

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

5:00 p.m. – 6:31 p.m.

KPU Surrey – Cedar Boardroom 2110

Attending:

Voting Members

1. Dianne Doyle (Chair)
2. Furquan Gehlen (Vice Chair)
3. Kwuntiltunaat (Kim) Baird
4. Roopleen Chhabra
5. Anson Fong
6. Ryan Keigher
7. Kim McGill
8. Sonia Parmar
9. Lyndsay Passmore
10. Diane Purvey
11. Kritika Sohi
12. Valerie Warren

Presenters and Administrative Resources

1. David Burns, Provost *pro tem*
2. Jenn Harrington, Interim VP Human Resources
3. Carole Laplante, Interim CFO
4. Lori McElroy, AVP Planning and Accountability
5. Zena Mitchell, VP Students
6. Sonia Orlu, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors
7. Asma Sayed, VP Equity and Inclusive Communities
8. Andy Sidhu, Interim VP Administration
9. Keri Spindler, University Secretary
10. Paul Adams, Director, Applied Genomics Center

Regrets:

1. June Park
1. Jennifer Duprey, General Counsel

Agenda

M = Motion to Approve
D = Discussion
I = Information
E = Education

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION	TIME	PAGE
Presentation: Applied Genomics Center	Paul Adams	E	5:00	
1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks	Dianne Doyle		5:20	
We at Kwantlen Polytechnic University respectfully acknowledge that we live, work and study in a region that overlaps with the unceded traditional and ancestral First Nations territories of the Kwantlen First Nation, which gifted its name to this university and the Musqueam, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Qayqayt, and Kwikwetlem.				
2. Welcome by KPU Elder in Residence	Elder Lekeyten		5:21	
3. Approval of Agenda	Dianne Doyle	M	5:25	1

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the regular meeting agenda for October 7, 2026.

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| 4. Oath of Office | | | | |
| 4.1. Roopleen Chhabra | | | | |
| 4.2. Kritika Sohi | I | | 5:26 | 4 |
| 5. Conflict of Interest | Dianne Doyle | | 5:27 | |
| 6. Consent Agenda | Dianne Doyle | M | 5:28 | 5 |
| 6.1. Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Regular Board of Governors Meeting | | | | 6 |
| 6.2. Ratification of Board Appointments to Provost Search Advisory Committee | | | | 12 |
| 6.3. Board Governance Manual - Amendments | | | | 13 |
| 6.4. Elections Guidelines | | | | |
| 6.5. President's Notice of Retirement | | | | |

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 6.1. Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Regular Board of Governors Meeting
- 6.2. Ratification of Board Appointments to Provost Search Advisory Committee
- 6.3. [Board Governance Manual – Amendments](#)

AND

THAT the Board of Governors receive the following items for information:

- 6.4. [Elections Guidelines](#)
- 6.5. [President's Notice of Retirement](#)

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| 7. Selected Results from the 2025 Student Satisfaction Survey | Lori McElroy
Meredith Haaf | I | 5:29 | 14 |
| 8. Governance Committee | | | | |
| 8.1. Committee Chair Report | Dianne Doyle | I | 5:42 | |
| 8.2. 2025/26 Accountability Plan and Report | Lori McElroy | M | 5:43 | 15 |

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2025/26 Accountability Plan & Report for submission to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, as recommended by the Board Governance Committee.

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| 8.3. Joint Governance Retreat Agenda: Board of Governors and Senate | Keri Spindler | I | 5:53 | 17 |
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9. Human Resources Committee				
9.1. Committee Chair Report	Furquan Gehlen	I	5:54	
10. Audit Committee				
10.1. Committee Chair Report	Sonia Parmar	I	5:55	
11. Finance Committee				
11.1. Committee Chair Report	Sonia Parmar	I	5:56	
11.2. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report as at March 31, 2026	Carole Laplante	M	5:57	19

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the [Statement of Financial Information \(SOFI\) Report](#) as at March 31, 2026, for submission to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, as recommended by the Board Finance Committee.

12. President's Report				22
12.1. Responding to a Changing Post-Secondary Environment	Diane Purvey	I	6:02	27
12.2. Senate Report – Meetings Held on June 22, 2026 and September 28, 2026	Diane Purvey	I	6:22	28
13. Provost's Report	David Burns		6:23	Verbal
14. Any Other Business	Dianne Doyle		6:25	
15. Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Dianne Doyle		6:27	

Next Meeting:
December 2, 2026
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
KPU Tech

I.1 OATH OF OFFICE

The following Oath of Office is to be sworn, signed, and dated before the Board at the commencement of all Members' first meeting with the Board. The Board Chair or Board Committee Chair administers the Oath of Office and the Board Chair signs the Oath of Office.

