct Procedure.
 - Timelines to complete investigation and appeals processes were shortened in response to feedback, but there is the ability to extend timelines in consultation with the parties involved.
 - Reference documents will be created to provide decision-makers guidance on appropriate sanctions in order to ensure consistency in decision making across the institution.
- The Board discussed the definition of Falsification and Fabrication, in particular the following language “except for creative and artistic purposes” and whether this definition should be simplified to remove fabrication resulting in no longer needing to incorporate the additional language. The Board further discussed technology such as artificial intelligence and how instructors will have a responsibility to articulate when it is permitted for creative and artistic purposes.

- It was clarified that the authority of the Board is focused on the appeal process and the delegation of authority to oversee appeals and that the General Faculties Council has authority to discipline students and had many discussions on the definitions set out within the policies and procedures. It was agreed that given the comments on the definition of Falsification and Fabrication, that the specific definition will be monitored as well as undergo further reviewed/consultation with the appropriate General Faculties Council bodies and any change will be brought through governance as appropriate.

Moved / Seconded

That the Board of Governors approve the Student Academic Misconduct Procedure and the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Procedure, including the delegations set out within the Procedures, as set out in the forms provided to the Board, effective for Fall Term 2024, and as recommended by the Governance and Human Resources Committee.

Carried

8. Board Chair Report

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. The Board Chair presented this item.

The Board Chair highlighted activities undertaken in the period between April 23rd and May 24th, noting that since submitting his report a roundtable discussion with the Premier, the Minister of Advanced Education and Post-secondary Institutions has been scheduled for Friday, May 24th, focused on Bill 18, the Provincial Priorities Act. The Board Chair and the President and CEO will be attending.

9. President & CEO Report

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Daniel Doz presented this item.

Highlights:

- The President introduced new Student Work commissioned this year – two (2) sets of Coasters, both produced by first year students from object design and fabrication.
- On June 4th the President is hosting a Leadership Retreat for Cabinet, Directors and Managers. Included are sessions on Student Success; AUArts Growth Plan and refreshing the building master plan.
- On June 6th a community Town Hall for faculty and staff is planned to provide updates on the Budget, and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility activities and to introduce the Presidential Search Firm chosen and launch the community survey.

10. Motion to Adjourn the Open Session and Move into the In-Camera Session

Moved / Seconded

That the Board of Governors adjourn the Open Session and move into the In-camera Session.

Carried

The Committee adjourned the Open session at 3:42 p.m. and called a 5-minute break.