

York University Board of Governors

Synopsis

439th Meeting held on 22 June 2015

Remarks

This being her final meeting, the Chair of the Board acknowledged the tremendous collegiality and expertise of the governors serving on the Board, counting her time at York among her most rewarding experiences. Noting the University's achievements in recent years, she extended warm thanks and appreciation for the support received from the senior administration and their staff, and particularly President Shoukri. Mrs Foster emphasized York's good fortune to have Rick Waugh as its succeeding Board Chair.

Appreciation was conveyed to retiring governors for their hard work and dedication during their terms, and newly appointed members of the Board were welcomed.

The President expressed his deep gratitude to Mrs Foster for her leadership, commitment and far-reaching contributions as Chair of the Board. He also welcomed Mr Waugh as the incoming Chair, and the new members joining the Board in the coming year.

Appointments

Governors

- Laura Formosa, Jane Rowe and Ajay Virmani for four-year terms, effective 1 July 2015
- Amanda Wassermuhl (non-academic staff nominee) for a two-year term commencing 1 July 2015
- Dan O'Hara (student nominee) for a two-year term commencing 1 July 2015
- Bernard Lightman (Senate nominee) for a two-year term commencing 1 July 2015

Pension Fund Board of Trustees

- Colin Deschamps (York University Retirees' Association nominee) for a three-year term, effective 1 June 2015

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

- Extension of Ronald Owston as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Education for one additional year to 30 June 2016.
- Concurrence with the agreement reached and ratified with YUSA/APUY Unit 1, and the tentative settlements reached with CUPE 1356 and CUPE 1356-1

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- The President's June 2015 report on appointments, tenure and promotion
- the 2015-2017 Budget Plan
- the York University Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 30 April 2015
- the tuition fees for the MASc and PhD programs in Civil and Mechanical Engineering, effective 1 September 2015
- a capital allocation of \$4.8 million for washroom renovations and mechanical updates in the Vanier and Winters residences, Keele campus
- a capital allocation of \$2.3 million for the washroom renovations and mechanical updates in the Wood residence, Glendon
- the following changes to parking rates for 2015/16:
 - an increase of the daytime rate for the Arboretum Land and the Student Services parking garages to \$2.50/half-hour to a daytime maximum of \$20
 - a single daily maximum rate for the Founders East lot of \$10
 - an increase to the fine amounts for parking in a medical / accessible space without a valid permit to \$450, and to \$250 for parking in a fire access route
- changes to the meal plan rates and policies for 2015/16 as follows:
 - restructuring of the meal plan account and policies to provide for a single, non-refundable Meal Plan account with carry forward balances permitted with a \$50 administrative fee
 - a 5% increase to the rates for all meal plans
 - an increase to the portion of non-refundable taxable funds within each meal plan (*Refer to the Board agenda for the revised fund levels for each plan*)
 - a \$50 programming fee incorporated in each meal plan (\$25 for the optional suite plan)
- an extension of the York Lanes Ground Lease to YUDC from 40 years to 65 years, and authorization for the Vice-President Finance & Administration to finalize the lease terms and execute the lease extension.

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- Re-approval of the following policies for 2015:
 - Occupational Health and Safety Policy
 - Workplace Violence Policy
 - Workplace Harassment Policy
- an update to the Banking Resolution to reflect the change in the Chair of the Board and recent University staff changes, effective 1 July 2015

Reports/Presentations

- A progress report on the University's 2014/15 strategic priorities by the President
- From the Vice-President Finance & Administration, presentations on the 2015-2017 Budget Plan and the 2015 York University Audited Financial Statements
- From Darnel Harris and Shadiya Aidid the 2014/15 Annual Report on the Student Representative Roundtable
- Received from the Governance & Human Resources Committee the 2014 Employment Equity Annual Report and the 2014 Health, Safety and Employee Well-Being Annual Report
- Received from the Investment Committee the 2014 Annual Investment Report
- Received from the Academic Resources Committee completed Cyclical Program Review reports
- Each of the Academic Resources, Executive, Finance and Audit, Governance & Human Resources, Land & Property and Marketing, Communications & Community Affairs committees reported for information on matters discussed in their recent meetings.

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

Maureen Armstrong, Secretary