"I (print name) _____, sincerely promise and affirm that I will truly, faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability execute the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Kwantlen Polytechnic University. I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for Board Members (including the Conflict of Interest provisions) of Kwantlen Polytechnic University as outlined in the Board Manual."

Signature

Date

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number: 6****Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Dianne Doyle*

AGENDA TITLE: CONSENT AGENDA**ACTION REQUESTED:** Motion**THAT the Board of Governors approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:**

- 6.1. Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Regular Board of Governors Meeting**
- 6.2. Ratification of Board Appointments to Provost Search Advisory Committee**
- 6.3. [Board Governance Manual – Amendments](#)**

AND**THAT the Board of Governors receive the following items for information:**

- 6.4. [Elections Guidelines](#)**
- 6.5. [President's Notice of Retirement](#)**

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the June 24, 2026 Regular Board of Governors Meeting
- 2. Ratification of Board Appointments to Provost Search Advisory Committee
- 3. [Board Governance Manual - Amendments](#)
- 4. [Elections Guidelines](#)
- 5. [President's Notice of Retirement](#)

Prepared by

Keri Spindler

Date submitted

September 24, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

5:08 p.m. – 6:12 p.m.

KPU Richmond, Wilson 4900

Present: Board of Governors

Dianne Doyle
Furquan Gehlen
Gabby Gill
Kim McGill
Diane Purvey, President and Vice
Chancellor, pro tem
Valerie Warren
Lyndsay Passmore
Raman Singh

University G7 members

Jenn Harrington, Interim Vice-President, Human
Resources
Asma Sayed, Vice-President, Equity & Inclusive
Communities
Zena Mitchell, Vice-President, Students
David Burns, Provost and Vice President,
Academic pro tem
Andy Sidhu, Vice President Administration, pro
tem
Carole Laplante, Chief Financial Officer, pro tem

Presenters and Administrative Resources

Jennifer Duprey, General Counsel
Lori McElroy, Associate Vice-President, Planning
and Accountability
Keri Spindler, University Secretary
Brent Elliot, Associate Vice President Campus and
Community Planning
Jennifer Jordan, Director, Student Rights and
Responsibilities

Regrets:

Stephanie Smith, Vice Chair
Amanda Smith-Weston
June Park
Erin Barnes, Chair
Kim (Kwuntiltunaat) Baird, Chancellor

Presentation: Wilson School of Design (Andhra Goundrey)

Dianne Doyle provided welcome remarks and introduced Andhra Goundrey, Dean of the Wilson School of Design. Goundrey provided a power point presentation and an overview of the programs, community partnerships and notable alumni in the Wilson School of Design.

**1. Call to Order and
Introductory Remarks**

Dianne Doyle, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

The Chair acknowledged KPU's commitment to reconciliation and recognition that we live, work and study in a region that overlaps with the unceded traditional and ancestral First Nations territories of the Kwantlen First Nation, which gifted its name to this university and the Musqueam, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Qayqayt, and Kwikwetlem.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION #23-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT the Board of Governors approve the regular meeting agenda for June 24, 2026.

3. Conflict of Interest

No other Conflict of Interest was declared.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION #24-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED the motion THAT the Board of Governors approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

4.1. Minutes of the May 27, 2026 Regular Board of Governors Meeting

4.3 Ratification of appointment to President Search Advisory Committee

AND

That the Board of Governors receive the following items for information:

4.2 President's Annual Policy Report 2025/2026

5. Annual Report to the Board on SR14 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy

Jennifer Jordan, Director, Student Rights and Responsibilities introduced herself and the office that she works in and noted that the report she is speaking to is presented annually to the Board for information.

Jordan shared that the Ministry put forwarded an updated Act which was approved in November 2025. The Ministry is still working on policy guidelines, which are expected to be released in Fall 2026. KPU has embarked on a policy review and completed consultations. Jordan is now waiting for the Ministry guidelines before finalizing any updates.

The Ministry conducted a survey of students across BC regarding awareness of Sexual Violence and Misconduct. KPU has mirrored their questions in the Student Satisfaction Survey to obtain a higher response rate. Findings on both surveys were very similar.

6. Governance Committee Report

6.1. Committee Chair Report

Dianne Doyle, Committee Vice Chair, noted that an update on making KPU Policies more accessible was provided. All other items are on the agenda.

7. Human Resources Committee Report

7.1. Committee Chair Report

Dianne Doyle, Committee Vice Chair, noted that the committee was not able to meet quorum, but did receive an update and overview from the Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities.

8. Audit Committee Report

8.1. Committee Chair Report

Gabby Gill, Committee Chair, informed that the committee received a cybersecurity update and that all other items are on the agenda.

8.2. Management Discussion and Analysis for the Year Ended March 31, 2026

Carole Laplante, Chief Financial Officer pro tem, provided an overview of the Management Discussion and Analysis Report. She noted that this is a key financial report and indicators of KPU's health can be found on page 22.

