

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY

APPROVED minutes of the open session of the 254th meeting of the Board of Governors of Athabasca University held virtually on Friday, January 28, 2022.

Present: Nancy Laird (Chair), Peter Scott, Bryan Berg, McDonald Madamombe, Tracey Maguire, Larry Spagnolo, Andrew Ko, Sandip Lalli, Marti-Cleveland Innes, Liam Connelly, Stacey Hutchings, Natalia Iwanek and Julia Cornester

Governance Staff: Sara Kunto (Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel) and Barbara Kowalchuk (Recording Secretary)

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

Absent with Regrets: Sharon Anderson and Lynn Hamilton

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:33 A.M. having achieved quorum and delivered the AU land acknowledgement.

1.0 Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

254-01 MOVED That the Board of Governors approves the open session agenda for Meeting 254, and thereby approves the consent agenda including the open session minutes of meeting 253, held December 10, 2021, as presented.

Cornester/Ko

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 Items

3.1 Approve 2022-23 Tuition and Fees

254-02 MOVED That the Board of Governors approves the 2022-2023 tuition and fees, effective September 1, 2022.

Madamombe/Cleveland-Innes

The President and Provost and Vice President Academic presented this item providing an overview of the current environment, the process undertaken by the university in development of the proposal, consultations with students, and the rationale for the proposed 2022-2023 tuition and fees.

The Chair, Finance & Property Committee confirmed that the proposed tuition and fees had been recommended for approval by the Finance & Property Committee earlier in the day and provided an overview of the committee deliberations.

The members discussed the proposal in terms of the current environment, market sensitivities both provincially and nationally, revenue projections, student experience and support, as well as communications.

Carried

Members Hutchings, Connelly, Cornester and Iwanek opposed

4.0 Business Arising from the Consent Agenda - None

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.