

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2024
9:00 a.m., Executive Learning Centre, FA-386
or via Zoom

| Present | Absent |
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| <p><u>Voting Members Present</u> Barbeau, Jay Barry, Aaron Bouchard, Roxanne Embleton, Sheila, Interim President and Vice-Chancellor (ex-officio) Guay, André Kurkimaki, Laura Manitowabi, Tammy Ramakko, Brian Tavafi, Mehdi</p> <p><u>Non-Voting Members Present</u> Colin, Fabrice, LUFA Representative Fenske, Tom, LUSU Representative Gorham, Robyn LUFA Representative Sbaa, Nawfal, AEF Representative Scott, Dan, Senate Representative Teller, Meredith, LUAPSA Representative Vincent, Danielle, University Secretary</p> <p><u>Others in attendance (Resources & Presenters)</u> Beaudry, Dominic, Associate Vice-President, Academic and Indigenous Programs Boyer, Céleste, General Counsel Brouwer, Brenda, Interim Provost & VP, Academic Cheechoo, Shirley, Special Guest Presenter Cheu, Hoi, Faculty Member & Special Guest Presenter Debassige, Nano, Special Guest Presenter Demianiuk, Benjamin, Director, Business Development Eger, Tammy, Vice-President, Research Fontaine, Pierre, Director, Maintenance & Operations Grover, Laura, J.L. Richards, Presenter Hoy, Sandra, Faculty Member & Presenter Lackey, Anthony, Risk Specialist Lavallée, Normand, AVP, Financial Services Leclerc, Renée, Executive Administrative Assistant, University Secretariat Lehtimaki, Shauna, Director, Institutional Planning Loreto, Chris, Strategy Corp., Presenter MacLeod, Tracy, Chief Advancement Officer Myers, Naomi, Manager, Risk & Insurance Zlotti, Jayme-Lee, J.L. Richards, Presenter</p> | <p><u>Voting Members Absent</u> Cameron, Vern, Chair Eshkawkogan, Kevin Harquail, David Olufowobi, Similoluwa Recollet, Angela</p> <p><u>Non-Voting Members Absent</u> Bassett, Shannon, Senate Representative Motamedi, Monica, CUPE Representative</p> |

CLOSED SESSION

Due to the absence of Board of Governors Chair, Mr. Vernon Cameron, the Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Jay Barbeau, will be chairing this meeting. The Chair, Mr. Barbeau called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and University Secretary, Ms. Danielle Vincent, confirmed quorum. Mr. Barbeau began the meeting by acknowledging the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that Laurentian University is on the traditional lands of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and that the City of Greater Sudbury, also includes the traditional lands of the Wahnapiatae First Nation. We extend our deepest respect to Indigenous peoples - as a sign of our continued relationship we will support Laurentian University's Truth and Reconciliation Task Force Recommendations. Miigwech.

Mr. Barbeau noted that this is a closed session and any material or discussions are to remain confidential. Mr. Barbeau also welcomed newly appointed Board Governors, Ms. Roxanne Bouchard, noting this was her first meeting of the Board of Governors since her appointment.

CLOSED INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Closed Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Aaron Barry and seconded by Brian Ramakko.

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau, invited members to declare any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. President's Items (Oral Update)

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau invited Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sheila Embleton, to speak to this item. Dr. Embleton referenced both the January and February 2024 President's Report to Senate and specifically brought attention to the serious matter involving international students following the Federal Government's recent announcement that it would limit the number of international student visas it would grant for undergraduate post-secondary education for the next two (2) years.

Following Dr. Embleton's update, a question arose regarding the possible financial impact this government decision could have on Laurentian University. To answer this question, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine was called upon and noted that while Laurentian has a high number of international students, a large proportion of this student population is attending for graduate and doctoral programs and at this time, the visa cap excludes these levels of study. Regardless, there will still be financial implications for all post-secondary institutions and a more fulsome overview can be provided at the next meeting of the Board Finance and Property Committee.

4. Finance and Properties Committee Items:

4.1 For Info: Real Estate Update

The Vice-Chair of the Finance & Property Committee, Mr. Brian Ramakko, invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine noted that the University continues to meet regularly with representatives from both the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) to work through the sale of seven (7) specific properties currently owned by Laurentian University to the Ontario government. It was noted that these properties must all be sold by November 28, 2025 with all proceeds to be distributed to Laurentian's pool of creditors. Following Ms. Lafontaine's update, there were no comments or questions.