MOTION #25-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT the Board of Governors approve the draft Management Discussion and Analysis for the year ended March 31, 2026, as recommended by the Board Audit Committee.

9. Finance Committee Report

9.1. Committee Chair Report

Gabby Gill, Committee Chair, noted that the committee received a report on deferred operating funds and that all other items are on the agenda.

9.2. FY 2027/28 University Budget Principles and Priorities

Carole Laplante noted that the two major revisions to the University Budget Principles and Priorities from the prior year were: adding language on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and a section on budget planning engagement, including a matrix. The Principles and Priorities have already been shared with Senate and its committees with no further feedback.

The Board amended the motion.

MOTION #26-25/26

MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT the Board of Governors approve the University Draft Budget Principles and Priorities for FY2027/28 as recommended by the Board Finance Committee with an amendment to Principle 3 wording to bring it in line with the University Act language on research.

10. President's Report

10.1. Report to the Board

Diane Purvey, President and Vice Chancellor pro tem, noted that her report is included in the package. She highlighted that convocation took place last month, and it is a strong reminder at KPU of why we do what we do. Purvey noted that the event was very well put together by Kim McGill and her team. It was a coming together of Deans, Faculty, Students and Board Members. Purvey thanked all those who attended the joyous celebration.

Diane Purvey further shared that strategic planning is underway and a key element was recently completed – a thought exchange with employees. Purvey has provided an opportunity for employees to meet with her in small groups of 10 and has had over 100 responses. The first meeting took place and had a good discussion.

10.2. 10.2 Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA) Report

Jennifer Duprey, General Counsel, noted that the report is included in the package. She further shared that this is an annual report required by all public bodies and that this year, KPU has no disclosures. She noted that page 127 of the package sets out the specific types of wrong doing that are reported under PIDA and that there are multiple avenues for other types of complaints at KPU.

11. Provost's Report

11.1. Report to the Board

David Burns, Provost and Vice President Academic pro tem, noted that he has been in the pro tem role for just over 1 month and has identified activities that require immediate attention. In particular, numerous senior academic leadership appointments are in transition and KPU needs continuity over the coming months. Burns further noted that there is one year left on the Academic Plan and that the upcoming strategic plan and presidential transition will provide direction for its next version.

12. Senate Reports

Diane Purvey noted that the Senate reports are included in the Package.

13. University Secretary Report**13.1. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair**

Keri Spindler, University Secretary, noted that she will conduct the election for Board Chair followed by the election for Vice Chair. Each position will have three calls for nomination.

The University Secretary conducted the first call for nominations for Board Chair for the term August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.

First Call: Diane Purvey nominated Dianne Doyle. Dianne Doyle accepted.

Second call: No nominations

Third call: No nominations

Dianne Doyle was acclaimed as Board Chair.

The University secretary conducted the first call for nominations for Vice Chair for the term August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027

First Call: Dianne Doyle nominated Furquan Gehlen. Furquan Gehlen accepted.

Second call: No nominations

Third call: No nominations

Furquan Gehlen was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

Dianne Doyle expressed her and the board's appreciation to Erin Barnes and Stephanie Smith for serving as Chair and Vice Chair over the past year.

14. Recognition of Departing Board Members

Dianne Doyle noted that there are three members leaving the Board of Governors over the summer. She noted that they are volunteers and thanked them for their contributions.

- Gabby Gill
- Amanda Smith-Weston
- Raman Singh

15. Any Other Business

No other business was identified.

16. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

The Chair thanked members for their questions and discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at KPU Surrey

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number:** 6.2**Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Keri Spindler*

AGENDA TITLE: BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion

THAT the Board of Governors ratify the appointment of the following members to the Search Advisory Committee for the Provost and Vice President, Academic:

- **Sonia Parmar**
- **Anson Fong**

Executive Summary

Dr. Diane Purvey plans to retire following the appointment and onboarding of a new President. As a result, the search for her successor as Provost and Vice President, Academic will be initiated during the Fall 2026 semester to support a seamless leadership transition and ensure operational continuity.

In accordance with HR20 – *Search Advisory, Appointment, and Reappointment of Senior Academic Administrators Policy and Procedure*, the Search Advisory Committee will include one community member and one student member of the Board of Governors, appointed by the Board.

Consultations

1. Human Resources

Prepared by

Melissa Tomkins, Business Manager,
Office of the President

Date submitted

August 28, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number:** 6.3**Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Keri Spindler*

AGENDA TITLE: BOARD GOVERNANCE MANUAL - AMENDMENTS**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

Executive Summary

The Board Governance Manual sets out the governance structure and principles pursuant to which the Board exercises its responsibilities and carries out its duties of stewardship and accountability.

