



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of the Thursday, April 11, 2024 Meeting

Present: Michael Pautler (Board Chair), Matthew Bondy*, Michael Braga*, Melissa Carvalhal, Cheri Chevalier, Sinead Costello, Andrew Deman, Melanie Garaffa*, Justin Heimpel, Anne Jamieson*, Carol Ann MacGregor, Peter Meehan, Tamara Nugent, Alan Rego, Bruce Rodrigues, Fr. Tim Uniac, Deron Waldock, Mark Wendland, Alayna Woodley*

Resources: Saphron Moule, Executive Director, Finance and Administration; Karen Radcliffe, Director, Finance and Accounting; Katrina Kaczala, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Norm Klassen

**Attended the meeting virtually using Zoom.*

OPEN SESSION

1. PRAYER & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

P. Meehan provided an acknowledgement that St. Jerome's University and the University of Waterloo reside and operate on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land Frederick Haldimand granted to the Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations of the Grand River in 1784 that includes 10 kilometers on both sides of the Grand River and extends from its source to Lake Erie.

The prayer was provided by P. Meehan.

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair reminded Board Members of the call for nominations that was issued by the Governance and Nominations Committee to fill upcoming Committee Chair and committee membership positions and reiterated the deadline.

As M. Wendland will be retiring from the Board in June and this was his last Board meeting, the Chair extended his and the Board's thanks to M. Wendland for his service and leadership on the Board of Governors during his tenure.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President also extended his thanks to M. Wendland.

The President noted that the last Lecture in Catholic Experience (LCE) event featuring Guy Consolmagno SJ will be taking place on April 15th preceded by a Donor Thank you reception, which all Board Members are invited to attend.

The Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) held its second meeting earlier in April and began discussions and planning for the creation of an Indigenous Strategic Plan for St. Jerome's. The aim is to have one more meeting with the IAC at the end of June.

The President also provided an update on advancement, noting and thanking the Congregation of the Resurrection for its most recent generous gift to the University and noted the current Spring Appeal focused on raising funds for Campus Ministry. It was also mentioned that the Feast of St. Jerome event will be taking place on Saturday, October 5th and that Sister Marie Taylor has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

4. VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND DEAN'S REMARKS

The VPAD reported on relevant items from her area, including:

- The first graduate of the Health Humanities Program would be graduating in June.
- The Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies held its 11th annual Symposium on April 10th, which was well attended and enjoyed.
- Announced that Dr. Andrew Stumpf was granted continuing status as a Lecturer, and offered congratulations.
- The Psychology department is currently in the process of recruiting for a new faculty member.
- The VPAD continues to serve on the Dean of Arts search committee which will be coming to a close soon. A strong candidate has been found, but a few more approval steps at the University of Waterloo are required.
- The University of Waterloo is still undergoing a restructure of the Faculty of Arts, and St. Jerome's has continued to be consulted and involved in the process.
- Announced the creation of the Institute for Religion, Culture and Societal Futures (IRCSF) at St. Jerome's, which has been created through cross collaboration with individuals at the University of Waterloo.
- The Director, Student Affairs, Clayton McCourt, was recently the speaker at SJU's Guidance Counselor Luncheon and will be speaking at the Ontario University Housing Conference on his experience working at a federated institution to a larger university.

5. AGENDA REVIEW, DECLARE CONFLICTS, ADDITIONS, CHANGES

No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

C. A. MacGregor declared a conflict with agenda item #9.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: D. Waldock, **Seconded:** T. Nugent, **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

6. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

7. 2024 AUDIT PLAN AND ENGAGEMENT LETTER

8. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Motion: To approve receive for information by consent items 6 to 8 above.

Moved: A. Rego, **Seconded:** A. Deman, **Carried.**

Regular Agenda

C. A. MacGregor left the meeting.

9. VPAD POLICY REVIEW

M. Wendland explained the reasoning for the policy updates, including clarifying the reporting relationship between the VPAD, President, and Board, as well as clarifying the end-of-term evaluation process.

The Board was not asked to approve the policy at this meeting. The policy was presented to provide Member a chance to review, understand the reasoning for the updates, and ask question or provide comments.

C. A. MacGregor re-entered the meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Motion: To adjourn Open Session and move into Confidential Session.

Moved: A. Rego, **Seconded:** A. Deman, **Carried.**

S. Moule and K. Radcliffe left the meeting.

April 11, 2024
/kk

Michael Pautler
Chair of the Board of Governors