

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY**

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APPROVED minutes of the 235<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Board of Governors of Athabasca University held Friday, September 14, 2018, AU-House, Athabasca, AB.

**Present:** Vivian Manasc (Chair), Neil Fassina, McDonald Madamombe, Cheryl Hunter Loewen, Debby Kronewitt Martin, Robert Balay, Tracey Maguire, Sharon Anderson, Brenden Hunter, Douglas Schindel, Shawn Fraser, Derek Briton, Paulette Patry, Liam Connelly, Brandon Simmons, Melinda Goertz and Lindsay McNena

**Governance Staff:** Carol Lund (University Secretary) and Barbara Kowalchuk (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Elder Maria Campbell, Matthew Prineas, Deborah Meyers, Jennifer Schaeffer, Rick Harland, Charlene Polege, Adrianna Cavaliere, Eileen Hendy and Laura Knoblock

**Absent with Regrets:** Lynn Hamilton

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 P.M. Elder Maria Campbell provided an opening prayer.

### **1.0 Approval of Agenda**

#### **1.1 Approve Agenda for Meeting 235**

**235-01 MOVED** That the Board of Governors approves the agenda for Meeting 235 as amended, and thereby approves the consent agenda including the minutes of meeting 232, held May 25, 2018, meeting 233, held July 4, 2018 and meeting 234, held August 1, 2018 as presented.

**Balay/Kronewitt Martin**

**Carried**

#### **Amendments:**

- Addition of Agenda Item 4.2 – Motion to approve the appointment of McDonald Madamombe as Vice Chair

### **2.0 Conflict of Interest**

#### **2.1 Conflict of Interest Statement**

Subject to the Conflict of Interest Guidelines set out in the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Members of the Board of Governors of Athabasca University, and the General Bylaws Board of Governors of Athabasca University, members were asked to declare any conflict they may have with respect to particular agenda items contained within the meeting agenda.

No conflicts were declared.

### **3.0 President's Discussion and Analysis**

The President presented and reviewed the report with the members. Further to the report the President:

- introduced Deborah Meyers, the new Vice President Finance & Administration to the members and thanked David Head for his work as the Interim Vice President Finance & Administration; and
- thanked Rick Harland, Interim Vice President University Relations for his work, noting that the new Vice President University Relations will be commencing her employment on October 1, 2018.

### **3.1 Year-End Variance Report**

The President presented this report providing an overview of the Q1 surplus as well as projections for year-end.

## **4.0 Action Items**

### **4.1 Approve Annual Report to Alberta Advanced Education Year Ended March 31, 2018**

**235-02 MOVED** That the Board of Governors approves the *Athabasca University Annual Report to Alberta Advanced Education for the Year Ended March 31, 2018*, subject to non-substantive editorial revisions.

**Hunter Loewen/Madamombe**

The President provided an overview of the draft Annual Report with the members.

It was noted that commentary could be added to the report in respect of the decline in research revenue.

**Carried**

### **4.2 Approve the Appointment of McDonald Madamombe as Vice Chair**

**235-03 MOVED** That the Board of Governors appoints McDonald Madamombe as Vice Chair effective September 14, 2018.

**Balay/Kronewitt Martin**

The Chair noted that the Governance Committee had recommended Member Madamombe be appointed as Vice Chair, and expressed her appreciation to Member Madamombe for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

**Carried**

## **5.0 Business Arising from the Consent Agenda**

None

## **6.0 Board Chair Report and Closing Comments**

The Board Chair presented her report to the members and noted that she looked forward to the Board Retreat.

A formal presentation of an Honorary Doctor of Letters parchment (originally awarded in 2001) to Elder Maria Campbell was undertaken.

## **7.0 Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 P.M.