Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

November 14, 2015

Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Board of Governors (Board) of the Ontario College of Art & Design University (OCAD U) held in Room 190 (Auditorium), 100 McCaul Street, Toronto, Ontario at 11:20 a.m. on the 14th day of November 2015.

Present: Maggie Broda, Nicole Collins, Andre De Freitas, Dr. Sara Diamond (President), Kiki Delaney (Chancellor), Michel Frappier (Chair), Dr. Claude Galipeau, Tracy Gordon, Roderick Grant, David Holland, Helen Kearns, Sharifa Khan, Raja Khanna, Mariano Martellacci, Idris Mootee, Ryan Murphy, Mark Robert, Emily Rourke, Paul Rowan, Dr. John Semple, and b.h. Yael (Senate Chair in-transition).

In Attendance: Carole Beaulieu, Associate Vice-President, (AVP) University Relations and Board Secretary (Board Secretary); Valerie De Souza, Manager, University Governance; Dr. Myrna Francis; Dr. Jeff Litwin, Chief Campaign Officer and Vice-President (VP) Development; Dr. Helmut Reichenbacher, AVP, Research, and Dean, Graduate Studies; Dr. Jill Siddall, Interim VP Academic; Alan Simms, Vice-President, Finance & Administration (VP F&A), and Jaime Watt.

Regrets: John Albright, Alvaro Araya, Bob Finlay, Keith Rushton, and Carol Weinbaum.

1. Welcome and Constitution of Meeting

Michel Frappier, Chair, recognized that notice of the meeting was given to all members and that a quorum was present. He therefore acknowledged the meeting to be regularly constituted for the transaction of business. He welcomed Board members, staff and invited guests to OCAD U’s annual general meeting and then provided some remarks about the past year in review.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Sharifa Khan, seconded by David Holland and adopted, it was resolved that the minutes of the November 1, 2014 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

Hard copies of OCAD U’s annual report for 2014/2015, “Trailblazing – From Ordinary to Extraordinary” were distributed at the meeting.

The President provided a brief overview of the annual report.


Members received a briefing note as part of the advanced materials for this meeting.

The VP F&A provided an overview of the external auditors’ performance in their first year of a five-year contract, renewable annually.

On motion made by David Holland, seconded by Emily Rourke and adopted, it was resolved that KPMG LLP be re-appointed as OCAD University’s external auditors for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair noted that nominations were declared open at the October 5, 2015 Board of Governors meeting for the positions of Chair and Vice Chairs of the Board of Governors for one-year terms beginning at the Annual General Meeting on November 14, 2015. He also noted that at that meeting, the Board approved the receipt of the report of the Executive Committee, acting in its nominating role, to nominate Dr. John Semple as Chair nominee, David Holland as First Vice Chair nominee, and Sharifa Khan as Second Vice Chair nominee.

The Board Chair asked if there were any other nominations being put forth, and hearing none, he turned to the nominees to confirm their consent to these nominations. Dr. John Semple, David Holland and Sharifa Khan, who were present at the meeting, confirmed their consent orally. After the consents to the nominations were heard, the Chair closed the nomination process.

On motion made by Raja Khanna, seconded by Dr. Sara Diamond and adopted, it was resolved that the election of Dr. John Semple as Chair of the Board of Governors, David Holland as First Vice Chair of the Board of Governors and Sharifa Khan as Second Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, be approved, each for a one-year term commencing on November 14, 2015.

6. Welcome of New Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Board congratulated the new Chair and Vice-Chairs.
The outgoing Chair, Michel Frappier, then turned the chairing of the meeting to the new Chair, Dr. John Semple.

7. **Opening Remarks from New Chair**

Dr. John Semple thanked the Board for being elected as the new Chair. He then provided a few opening remarks noting his excitement about taking on this new role and working with President Diamond, the new Vice Chairs and the rest of the Board.

8. **Other Business**

The President thanked departing Board Chair, Michel Frappier, for his service and contributions on the OCAD U Board of Governors. She spoke about his background and all the work he has done over his six-year tenure on the Board of Governors, especially his mission to help support and improve Board-Senate relations, and his roles in connecting OCAD U with government and increasing OCAD U’s visibility with a more robust marketing investment.

No other business was discussed.

9. **Termination**

On motion made by Dr. Sara Diamond, seconded by Helen Kearns and adopted, it was resolved that the meeting be terminated at 11:47 am.

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Dr. John Semple, Chair  

_ Carole Beaulieu, Secretary