



University of Alberta Board of Governors affirms drive to excellence

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Edmonton, AB – As the University of Alberta moves through a critical period of transformation, the university’s Board of Governors stands united in its commitment to excellence across the institution and firmly endorses the University of Alberta’s aspirations to compete with the best public research and teaching intensive universities in the world.

The board has also charged President Indira Samarasekera to continue to lead the university through a process of change in fulfillment of the long-term vision and mission of the University of Alberta.

The board unanimously declared its position at its recent retreat which took place April 16-18, 2013. The University of Alberta’s strategic direction for the next decade was discussed, along with the immediate steps university leadership must take to ensure continued excellence as it adjusts to recent cuts made to the institution’s operating budget.

The Board of Governors also affirmed the fundamental necessity of preserving university independence and autonomy in determining its future.

“This university is critical to the future of the province of Alberta. At our retreat we affirmed the importance of governing at an excellent institution and we agreed on the vision and values that are required for higher education, “ said Doug Goss, chair, University of Alberta board of governors.

The board also agreed to the following at the retreat:

- We, as governors of the University of Alberta, unanimously are determined that our university compete with the best public research and teaching intensive universities in the world.
- We are united in purpose and committed to delivering excellence across the institution.
- We have empowered our president to deliver a change agenda and fully expect her to fulfill our vision.

About the University of Alberta Board of Governors

Members of the board are appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education. The board is a mix of public members and representatives from stakeholder groups: the Association of Academic Staff, University of Alberta (AASUA), the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA), the Student’s Union (SU), the Graduate Students Association (GSA), the University of Alberta Senate, and the University of Alberta Alumni Council.

About Board Chair Doug Goss

Doug Goss BComm (’81), LLB (’84) was appointed chair on February 2, 2012. Doug is counsel at Bryan & Company LLP. He is also the chairman of the board of the TELUS Edmonton Community Board, the Fort Edmonton Management Company, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation. In November 2012, Doug was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contributions to the City of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta.

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