
GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 28th, 2021

4:00pm – 7:00pm | E211



In Attendance:	Ms. Bridget Hennigar	Mr. Brent Cage	Dr. Glenn Feltham
	Ms. Shawna Miller	Mr. Lorne Radbourne	Ms. Michelle Wallace
	Dr. Connie Korpan	Mr. Lydell Torgerson	Mr. Kevin Szakacs
	Mr. Roy Bjorklund	Ms. Heather Kerschbaumer	Mr. John Tiede
	Mr. Nneka Nwaigwe	Mr. Ron Wiebe	
Guests:	Dr. Vanessa Sheane	Ms. Cherene Griffiths	Ms. Angela Logan
	Mr. Karl Germann	Ms. Jasmin Marshall	

1. Call to Order

Territory Acknowledgement: *We acknowledge the homeland of the many diverse First Nations and Métis people whose ancestors have walked this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Treaty 8.*

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

1.1. Approval of October 28th, 2021 Agenda

Moved by Lydell Torgerson, seconded by Lorne Radbourne, that the agenda be approved by presented.

1.2. Approval of August 26th, 2021 Minutes

Moved by Roy Bjorklund, seconded by Heather Kerschbaumer, that the minutes of the May 19th, 2021 meeting be accepted with revisions.

1.3. Business Arising

2. GPRC Executive Reports

2.1. Office of the President and CEO

- This will be Dr. Glenn Feltham's last Board of Governors meeting with GPRC. He would like to share his gratitude for the Board of Governors and the Executive Team.
- The Office of the President has been working to ensure the transition to a new President and CEO is smooth.

2.1.1. Risk Report

The President shared the Risk Analysis.

2.1.2. President's Activities May to August

The President provided a brief overview of his activities from August to October 2021.

2.2. Vice President, Academic and Research

- Dr. Vanessa Sheane provided an update on the Academic and Research portfolio.
- The Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) Organizational Evaluation occurred on October 18 and 19, 2021. The pressing recommendations included revising GPRC's mandate, the admissions policy, and developing a credentials policy.
- Rapid testing will be offered until December 23rd, 2021.

2.3. Vice President, Finance and Administration

- Angela Logan provided an update on the Finance and Administration portfolio.
- Employee morale has been a focus area in the Finance and Administration division.
- Significant changes are coming to the bookstore and food services.

2.4. Vice President, External Relations

- Cherene Griffiths provided an update on the External Relations portfolio. Their efforts have been centred on fundraising, resulting in significant gifts, building strong relations back to our community, and elevating the perception of the institution, including brand development.
- Working closely with the External Relations Board Committee on the brand perception survey and will bring forward naming recommendations to the Board of Governors.
- Also working on planning for the formal government announcement of our polytechnic status and new name.

3. Chair and Committee Reports

3.1. Chair Report

- Bridget Hennigar provided an update on activities since the last meeting. There has been a lot of changes during the summer and fall months.
- The Board Retreat occurred on October 13th, 2021. The next Retreat is planned for December 6th, 2021.
- There is a briefing with the Minister on Tuesday to discuss Alberta2030 and upcoming changes.
- Justin Kohlman's first day with GPRC is November 1st, 2021.

3.2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on September 2nd, 2021 to debrief on the August 26th Board meeting, discuss retreat dates, and the agenda for the October 28th Board meeting.

3.3. Academic Council

3.3.1. Minutes of the October 14th, 2021 Meeting

3.3.2. Motions (4.1.1. wording change to 4.1.2.)

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by Brent Cage, that the Board of Governors approve the Academic Council Bylaws as presented with change to Appendix 1, 4.1.1.

CARRIED
5990/2021

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by Lorne Radbourne, that the Board of Governors approve the Responsible Conduct of Research Policy as presented.

CARRIED
5991/2021

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by Roy Bjorklund, that the Board of Governors approve the Scholarly Activity Policy as presented.

CARRIED
5992/2021

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by John Tiede, that the Board of Governors approve the Program Review Policy as presented.

CARRIED
5993/2021

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by Nneka Nwaigwe that the Board of Governors approve the Student Awards Policy with amendment to 8.1. where one Vice-President will need to approve the exceptions.

CARRIED
5994/2021

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by Ron Wiebe that the Board of Governors approve the Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy as presented.

CARRIED
5995/2021

Moved by Dr. Glenn Feltham, seconded by Shawna Miller, that the Board of Governors approve the change of date for new and continuing students' registration as recommended.

CARRIED
5996/2021

3.4. Human Resource Committee

3.4.1. Minutes of the September 23rd, 2021 Meeting

Brent Cage provided an update on the September 23rd, 2021 Human Resource Committee meeting.

3.4.2. In-Camera Session

Moved by Glenn Feltham, seconded by Shawna Miller, that the Board of Governors move in-camera at 6:03pm.

Moved by Lorne Radbourne, seconded by Brent Cage, that the Board of Governors move out of camera at 6:22pm.

3.5. Governance and Development Committee

3.5.1. Minutes of the October 15th, 2021 Meeting

Lorne Radbourne provided an update on the October 28th, 2021 Governance and Development Committee. The President presented his attestation to the committee. As the governance models evolves, the committee will review the Executive Limitations.

3.6. External Relations Committee

3.6.1. Minutes of the September 23rd, 2021 Meeting

Shawna Miller provided an update on the September 23rd, 2021 and October 19th, 2021 External Relations Committee meetings. The first meeting focused on the

perception survey and developing a long-term strategy. The second meeting focused on the new name of the institution.

3.7. Finance Committee

3.7.1. Minutes of the October 14th, 2021 Meeting

Lydell Torgerson provided an update on the August 12th, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. The committee received a presentation on the organizational structure of Finance and Administration. The draft financials statements were reviewed.

3.7.2. 2020 – 2021 Annual Report

Moved by Lydell Torgerson, seconded by Kevin Szakacs, that the Board of Governors approve the GPRC 2020-2021 Annual Report subject to editorial revisions and review by the Office of the Auditor General.

CARRIED
5997/2021

3.7.3. Net Assets

Moved by Lydell Torgerson, seconded by Shawna Miller, that the Board of Governors adopt the new policy on Net Assets.

CARRIED
5998/2021

3.7.4. Letter to Minister

Moved by Lydell Torgerson, seconded by Glenn Feltham, that the Board of Governors formally request from the Government of Alberta a change in year-end from June 30th to March 31st.

CARRIED
5999/2021

3.8. Audit Committee

3.8.1. Minutes of the October 14th, 2021 Meeting

Lydell Torgerson provided an update on the October 14th, 2021 Audit Committee meeting. The committee met to start the audit on the Alumni Foundation Board of Directors, the AGM will occur on November 22nd, 2021.

4. Naming

Moved by Lorne Radbourne, seconded by John Tiede, that the Board of Governors move in-camera at 6:54pm.

Moved by Shawna Miller, seconded by Heather Kerschbaumer, that the Board of Governors chose a new name for the institution.

Moved by Lorne Radbourne, seconded by Brent Cage, that the Board of Governors move out of camera at 7:48pm.

5. In-Camera Session with Board of Governors

6. Next Board Meeting

The next GPRC Board of Governors meeting will take place on December 10th, 2021.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Bridget Hennigar that the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned at 7:48pm.