4.2: For approval: Jenö Tihanyi Olympic Pool

The Vice-Chair of the Finance & Property Committee, Mr. Brian Ramakko, invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine informed the Board that in December, 2023 the University received a final report from consultants J.L. Richards who worked with additional partners to assess the current condition of the pool facility and make recommendations on remediation options. Ms. Lafontaine then invited Ms. Laura Grover, Senior Structural Engineer with J.L. Richards to provide further details to the Board.

Ms. Grover provided an overview of the current state of the pool facility and the contents of the report.

Following Ms. Lafontaine and Ms. Grover's presentations, there were no questions or comments, and the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors approve that Laurentian University's Executive Management initiate discussions with the City of Greater Sudbury for the creation of a joint planning committee that will be responsible for the creation of a plan and funding model for the renewal of Laurentian's athletic facilities (including the pool), as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024; and

THAT the Board of Governors approve that Laurentian University's Executive Management engages in discussions on the future of the pool and athletic facilities as part of LU's strategic plan on campus renewal, reimagining the LU brand, and building up the communities we serve, as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Brian Ramakko and seconded by André Guay.

Carried unanimously.

4.3: For Info: 5-Year Deferred Maintenance and Facility Renewal Plan Report

The Vice-Chair of the Finance & Property Committee, Mr. Brian Ramakko invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine noted that a detailed list

of projects has been provided in the meeting material. Ms Lafontaine noted that the projects on the list originally approved by the Board in May 2023 remain on track and that all deferred maintenance remained within budget, despite unplanned emergency repairs.

4.4: For info: Annual Alumni Engagement and Philanthropy Report

The Vice-Chair of the Finance & Property Committee, Mr. Brian Ramakko, invited Chief Advancement Officer, Ms. Tracy MacLeod, to speak to this item. Ms. MacLeod presented the report as provided in the meeting material and highlighted that work continues to rebuild relationships as well as establish philanthropic opportunities for the university. There were no questions or comments that ensued.

**Due to the nature of the following agenda item #5.1, the Chair, Mr. Barbeau asked that only voting Governors and University Secretariat staff remain. Those asked to step out of the meeting would be called back following consideration of the next agenda item.*

5. Human Resources Committee Items

5.1 For approval: Terms and Conditions for Secondment of Interim Provost

The Chair invited the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Mr. Aaron Barry, to present this item. Mr. Barry noted that specifics regarding the need for this extension were provided in meeting material but highlighted that the extension as presented has been endorsed by Queens University and agreed to by Dr. Brouwer.

Noting no questions or comments, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors approve the extension of the secondment of Dr. Brenda Brouwer to Laurentian University until June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Human Resources Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Tammy Manitowabi and seconded by Brian Ramakko.

Carried unanimously.

**All individuals asked to leave the meeting for consideration of agenda item #5.1 were invited back into the meeting.*

5.2 For approval: Appointment of the University Librarian

The Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Mr. Aaron Barry, invited Interim Provost, and Vice-President, Academic, Dr. Brenda Brouwer to speak to this item. Dr. Brouwer provided an overview of the recruitment process used. Dr. Brouwer then provided an overview of the candidates suitability for the role. With no questions or comments, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Danielle Dennie as the University Librarian, effective July 1, 2024 for a five (5) year term, as recommended by the Human Resources Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by André Guay and seconded by Roxanne Bouchard.

Carried unanimously.

5.3 For Info: Human Resources Update

The Chair invited the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Mr. Aaron Barry, invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine provided an update regarding the Laurentian University Staff Union (LUSU) and efforts to prepare for the upcoming end of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

6. Audit and Risk Committee Report (Oral update)

6.1 For Info: Insurance Annual Report

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau, invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine provided an overview of insurance in place at the University as detailed in the material provided in the meeting package and noted that premium increases are in line with the market.

6.2 For Info: LU Transformation Implementation Update

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau, invited Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sheila Embleton, and Syto speak to this item. Dr. Embleton discussed the progress made and explained the next steps. Dr. Embleton then invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine to elaborate further.

Ms. Lafontaine advised that a critical step in the Implementation Plan was to determine its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) needs. The University has now officially announced it would maintain its existing ERP software while investing in additional modules to expand its functionality. As such, with this decision being made, the next step is to perform a thorough costing and resourcing analysis to determine what will be required from a financial and personnel standpoint over the next four (4) to five (5) years.

Both Dr. Embleton and Ms. Lafontaine advised that updates will continue to be brought forward to both the Committee and Board levels on an ongoing basis.

7. Other Business

The Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine asked to provide a brief update to the Board the Laurentian University-owned building which has long been the home of the Art Gallery of Sudbury. Ms. Lafontaine noted that meetings between the University and the Art Gallery of Sudbury have recently taken place to discuss next steps noting the building has been vacant since October, 2023 due to structural deficiencies; therefore, solutions and timelines are being explored.

Following Ms. Lafontaine's update, the Chair, Mr. Barbeau noted there were no additional new business items to discuss.

8. Adjournment of the Closed Session

Having exhausted the agenda, the closed session of the meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Due to the absence of Chair, Mr. Vernon Cameron, the Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Jay Barbeau, will be chairing this meeting. As such, the Chair, Mr. Barbeau called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and University Secretary, Ms. Danielle Vincent, confirmed quorum. Mr. Barbeau began the meeting by acknowledging the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that Laurentian University is on the traditional lands of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and that the City of Greater Sudbury, also includes the traditional lands of the Wahnapiatae First Nation. We extend our deepest respect to Indigenous peoples - as a sign of our continued relationship we will support Laurentian University's Truth and Reconciliation Task Force Recommendations. Miigwech.

Mr. Barbeau also noted that this meeting was an open public session that was being live streamed.

INFORMATION SESSION

A. Learning Session: Dr. Shirley Cheechoo - Weengushk Film Institute

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau, invited Dr. Hoi Cheu to introduce Dr. Shirley Cheechoo and Mr. Nano Debassige from the Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) to speak to their partnership with Laurentian University. Dr. Cheechoo provided a moving narrative about her experience attending residential school and how she moved past that experience to reclaim her heritage and shape her identity. Dr. Cheechoo then invited Mr. Debassige who highlighted that the Laurentian University and WFI partnership has provided a pathway for success for indigenous youth. Additionally, Mr. Debassige noted that the WFI will be hosting a film festival on July 11 and 12, 2024 on Manitoulin Island which will include the "Blanket of Stars: A Tribute to Resilience" event consisting of a walk across the Manitoulin Swing Bridge in honor of residential school warriors and to symbolize their coming home.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Agenda

A request was made by a non-voting member to formally add an agenda topic under item #12. The Chair, Mr. Barbeau noted this required a motion from a voting member. Mr. Barbeau asked if any members in attendance were prepared to so move. As no members came forward to make such a motion, the agenda was not amended as requested.

Prior to moving to the approval of the agenda as presented, a request was made by a non-voting member that the Board Closed Session follow the Board Public Session. A discussion then took place regarding the use and limits of the Closed Session. Following that discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Aaron Barry and seconded by Brian Ramakko.

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau, invited members to declare any conflicts of interest and none were declared.

3. Unanimous Consent Agenda:

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented in the material package, notably:

3.1. Adoption of Minutes: Special closed meeting of December 1, 2023 and regular meeting held
December 15, 2023

3.2. Summary of Information Reports by Board Standing Committees:

- 3.2 A Audit and Risk Committee Report
- 3.2 B Finance and Property Committee Report
- 3.2 C Governance Committee Report
- 3.2 D Human Resources Committee Report
- 3.2 E Joint Committee on Bilingualism Report

No questions, comments or discussions occurred; therefore, the motion was considered as presented.

MOTION: Moved by Brian Ramakko and seconded by Laura Kurkimaki.

THAT the items listed in the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.

4. President's Report

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau invited Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sheila Embleton, to present her reports. Dr. Embleton referenced both the January and February 2024 President's Reports to Senate provided in the meeting material. Dr. Embleton noted that the Senate was pleased to welcome the Board Governor Representative, Mr. André Guay, at its February, 2024 meeting, and that the current data on enrollments show positive results, notably for the domestic undergraduate group and that we are seeing higher than anticipated applicants who have listed Laurentian University as their first or second choice. Additionally, Dr. Embleton highlighted the evolving topic of international students with respect to the Federal Government's recent announcement to limit the number of undergraduate international student visas granted over the next two (2) years noting this decision will have significant implications for the post-secondary sector. However, Dr. Embleton noted that with Laurentian University having a higher proportion of graduate and doctoral level international students, the financial implications on our institution might not be as significant as those on other institutions. Lastly, Dr. Embleton provided a brief update on the status of some ongoing senior position recruitment efforts and provided a brief update with respect to the Blue-Ribbon Panel report recommendations released in November 2023.

