

October 7, 2021
Open Session
4:03 – 5:32 p.m.

Meeting by WebEx

Board Members:	Carolyn Graham, Chair	Annette Trimbee, President
<i>Public Members</i>	Adam Guiney, Vice Chair	Cameron Barr
	Jasmine Nuthall	John Stelter
	Linda Banister	Julian Martin
	Meghan DeRoo McConnan	Samantha Kernahan (<i>arr. 4:16</i>)
	Reg Joseph	
<i>Chancellor</i>	Anthony Fields	
<i>Academic Staff Members</i>	Aimee Skye	Lucio Gelmini
<i>Non-Academic Staff Member</i>	Nina Delling	
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Scott Kashuba	
<i>Student Members</i>	Myles Dykes	Larissa Williams
Vice Presidents:	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Myrna Khan, Vice-President University Relations	
	Barry Horan, Acting Vice-President, Safety, Risk and Internal Audit	
	Helen Ngan-Pare, Acting Vice-President, Finance and Administration	
	Cheryl Earle, Acting Chief Financial Officer	
	Ian Hanson, Acting General Counsel	
Resource Members:	Marg Leathem, Chief of Staff	
	Sumiko Yip, Acting University Secretary	
	Bronwyn Snejfella, Governance Officer	
	Marco Turlione, Governance Coordinator and Recording Secretary	
Guests:	Craig Kuziemytsky	Tim Tang
	Allan Gilliland	Donna-Mae Winquist
	David MacLaughlin	Melike Schalomon
	Christy Raymond	Karen Keiller
	Shelagh Hohm	
Absent, with regrets:	Tracy Sopkow	

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0.0	Land Acknowledgement
1.0	Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s)
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03
1.1	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived)

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No conflicts were declared.

1.2 Approval of Open and Consent Agenda (**MOTION**)

MOTION # 01-10-07-2021/22 Moved by J. Nuthall and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the meeting agenda and consent items for October 7, 2021.

Motion Carried.

*The consent agenda consisted of the approval of the minutes from the meeting on June 3, 2021, Annual Transfer Agreement-Foundation to University, Alumni Awards Policy, Board Bylaws Update and the SAMU Audited Financial Statements, year end June 2021, and Board Correspondence Report for information.

2.0 Reports

2.1 Board Chair's Report

C. Graham reported on the following:

- A number of events were highlighted including a call with Post-Secondary Institution Board Chairs regarding AB 2030, RABCCA meeting in August and the Board retreat on August 31 and September 1.
- The Board retreat provided an opportunity to reconnect and build relationships with each other, take an in-depth dive to the strategic vision and a chance to engage with each other. There will be more discussion on strategic measures with the SSR committee.
- Future items coming to the Board include the Investment Management Agreement, the Annual Report and Tuition and Mandatory non-instructional fees.
- Reminder to board members to consider nominating individuals for Honorary Doctorates.
- Congratulations provided to the MacEwan women's soccer team on being ranked #8 in Canada.

2.2 President's Report

A. Trimbee reported on the following:

- Achievement on the audit status with the Campus Alberta Quality Council.
- Working with Edmonton Global on talent strategy
- FLE targets were exceeded but the methodology is on how FLEs are counted will be changing.
- Finalizing an experts guide to raise the profile of faculty, which will be launching this fall.
- Update on COVID Return to Campus plans

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision to support rapid testing went a long way. While many students got their first shot there were also several who took advantage of the flexibility provided to withdraw from their program. Staff and Faculty have mostly complied with providing vaccination status on the 'Safe at MacEwan' app. 75% of staff and faculty have downloaded the app and uploaded their vaccination status. The bulk of programs being offered are hybrid and faculty have the freedom to mix it up. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment Management Agreements are coming up, individual institutions have worked with the province on setting their own growth targets. |

2.2.1 Strategic Vision (MOTION)

MOTION # 02-10-07-2021/22 Moved by A. Guiney and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the Strategic Vision 2030 document as presented. **Motion carried.**

A. Trimbee provided an overview. Discussion occurred:

- There will be layers to the launch where it will go out to multiple areas through multiple channels.
- Coordinates with Alberta 2030 well, and shows MacEwan University's commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Indigeneity.

2.3 General Faculties Council Report

A. Trimbee presented the item and provided highlights.

- Approved revisions to the policy on human revisions required by the tri-agency.
- Receipt of the institutional self-study, getting that audit status from CAQC.

2.3.1 Public Relations Major: Letter of Intent (MOTION)

MOTION # 03-10-07-2021/22 Moved by S. Kashuba and seconded that the Board of Governors approve initial work towards the creation of a Public Relations (PR) Major within the Bachelor of Communication Studies. **Motion carried.**

2.3.2 Departmental Structure in Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications (MOTION)

MOTION # 04-10-07-2021/22 Moved by L. Gelmini and seconded that the Board of Governors approve implementation of the proposed Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications department structure effective April 1, 2022, with the following six departments:

- Department of Arts and Cultural Management

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2. Department of Communication
3. Department of Design
4. Department of Music
5. Department of Studio Arts
6. Department of Theatre

Motion carried.

2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report

J. Nuthall, Committee Chair, indicated that there was nothing to report.

2.4.1 University June 30, 2021 Consolidated Financial Statements (**MOTION**)

MOTION # 05-10-07-2021/22 Moved by J. Nuthall and seconded that the Board of Governors of Grant MacEwan University approve the June 30, 2021, consolidated financial statements for MacEwan University. **Motion carried.**

J. Nuthall presented the item. Discussion occurred:

- Similar situation to other institutions in Alberta, and across the country, that limited activity on campus resulted in a lot of costs being saved because of the pandemic and reporting a year-end surplus.
- There is a strong academic plan to hire more staff, include more student technology, and have in place a strong plan to improve the academic experience for the students.
- Important to be transparent to students regarding a proposed tuition increase.

2.5 Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair's Report

L. Banister, Committee Chair, indicated that there was nothing to report.

2.6 Foundation Board of Directors' Report

M. DeRoo McConnan, Foundation Chair, provided a report on the following:

- The Foundation Board of Directors reviewed the MacEwan Foundation Q4 Financial Report and approved the updated Foundation signing authority.

2.7 Finance, Property and Investment Committee Chair's Report

M. DeRoo McConnan, Committee Chair, provided a report on the following:

- The committee reviewed the Annual Transfer Agreement between the MacEwan University Foundation, the MacEwan University Q4 financial report.
- The Committee also looked at the Annual Audited Financial Statements applying a finance lens.

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A. Guiney, Committee Chair, provided a report on the following:

- The bulk of open session was focused on the recommendation of the Strategic Vision.
- The Committee focused on themes of past, present, and future, as well as MacEwan University's 50th anniversary.

3.0 Presentations**3.1 SAMU Priorities for 2021-2022**

M. Dykes and L. Williams presented the Student Association of MacEwan University's Priorities for 2021-2022. Highlights included:

- SAMU is a non-profit that works independent from MacEwan University. Comprised executive who are elected by students along with 50 fulltime and part-time staff.
- A new strategic plan was approved in April 2021.
- There have been countless milestones with the biggest being the opening of the SAMU building in February 2020.
- Many projects for the upcoming year. There is a plan to complete a governance review as there is a desire to improve governance structure.
- SAMU will be completing a remuneration review where a third-party will be review SAMU to ensure compensation is market competitive.

4.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm.