



## Board of Governors

### Minutes of the Thursday, June 8, 2023 Meeting

**Present:** Michael Pautler (Chair), Michael Braga, Melissa Carvalho, Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Sinead Costello, Melanie Garaffa\*, Anne Jamieson, Carol Ann MacGregor, Peter Meehan, Alan Rego, Bruce Rodrigues, Andrew Turczyniak\*, Fr. Tim Uniac, Deron Waldo, Alayna Woodley\*, Mark Wendland

**Resources:** Saphron Moule, Executive Director, Finance and Administration; Katrina Kaczala, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Cheri Chevalier, Cynthia Davis, Andrew Deman, Benjamin Mathew

*\*Attended the meeting virtually using Zoom.*

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### OPEN SESSION

#### 1. PRAYER & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

M. Pautler provided an acknowledgement that St. Jerome's University and the University of Waterloo reside and operate on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land Frederick Haldimand granted to the Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations of the Grand River in 1784 that includes 10 kilometers on both sides of the Grand River and extends from its source to Lake Erie.

The prayer was provided by M. Pautler.

*M. Garaffa entered the meeting.*

#### 2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair reminded Board Members to fill out the board development survey that was circulated prior to the meeting before the deadline.

*A. Woodley entered the meeting.*

The Chair extending thanks to Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Cynthia Davis, Benjamin Mathew, and Andrew Turczyniak for the perspectives, contributions, and the expertise they have given to the Board during their tenure and expressed appreciation for their hard work as Board Members. These individuals will be retiring from the Board on June 30, 2023.

#### 3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President reminded Board Members of the BBQ being held in honour of St. Jerome's relationship with the Congregation of the Resurrection and its generous gift of Louis Hall to the University.

St. Jerome's once again raised the Pride flag on June 1<sup>st</sup> in recognition of Pride month. Community members were invited to a small flag raising ceremony.

Board Members were encouraged to attend the Feast of St. Jerome occurring on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The keynote address will be given by SJU professor emeritus Ken McLaughlin with the theme being "UW @ 100, SJU @ 200."

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**4. EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE UPDATE**

P. Meehan reminded Board Members that the Action Plan Report has been uploaded to the SJU website. Next steps included the formation of an EDI Action Committee, as recommended by the report. Following elections from various constituencies around the University, the EDI Action Committee has now been formed. During the Spring term administration will work on identifying the best person at the University of Waterloo to act as a liaison for this group, following which the group will be meeting in the Fall.

**5. VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND DEAN'S REMARKS**

The VPAD announced the creation of the new Health Humanities diploma which will be officially launched in Fall 2023. The diploma program will be open to variety of students from a number of faculties and the University is seeking to develop the diploma into a continuing education program for individuals within the health care sector.

Several interviews for the Director, Student Affairs position have been conducted with very strong candidates. The goal is to have a contract signed in the near future with a start date in the summer.

The VPAD provided a few other updates, including: Six hundred students have ranked SJU as their first choice of residence, which will result in a full residence building in the fall; the SJU in Peru program will resume this summer, the first trip since the COVID-19 pandemic, and Senate Council held a first reading of the Academic Plan in May and will be holding a second reading and vote electronically in June.

**6. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT**

Secretary's Note: Due to technical difficulties, the Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies department spotlight presentation was deferred until the October Board meeting.

**7. AGENDA REVIEW, DECLARE CONFLICTS, ADDITIONS, CHANGES**

No conflicts were declared. No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved:** M. Braga, **Seconded:** D. Waldock, **Carried.**

**Consent Agenda**

**8. Minutes of the April 13, 2023 Board of Governors Meeting**

**9. Policy Review - Policy Respecting Business of the University, including Banking and Financial Transactions**

**10. Financial Update and Forecast**

**11. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**Motion:** To approve and receive for information by consent items 8 to 11 above.

**Moved:** S. Costello, **Seconded:** M. Wendland, **Carried.**

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**Regular Agenda**

**12. President's Annual Report**

The President presented the Board with highlights from his report that was included within the Board meeting materials. The annual report addresses progress on the University's Strategic Plan during the 2022-23 academic year and reflects the core mandate set for the President by the Board. Highlights included a review progress made towards strategic priorities, goals, and objectives, as well as baselines and progress measures for the coming academic year.

*M. Carvalho left the meeting.*

**13. Board Giving**

At its May meeting, the Mission Committee held a discussion regarding different ways Board Member's can give back to the institution and decided to bring the general discussion to the whole Board. Board Members heard different options currently available to them to contribute, including the already established Board Scholarship, sponsoring a student to attend the Feast of St. Jerome event, and directed donations. Members also brainstormed alternative ways they could contribute, make gestures, and act in support of the institution. The Board will revisit this topic for further discussion and idea generation in the next academic year.

**14. Board Meeting Format and Schedule**

M. Pautler reviewed the proposed structure for Board meetings beginning in the next academic year. The new structure included starting meetings earlier with a Board briefing session that would act as a time for Board professional development, discussion, and learning, followed by a break for dinner before the official meeting would begin. It was noted that meetings will end promptly at 8pm and strategies to keep meetings running on time would be developed.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**Motion:** To adjourn Open Session and move into Confidential Session.

**Moved:** C. A. MacGregor, **Seconded:** A. Rego, **Carried.**

*A. Turczyniak and S. Moule left the meeting.*

Following the adjournment of the confidential session, the Board reopened the open session to announce the results of the motions regarding approval of the Master of Catholic Thought graduates, and appointment of new Board Members so these decisions were entered into the public record.

The Board approved the granting of the Master of Catholic Thought conjoint theology degree at the June 2023 convocation to Mr. Andrew Christopher Orlanski, Mr. Edward Kedzior, and Ms. Susannah Rachel Schmidt.

M. Garaffa was reappointed as a Member at Large for a second three-year term beginning July 1, 2023.

Victor Ajileye, Justin Heimpel, Tamara Nugent, and Charmaine Dean\* were appointed as Members at Large for an initial three-year term beginning July 1, 2023.

C. Wriglesworth was appointed as a Faculty Board Member for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2023.\*

S. Costello was appointed as the Student Board Member for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2023.

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*[\*Secretary's Note: Charmaine Dean & Chad Wriglesworth will not be serving on the Board at this time, see confidential minutes of the June 19, 2023 and October 12, 2023.]*

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Moved:** A. Jamieson, **Seconded:** A. Rego, **Carried.**

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Michael Pautler  
Chair of the Board of Governors