5. For Approval: 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau invited Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sheila Embleton, to speak to this item. Dr. Embleton noted that the final plan as presented in the meeting material is not substantially different from what was presented to the Board of Governors in December 2023 but what has been included is a narrative version as well as a one-year implementation plan. Dr. Embleton then invited Mr. Chris Loreto, Managing Principal of StrategyCorp, to speak to the plan as presented in greater detail.

Mr. Loreto highlighted the revisions made since the draft strategic plan was last considered by the Board of Governors. Furthermore, Mr. Loreto touched upon the one-year implementation plan and highlighted that it breaks down key activities in year one that aims at assisting the implementation of the plan and the measuring of its success.

With no comments or questions being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan, as recommended by the Audit and Risk and Human Resources Committees, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Tammy Manitowabi and seconded by Brian Ramakko.

Carried unanimously.

6. Financial Update (Cash Flow, Financial Forecast, Enrolment Update, Planning Framework, Investment Returns, Pension and Endowment Fund)

The Chair, Barbeau invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine verbally highlighted three (3) key areas as presented in the provided meeting material: an

overview of cash balances, Laurentian's official Fall 2023 enrolment numbers and investment returns as at November 30, 2023.

Following Ms. Lafontaine's update, a discussion took place regarding the rate of return and its influencing factors.

7. Audit and Risk Committee Items

7.1 For Approval: External Audit Plan for Year Ending April 2024

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine noted that prior to bringing this item to the Board for consideration and approval it was presented to the Board Audit and Risk Committee at its January 2024 meeting. This item, as presented in the meeting material, marks a report for year three (3) of BDO's five (5) year mandate with the university.

With no questions or comments being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed Audit Planning Report presented by the External Auditors, as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Roxanne Bouchard and seconded by Laura Kurkimaki.

Carried unanimously.

7.2 For Approval: 2022-2023 Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau invited Vice-President, Research, Dr. Tammy Eger, to speak to this item. Dr. Eger explained that the report as provided in the meeting material was shared with the Laurentian University Senate in January, 2024 for information. The purpose of the annual report is to allow for continuous development of related policies, programs and practices intended to improve Research Ethics Board (REB) service and delivery to support faculty, staff, and students involved with human participant research. Dr. Eger then invited the REB Chair, Dr. Sandra Hoy, to provide additional information about the annual report to the Board.

With no questions or comments being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT following the endorsement of the Laurentian University Research Ethics Board, the Board of Governors approve the 2022-2023 Laurentian University Research Ethics Board Annual Report, as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Brian Ramakko and seconded by André Guay.

Carried unanimously.

8. Finance Committee Items

8.1 For Approval: Laurentian Ancillary Fees Approval for fiscal 2024-2025

The Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Mr. Brian Ramakko invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine explained that ancillary services must be self-sustaining as no funding is available to offset their cost. Ms. Lafontaine invited Director, Business Development, Mr. Benjamin Demianiuk to present the meeting material to the Board. Mr. Demianiuk highlighted those areas covered by Laurentian ancillary services and how these services fit into the University's recruitment strategy and ability to attract students.

Following Ms. Lafontaine and Mr. Demianiuk's remarks, in response to a question from a Board member, a discussion took place regarding the University's efforts to leverage its housing capacity to meet the changing needs of student populations, in particular those of international students. Mr. Demianiuk highlighted the efforts made to date, including the leveraging of community partnerships.

With no additional questions or comments being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve Laurentian's 2024-25 Ancillary Fees and related Budget, as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by André Guay and seconded by Roxanne Bouchard.

Carried unanimously.

8.2 For Approval: Endowment Fund Distribution Rate for 2024-2025

The Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Mr. Ramakko invited Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Ms. Sylvie Lafontaine, to speak to this item. Ms. Lafontaine explained how endowment funds support University activities. Ms. Lafontaine noted that a balanced approach is being recommended which considers student needs, accumulated investment income and anticipated returns. Furthermore, Ms. Lafontaine provided assurances that as per the Board approved Endowment Policy, no distribution will be made unless there is sufficient accumulated investment income available in the endowment account.

With no questions or comments being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve a total Endowment Fund distribution rate of 5% for 2024-2025, as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Brian Ramakko and seconded by Aaron Barry.

Carried unanimously.

8.3 For Approval: Gift Acceptance Policy

The Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Mr. Ramakko invited Chief Advancement Officer, Ms. Tracy MacLeod, to speak to this item. Ms. MacLeod explained that this item is being considered as part of the annual policy review. Ms. MacLeod noted the policy amendments as presented reflect the current state of the University and ensures any concerns raised as a result of the university's Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) filing have been addressed to give donors confidence going forward.

