

# York University Board of Governors

## Synopsis

**440<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 6 October 2015**

### Remarks

The Chair of the Board, Rick Waugh, welcomed all governors to the new academic year, particularly new members Amanda Wassermuhl, Bernie Lightman, Dan O'Hara, Jacques Demers, Jane Rowe, Laura Formusa, Julie Lassonde and Ajay Virmani.

As the incoming Chair, Mr Waugh outlined his three priorities for the Board during his term, including:

- Enhancing Board effectiveness
- Building alternate external funding for the University
- Implementing succession planning

### Appointments

#### *Honorary Governors*

- Julia Foster as Honorary Governor, effective 1 July 2015

#### *Pension Fund Board of Trustees*

- Jacques Demers (Board of Governor nominee) for a three-year term, effective 1 September 2015

### Approvals (Taken since the last Board meeting by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board)

- Appointment of Jacques Demers and Julie Lassonde to the Board of Governors, for four-year terms, effective 1 September 2015
- Concurrence with the President's appointment of Lyndon Martin as Dean, Faculty of Education for a five-year term, effective 1 July 2016.

### Approvals

- The President's September 2015 report on appointments, tenure and promotion
- The appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the University's external auditors for the fiscal year 2015-2016

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### Reports/Presentations

- A briefing by the Chair on the Presidential Search process, to commence in the coming months
- An update from the President on the Markham campus planning; the candidates for honorary doctorates at the Fall 2015 convocation ceremonies; and recent faculty and student successes
- A presentation on the 2015 orientation by the Vice-Provost Students
- A presentation on the new brand campaign by the Chief Communications and Marketing Officer
- Received from the Finance & Audit Committee the Annual Reports on (1) the York University Pension Plan and (2) the Pension Fund
- Each of the Academic Resources, Executive, Finance and Audit, Governance & Human Resources, Investment and Marketing, Communications & Community Affairs committees reported for information on matters discussed in their recent meetings.

For further information on the above items supporting documentation is contained in the agenda for the meeting posted on the University Secretariat website.

Maureen Armstrong, Secretary