



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Friday, September 20, 2019
Jorgenson Hall – JOR 1410
380 Victoria Street
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors of Ryerson University (the “University”) held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Jorgenson Hall, JOR-1410.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: S. Ahmed, K. Bahnan, S. Bukhari, C. Ellis, M. Frazer (Chair), J. Fukakusa, M. Lachemi, J. Gonzales, H. Harb, M. Kolios, R. Khonsari, C. MacDonald, A. McKee, N. Mohamed, C. Paisley, S. Sinha, T. Staffieri

Regrets: M. Al Zaibak, J. Cockwell, J. Dallaire, M. Ien, D. Porter, M. Rodrigues

Board Secretariat:

H. Driscoll, Director, Governance
V. Luckiram, Governance Co-ordinator
J. MacInnis, Assistant Secretary
J. Shin Doi, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors

Others Attending:

M. Benarroch, Provost and Vice President, Academic
D. Brown, Vice President, Administration and Operations
L. Cowin, Executive Director, Athletics and Recreation
G. Craney, Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, University Planning
F. Forbes, Chief of Staff & Executive Director, Communications
J. Grass, Assistant Vice President, University Relations
S. Liss, Vice President, Research and Innovation
G. Mallon, Interim Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management and Development
J. MacRitchie, Assistant Vice-President, Zone Learning and Strategic Initiatives
M. McEachrane Mikhail, Executive Director, Office of Provost and Vice President Academic
J. McKee, Chief Financial Officer
J. McMillen, Vice Provost, Students
I. Mishkel, Vice President, University Advancement and Alumni Relations
D. O’Neil Green, Vice President, Equity and Community Inclusion
A. Saloojee, Assistant Vice President, Ryerson International
C. Sass-Kortsak, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources

1. **IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)**
2. **IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Executive Group Invited)**
3. **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

END OF IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

4. INTRODUCTION

4.1. Chair's Remarks

M. Frazer opened his remarks with an acknowledgement of the land and then welcomed new students, faculty, staff and alumni members to the first Board meeting of the academic year. He noted that the Board Welcome Social was held on September 5, 2019. He reminded Board members of the upcoming Convocations and encouraged board member participation. M. Frazer thanked the Ryerson Bookstore for arranging the Herschel backpacks in keeping with the back-to-school theme, noting that Ryerson is a Herschel retailer.

4.2. Approval of the September 20, 2019 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

5. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

M. Lachemi welcomed Board members and updated them on the University's current enrolment.

M. Lachemi informed Board members that in August, the government approved OSAP eligibility for students at the new Law School.

M. Lachemi announced that the Daphne Cockwell Complex is open, thanked D. Brown and her team in Facilities Management and Development for their great work in making this happen, and noted that there will be a formal opening ceremony for the building later this fall.

M. Lachemi reported that Pedro Barata was named Executive Director of the Future Skills Centre. M. Lachemi continued by saying that the Future Skills Centre held a call for proposals this month, involving Thirty Six Million Dollars (\$36,000,000) in funding.

M. Lachemi reported that in September Ryerson served as a venue for the Toronto International Film Festival at which five Ryerson alumni debuted their films at TIFF.

M. Lachemi reminded Board members that the 2nd annual Ryerson Pow Wow was taking place and it included two days full of Indigenous culture, arts, teachings, song, drumming and dance. M. Lachemi encouraged Board members to attend the Pow Wow after the Board meeting.

M. Lachemi spoke of the upcoming Fall Convocation, noting that honorary doctorates are being presented to two distinguished individuals: Maryka Omatsu, lawyer, activist and the first woman

of East Asian descent to be appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice; and Sajjad Ebrahim, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

6. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

J. Shin Doi announced C. Redmond's retirement this fall and introduced the new Board Secretariat team: Heather Driscoll, Josie Lee, Vidya Luckiram, Jennifer MacInnis, and Hannah Williams.

6.1. Annual Board and Committee Assessment Executive Summary 2018-19

7. REPORT FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

7.1. The Academic Year Ahead

M. Benarroch highlighted new priorities for the year including emphasis on internationalization and indigenization strategies and advised that enrolment targets for the 2019-20 academic year have been met.

7.2. Law School

M. Benarroch announced that admissions to the new Law School are now open.

7.3. Senior Leadership Appointments

M. Benarroch noted that, aside from the appointments in his written report, J. MacRitchie was appointed the Assistant Vice-President of Zone Learning and Strategic Initiatives.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. Report from the Chair of the Employee Relations and Pension Committee

M. Frazer reported that the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee met on September 19, 2019 and received the report on the Actuarial Valuations for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan as at December 31, 2018. The Committee recommended that the report not be filed with the regulatory authorities at this time. The Committee also recommended that Willis Towers Watson be appointed as a third-party administrator for the Pension Plan, and that Willis Towers Watson also be retained as the Actuary for the pension plan for the calendar year 2020.

8.1.1. Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan Valuation Report December 31, 2018

It was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the report on the Actuarial Valuations for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan as at December 31, 2018 not be filed with the regulatory authorities at this time.

8.1.2. Appointment of the Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan

It was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT Willis Towers Watson be retained as the Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan for the calendar year 2020.

8.1.3. Appointment of the Third-Party Administrator of the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan

It was moved, seconded and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the appointment of Willis Towers Watson as the third-party administrator for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan effective April 1, 2020 be approved as presented.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1. Approval of the June 27, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

10. FOR INFORMATION

11. TERMINATION