With no questions or comments being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Policy on Gift Acceptance as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Aaron Barry and seconded by Brian Ramakko.

Carried unanimously.

8.4 For Approval: Naming Policy

The Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Mr. Brian Ramakko invited Chief Advancement Officer, Ms. Tracy MacLeod, to speak to this item. Ms. MacLeod explained that this policy is being brought as a regular review item and that amendments to the original policy have been made to reflect the current philanthropic priorities of the University.

With no questions or comments being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Policy on Naming, as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Brian Ramakko and seconded by Aaron Barry.

Carried unanimously.

9. Governance Committee Items

9.1 For Approval: Amendment of ToR - Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

The Chair of the Governance Committee, Ms. Laura Kurkimaki, invited University Secretary, Ms. Danielle Vincent, to speak to this item. Ms. Vincent explained that the University leadership wishes to resume its practice of awarding of Honorary Degrees. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the University's Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees provided for a seat on the Committee for each of the heads of the formerly federated institutions, Université de Sudbury, Thorneloe University and Huntington University. Given the termination of the federation agreement, an amendment is in order to remove these seats. Additionally, noting this Committee is joint between the University Senate and the Board of Governors, joint approval for amendments is required and Ms. Vincent advised that the University Senate has already approved the ToR amendments, as presented today.

With no comments or questions raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, as recommended by the Governance Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Brian Ramakko and seconded by André Guay.

Carried unanimously.

9.2 For Approval: Board Attendance Policy

The Chair of the Governance Committee, Ms. Laura Kurkimaki, invited University Secretary, Ms. Danielle Vincent, to speak to this item. Ms. Vincent highlighted that the proposed policy aims to improve the ability of the Board of Governors to effectively conduct its business and promote transparency in its practices and expectations.

Following Ms. Vincent's remarks, a statement was made by a non-voting Board Governor regarding a request to grant voting rights to the university's employee groups who currently serve as non-voting Governors. A discussion took place regarding the consideration of the request and the non-voting Governor was provided assurance that further inquiries and efforts would be made to obtain a response.

With no further comments or questions being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Attendance Policy for Board Members and Board Committee Appointees, as recommended by the Governance Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Aaron Barry and seconded by Brian Ramakko.

Carried unanimously.

9.3 For Approval: Board Recruitment Process

The Chair of the Governance Committee, Ms. Laura Kurkimaki, invited University Secretary, Ms. Danielle Vincent, to speak to this item. Ms. Vincent explained that following consultations at the Board Committee level, a formal set of procedures for the recruitment and appointment of Governors was being proposed for the Board's consideration. Ms. Vincent noted that these procedures codified the Board's established practices, with modifications as recommended during the consultation process.

With no comments or questions being raised, the resolution was considered as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Board of Governors Procedures for Recruitment and Appointment, as recommended by the Governance Committee, and as presented at its meeting of February 16, 2024.

MOTION: Moved by Laura Kurkimaki and seconded by Tammy Manitowabi.

Carried unanimously.

10. Report from the Laurentian University Native Education Counsel (LUNEC)

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau, invited the Associate Vice-President, Academic and Indigenous Programs, Mr. Dominic Beaudry to speak to this item. Mr. Beaudry highlighted the work and various contributions of the LUNEC over the period of July to December, 2023, as detailed in the meeting material.

OTHER ITEMS

11. Chair's Items

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau took the opportunity to highlight that Laurentian University's Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophone (AEF) was recently recognized by the Ontario Government as the first francophone student association registered in the province and invited the AEF President, Mr. Nawfal Sbaa to provide remarks.

Mr. Nawfal thanked Mr. Barbeau for the recognition of this item and elaborated that the AEF has also submitted a request with the Federal Government to seek recognition. Additionally, Mr. Nawfal took the opportunity to highlight as well as invite Board Governors and University Executives to the AEF Gala event on March 2, 2024 to celebrate its fifty (50) years of existence.

12. Other Business

The Chair, Mr. Barbeau confirmed there were no new business items to discuss or address.

**The Open Session of the Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.*

IN CAMERA

13. In Camera Discussion

The Board of Governors then proceeded with their In Camera Discussion without the Executive Team.

ADJOURNMENT

14. Adjournment

Having exhausted the items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Jean-Pierre (Jay) Barbeau, Chair
(for the meeting of February 16, 2024)

Danielle Vincent, University Secretary