

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
June 3, 2020  
8:30 am – 10:30 am  
Teleconference via Microsoft Teams**

Present: J. Fleming, Board Chair, D. Hampton-Davies, M. Rubinoff; S. Boone;  
S. Abd El-Sayed; P. Palermo; J. Rivard; V. Varma; M. Dube; B. Dosunmu; T. Depascal;  
M. Hofstetter;

Ex Officio: J. Morrison, President and Vice Chancellor  
Treasurer: W. Steffler, VP Finance and Administration and CFO  
Regrets: T. Leedale; S. Paquette; M. Gill  
Recorder: J. Hinchliffe  
Guests: C. Altilia; M. Spence-Ariemma; D. McQuarrie; R. Sandhu; J. Ngobia

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of the minutes from May 7, 2020**

It was moved by S. Boone, seconded by S. Abd El Sayed:

Be it resolved:

THAT the minutes from May 7, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried.

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

In response to the Chair's query, there were no conflict of interest.

**5. Chair's Remarks**

A statement on transformation was shared with the Board and discussion ensued on the importance of acknowledging this historical moment, systemic racism and the need to listen and support Sheridan's black students. J. Ngobia, Vice President, Inclusive Communities, provided personal perspective as a black woman, and mother to black sons and shared her son, Maina Ngobia's video. M. Rubinoff proposed that we follow amazing examples of higher education honoring and recognizing black students. The Board is in a position of influence and should exercise such influence through the power of storytelling. Jane shared her son's slam poem.

It was moved by M. Rubinoff, seconded by J. Rivard;

Be it resolved:

Sheridan's Board of Governors stands with the Black community in this time of pain and sorrow. Further, the Board offers its full support to President Morrison, Vice-President Ngobia, the broader leadership team and the entire community as they develop and action a plan to identify, address and prevent racism, inequality and injustice within Sheridan's spheres of influence.

Unanimously Carried.

The Board will receive ongoing updates on equity, diversity and inclusion on future Board agendas.

#### **6. Revised Fall 2020 Fees**

The ancillary and program fees for the fall 2020 term have been revised to reflect more remote learning and reduction of campus access as a result of the pandemic response. Sheridan Student Union (SSU) fees have been reverted to levels before the Student Choice Initiative as a result of a recent court ruling. Winter 2021 fees will be brought to the Board for decision prior to the winter term. The importance of properly equipping faculty with information was discussed. Financial aid, awards and bursary information will be included in this messaging. The communications will be released on Monday, June 8 and will influence decision-making for the fall.

Be it resolved:

It was moved by Daniela seconded by Joanne:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the changes to the 2020 fall term fees as presented in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

Unanimously Carried.

#### **7. Conferral of Credentials**

The Board was presented with a list of graduands who have successfully completed the requirements for their credentials. J. Fleming read the following statement:

*At the outset of the pandemic, Sheridan announced that we must postpone our traditional, in-person Convocation ceremonies that are typically held each June to respect important public health directives aimed at protecting people's safety.*

*Our institutional priority is to confer credentials of those who have completed their academic program requirements December 2019 and April 2020.*

*Therefore, presented to the Sheridan Board of Governors, is the list of Graduands who have successfully completed the curriculum of their chosen program and have been recommended by the faculty to be awarded their credentials in recognition of their academic accomplishments.*

*On behalf of the Board of Governors, I confer their diplomas, degrees and certificates on them with all the honours, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto, in absentia.*

## **8. Pandemic Update**

J. Morrison provided an update on Sheridan's pandemic response including:

- Positioning Sheridan advantageously post pandemic;
- Highlighting expense avoidance;
- Strategies around enrolment recovery.

## **9. Adjournment**

Having no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am.