

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY

APPROVED minutes of the open session of the 243rd meeting of the Board of Governors of Athabasca University held Friday, April 24, 2020 via skype.

Present: Nancy Laird (Chair), Neil Fassina, Rob Balay, Bryan Berg, Lynn Hamilton, McDonald Madamombe, Tracey Maguire, Shannon Neighbour, Larry Spagnolo, Shawn Fraser, Derek Briton, Liam Connelly, Meaghan Sullivan, Brandon Simmons and Natasha Donahue

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

Others Present: Matthew Prineas, Deborah Meyers, Jennifer Schaeffer, Kristine Williamson and Gilbert Perras

Absent with Regrets: Sharon Anderson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M.

1.0 Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

243-01 MOVED That the Board of Governors approves the open session agenda for Meeting 243, and thereby approves the consent agenda including the minutes of the open session of meeting 242, held March 26, 2020, as presented.

Neighbour/Berg

Carried

2.0 Conflict of Interest Declaration

Subject to the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for the Board of Governors, 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 Action Information/Discussion Items

3.1 Approve ERM Risk Register (2020-21)

243-02 MOVED That the Board of Governors approves the ERM Risk Register (2020-21).

Spagnolo/Neighbour

It was noted that the risk register represents stage 2 of 3 for the updated Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Policy process and ERM risk register reporting. An overview of the risk register and how it differs from previous versions was provided. The members were also informed of comments received from the Audit Committee earlier in the day in respect of the format and content of the risk register.

Clarification was provided in respect of those items where the inherent and residual risk is high or critical. Clarification was also provided in respect of the residual rating for cybersecurity noting that a Digital Security Program (DSP) is now in place, and a virtual information session regarding the DSP is planned in May for the Board of Governors.

Carried

4.0 Business Arising from the Consent Agenda (None)

The Board Chair acknowledged that this would be the last meeting for student member Brandon Simmons and graduate student member Meaghan Sullivan. A summary of their service on the Board was provided, and Members Simmons and Sullivan were thanked for their commitment to the University, their engagement and advocacy.

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.