

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY

APPROVED minutes of the open session of the 252nd regular meeting of the Board of Governors of Athabasca University held virtually on Friday, September 10, 2021.

Present: Nancy Laird (Chair), Deborah Meyers, Bryan Berg, Lynn Hamilton, McDonald Madamombe, Tracey Maguire, Shannon Neighbour, Larry Spagnolo, Shawn Fraser, Liam Connelly, Stacey Hutchings, Natalia Iwanek, Julia Cornester, Marti Cleveland-Innes

Governance Staff: Carol Lund (University Secretary), Sara Kunto (Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel), Eileen Hendy (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Matthew Prineas, Jennifer Schaeffer, David Head, Kristine Williamson, Charlene Polege, Gilbert Perras

Absent with Regrets: Sharon Anderson, Sandip Lalli

The Chair referred those present to clause 8.14 of the Board of Governors General Bylaws regarding unauthorized recordings.

The Chair introduced new academic staff member Marti-Cleveland-Innes and welcomed her to the Board.

The President (Interim) introduced Sara Kunto, the new Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel and welcomed her to AU.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:39 A.M. having achieved quorum and delivered the AU land acknowledgement.

1.0 Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

252-01 MOVED That the Board of Governors approves the open session agenda for Meeting 252, and thereby approves the consent agenda including the open session minutes of meeting 251, held June 28, 2021, as presented.

Cornester/Hamilton

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 President's Discussion and Analysis

3.1 Discussion and Analysis

The President (Interim) presented this item, providing further information on items contained in the report, noting Athabasca University and PowerED have received one million dollars in funding from the Government of Alberta to launch micro-credentials.

The Chair noted Athabasca University received 20% of the Government of Alberta funding to launch micro-credentials.

3.2 Receive 1st Quarter Variance & Year-End Forecast Report

The President (Interim) presented this item providing an overview of the key drivers behind the 1st Quarter results and year-end projections.

Further to the report, additional information was provided in respect to registrations and recruitment of vacant positions.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Approve Annual Report to Alberta Advanced Education for the Year Ended March 31, 2021

252-02 MOVED That the Board of Governors approves the Athabasca University Annual Report to Alberta Advanced Education for the year ended March 31, 2021, subject to non-substantive editorial revisions.

Cornester/Cleveland-Innes

The Chair of the Audit Committee and President (Interim) presented this item noting the deadline to submit the report is September 30, 2021.

Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Consent Agenda - None

6.0 Board Chair Report and Closing Comments

The Chair thanked the leadership team for the well-prepared documents and asked the President (Interim) to share any feedback received from government on the Annual Report with the Board.

7.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.