

Voting Members: Sheila Taylor, Vice-Chair and Meeting Chair, Nurgul Balac, Patrick Chiu, Dr. Janis Goldie, Tom Graham*, Ruby Gupta*, Chi Iliya-Ndule*, Mackenzie Kelly-Frère, Evan Legate, Samantha Mirjah, Tanya Mryglod, Chris Cran, Tammi Price, and Murray Wittmeier.

Guests: Jaime Enachescu*, Caelan Nowicki, Saniya Rai and Maxwell Keca, students – present for Item 4; Tara Fleming, Consultant, Centennial, and Sandra Lunder, Centennial Campaign Leader and Fund Development, Consultant – present for Item 5.

Management & Resource Members: Joanne Deaver, Executive Assistant to the President (Scribe), Scott Powell, Vice President Finance and Operations, Pablo Ortiz Dean of Students, Wendy Harding Executive Director People and Culture, Nicole Hamilton Dean Innovation, Learning and Development and Cherie Tutt, University Secretary.

Regrets: Sara Anhorn, Adrian Stimson.

The Chair provided the land acknowledgement, welcomed members to the April 22, 2025 meeting, and acknowledged Dr. Janis Goldie on the occasion of her first Board meeting as President and CEO. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. and quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agendas

<p>Moved / Seconded</p>

<p>That the Agendas for the April 22, 2025 Board of Governors meeting be approved.</p>
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<p>Carried</p>

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts were declared.

3. Adoption and Receipt of the Open Consent Agenda Items

Documentation was included in the meeting materials.

The following Consent Agenda items were adopted:

3.1 February 25, 2025 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes.

That the Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on February 25, 2025 be approved.

Adopted

The following Consent Agenda items were received by the Board for information:

- 3.2 Board Standing Committee Reports
 - 1. Finance and Audit
 - 2. Governance & HR
- 3.3 Board Work Plan
- 3.4 Constituent Reports
 - 1. Students' Association
 - 2. General Faculties Council
 - 3. Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
- 3.5 Cabinet Reports
 - 1. Dean, Academic Programs
 - 2. Advancement/External Relations
 - 3. Vice President Finance & Operations
 - 4. Dean Innovation, Learning & Development
 - 5. Dean of Students
 - 6. Executive Director, People & Culture
- 3.6 Policy Updates
 - 1. Endowment Procedure
 - 2. Risk Management Policy, Procedure and Matrix
 - 3. Video Surveillance Policy

In response to a question related to item 3.4.1 it was reported that the Students' Association is progressing with decertification from the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), as there is deemed to be little direct benefit for students and the membership is costly. The SA will provide AUArts with updates as the process continues.

4. Board and President and CEO Art Commissions 2024-2025

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. The Chair presented this item with Jaime Enachescu, Caelan Nowicki, Saniya Rai, and Maxwell Keca.

- It was reported that annually the President and CEO sends out a call for submissions from students for a President's shawl, to be worn at convocation, glass pitchers, ceramic cups and bowls and 3D printed coasters to be used at Board meetings. This is the 21st Year for the Presidential Shawl at Convocation.
- Each student presented on their work and their experience at AUArts.

5. Centennial Update

Documentation was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Janis Goldie, Tara Fleming and Sandra Lunder presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported:
 - On development of a Microsite and publication for the Centennial.
 - On the \$5M fundraising goal, this item will continue as a standing item at the Board meetings, there is desire for further engagement from board members to help open doors, expand the donor prospect lists and re-evaluate the journey as it progresses.
 - A recent partnership with ATB.
- The Board recommended that the calls to participate should come out as soon as possible to alumni, current students and retired or current faculty. It was noted that there is already a lot of content, and there is intent to continue to add content beyond the Centennial. Microsite can continue to live on and share stories.
- Specific faculty were suggested, for example Jennifer Salahub, Mary-Beth Laviolette and Ron Moppet.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - It is thought that the number of living alumni is around 4000.
 - \$109,000 toward the \$5M has been received to date. See the Advancement Report page 2 & 3 for details.
 - The Centennial plan will be communicated to the General Faculties Council and at School Council meetings. There is a plan to have a communication ready to go to students in the fall of 2025.
 - AUArts is reaching out to Alumni through social media, LinkedIn and mail chimp lists. It is hoped the microsite will also help gather alumni and allow them to share information with their networks.
- The Board discussed:
 - AUArts branding issue, noting the Centennial is a great opportunity to re-enforce the AUArts brand.
 - The importance of communicating to a broader audience, outside Calgary and Alberta. The ATB partnership is a great example but would be good to also have more visibility across Canada. Leverage alumni's story as much as possible. Perhaps alumni can host fund-raising events all over the country.

6. President and CEO Report

The President and CEO presented this item.

Highlights:

- The President and CEO reported on her first five days in her new role, including:
 - Meetings with Ministry of Advanced Education representatives.
 - Attendance at the Calgary Women in Business Awards event.
 - A lunch for the internal community. Including circulation of an engagement survey.
 - Meetings with prospective donors.
- It was reported that KBRS have been hired to conduct the search for the Executive Director External Relations and the Vice President Academic. With the intent to have both positions starting in the summer. J
- The University has received notice from the Ministry of Advanced Education that it has met and exceeded all of the targets articulated in the Investment Management Agreement (IMA).
- Members of the Board who participated in the Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) evaluation, were thanked and it was reported that the University is awaiting the review teams report and has been asked to host the CAQC spring meeting at AUArts.
- The Board was thanked for their support and encouragement.

7. Motion to Adjourn the Open Session and Move into the In-Camera Session

Moved / Seconded
That the Board of Governors adjourn the Open Session and move into the In-Camera Session.
Carried

The Board adjourned the Open Session at 5:02 p.m.

Secretary's Note: The Agenda for the In-Camera Session was approved at the beginning of the meeting.

8. President and CEO Report

The President and CEO reported on the an upcoming meeting with the expert panel which was tasked with examining post-secondary funding and the competitiveness of Alberta's post-secondary education system created by the Ministry of Advanced Education.

9. President and CEO Transition

The Chair and President and CEO presented this item and provided an overview of planned activities relating to the transition.

10. Board Succession Planning

The Chair and Chair of the Governance and HR Committee provided an update on Board membership and succession planning.

11. Board Meeting Evaluation

12. Other Business in the In-Camera Session

There was no other business.

The Board of Governors adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.