

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN  
UNIVERSITY SENATE  
**ITEM FOR APPROVAL**

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**PRESENTED BY:** Vera Pezer, Chair  
Senate Executive Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 21, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Senate representative to the Board of Governors

**DECISION REQUESTED:**

*It is recommended:*

**That Grit McCreath be re-appointed as the Senate representative to the Board of Governors for an additional three-year term, July 1, 2012 expiring June 30, 2015.**

**That in the interest of continuity in this time of institutional transition, Susan Milburn, a current senate representative to the Board of Governors, not be replaced at this time.**

**SUMMARY:**

At the April 2010 Senate meeting Senators approved a motion authorizing university administration to undertake discussions with the government to seek potential changes to the University Act which would allow a third term for the senate representatives on the Board of Governors. Discussions have taken place with the government and we expect this will result in the requested changes, but regrettably these will not be accomplished before July 1. The board has therefore withdrawn its request that Senate make an appointment to replace Susan Milburn at this time. Under the *University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*, members of the board whose terms have expired continue "until their successors are appointed or elected"

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter of November 15, 2011 from Chair, Board of Governors
2. Relevant excerpt from University Act



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November 15, 2011

Chancellor Vera Pezer  
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Dear Chancellor Pezer,

I am writing as a follow-up to my letter of July 21, in which I requested on behalf of the Board of Governors that the Senate name an individual to replace Susan Milburn as the Senate representative on the Board of Governors. As you know, the request was made with the knowledge that the province was considering the appointment of Ms. Milburn to the board by order in council under Section 42(b) of the *University of Saskatchewan Act*. At the same time, the province was also considering changes that would make Senate nominees eligible for a third term on the Board of Governors under the *Act*. The ministry has now indicated to the board that until changes are made to the *Act*, it would be unable to appoint Ms. Milburn under Section 42(b). They have also indicated that they will not be able to consider the change requested by Senate for third-term eligibility until next year at the earliest.

Given the government's response, and in the interest of continuity in this time of institutional transition, the board is respectfully withdrawing its request that Senate make an appointment to replace Ms. Milburn. The board would, however, like to request that the Senate consider the re-appointment of Grit McCreath as its second nominee to the Board of Governors.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Hopkins, Q.C. (Hon) C.A.  
Chair of the Board of Governors

cc: President Peter MacKinnon

**Composition of board**

**42** The board is composed of:

- (a) the following persons who are members by reason of their office:
  - (i) the chancellor;
  - (ii) the president;
  - (iii) the president of the students' union;
- (b) five members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (c) two members elected by the senate; and
- (d) one faculty member who is elected by members of the assembly who are faculty members.

1995, c.U-6.1, s.42; 2005, c.44, s.2.

**Secretary to board**

**43** The secretary is the secretary to the board.

1995, c.U-6.1, s.43.

**Chairperson of board**

**44(1)** The members of the board shall appoint one of their number as chairperson and another as vice-chairperson.

(2) If the chairperson of the board is absent or incapable of acting for any reason, the vice-chairperson may exercise the powers and shall perform the duties of the chairperson.

1995, c.U-6.1, s.44.

**Term of office**

**45(1)** Members of the board mentioned in clauses 42(b) to (d) hold office for a term of three years and until their successors are appointed or elected.

(2) Members of the board mentioned in clause 42(b) may be reappointed to the board, but may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

(3) Members of the board mentioned in clauses 42(c) and (d) may be re-elected to the board, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

(4) A member of the board who has held office for the maximum number of consecutive terms mentioned in subsection (2) or (3), as the case may be, is not eligible for appointment or election to the board for one year from the date of expiry of that member's last term.

2009, c.31, s.14.