The key proposed change is to re-establish language regarding in-camera meetings. The language had been removed at the request of the former President in Fall 2025.

An additional change is being proposed to the hiring/termination of Association Deans: changing the authority from the Provost to the Dean.

Governance Review

June 24, 2026 – the Board of Governors requested that the Board regularly have in-camera meetings.

September 16, 2026 – the Board Governance Committee approved the changes to the Board Governance Manual, for recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Attachments

1. [Board Governance Manual – Tracked Changes](#)

Prepared by

Keri Spindler

Date submitted

September 17, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number: 7****Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Lori McElroy, Meredith Haaf*

AGENDA TITLE: SELECTED RESULTS FROM THE 2025 STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

Executive Summary

The Student Satisfaction Survey is the primary survey for KPU students. Administered annually in the fall by the Office of Planning & Accountability, the survey includes a combination of demographic questions, key metrics that are collected annually (e.g., student satisfaction with educational experience), questions that are asked every other year on a rotating basis, and special topics or emerging themes in a given year.

For this item, Lori McElroy, AVP, Planning & Accountability, and Meredith Haaf, Director, Planning & Accountability, will provide an overview of some of the results of the 2025 Student Satisfaction Survey, including results of retention-related questions, student satisfaction with educational experience, students' self-reported physical and mental health, and selected demographic data. Information on how the survey is developed and where the results can be accessed will also be provided.

Prepared by

Meredith Haaf

Date submitted

September 29, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number: 8.2****Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Lori McElroy*

AGENDA TITLE: 2025/26 ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN & REPORT**ACTION REQUESTED:** Motion

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2025/26 Accountability Plan & Report for submission to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, as recommended by the Board Governance Committee.

Executive SummaryContext and Background

The Accountability Plan & Report is an annual report that fulfills the requirements of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (PSFS) Accountability Framework. The purpose of the Framework is two-fold:

- To ensure individual public post-secondary institutions are accountable to government, their boards, students and the public for their performance related to ensuring students receive quality educational opportunities relevant to their needs and the needs of the labour market; and
- To ensure the ministry is accountable to the public for the performance of the public post-secondary education system in BC, with the aim that it should benefit all BC residents by ensuring the system's ongoing contribution to social and economic development.

Key Messages

The report was submitted to the ministry in July, reviewed by the ministry, and revised slightly to address ministry feedback. It is now ready for Board approval.

Once approved by the Board, and the accountability statement is signed by both the Board chair and KPU's president, it will be submitted to the ministry.

The final report will be posted on both the ministry's and KPU's websites.

Implications/Risks

Failing to submit a complete Accountability Plan & Report to the ministry by October 2026 could have a negative impact on our reputation with the ministry.

Governance Review

The Board Governance Committee reviewed and recommended the 2025/2026 Accountability Plan and Report for approval at their meeting on September 19, 2026.

Consultations

The content of this report is the result of collaborative effort across KPU:

- Deans provided content for the Faculty profiles;
- The Office of Communications provided content for the student and alumni profiles;
- Finance provided the content for the Financial Context section.
- Senior leaders helped identify content and sources to address the strategic priorities; and
- A number of people, including faculty, administrators and staff, provided information on the strategic priorities and the work KPU has been doing on reconciliation.

The Office of Planning & Accountability wrote, edited, analyzed data, created graphs and other content and laid out the report.

Attachments

1. [Final 2025/26 Accountability Plan & Report](#)

Prepared by

Meredith Haaf

Date submitted

September 4, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number:** 8.3**Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Keri Spindler*

AGENDA TITLE: JOINT GOVERNANCE RETREAT: BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND SENATE**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

Executive Summary

The Board of Governors and Senate typically host an annual joint retreat to discuss topics of mutual interest and importance. The next retreat is scheduled for Friday, March 5th, 2027 at KPU Surrey. The draft agenda includes a State of the Sector from EAB, an address for the President and a Panel presentation and Q&A on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Governance Review

The draft agenda was presented to the Board Governance Committee at its September 16, 2026 meeting.

Consultations

1. Diane Purvey, President and Vice Chancellor, pro tem

Attachments

1. Draft Agenda for Joint Governance Retreat

Prepared by

Keri Spindler

Date submitted

August 24, 2026



Board and Senate Joint Governance Retreat
KPU Surrey Conference Centre
March 5, 2027
8:30 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.	Light Breakfast and Networking
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 a.m.	EAB Address: State of the Sector The next era of higher education will belong to those who act decisively, communicate with clarity, and execute with discipline across all four fronts of sector disruption: external accountability, financial sustainability, market relevance, and institutional agility.
10:15 a.m.	Discussion
11:00 a.m.	President Address
12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Networking
1:00 p.m.	Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Higher Education How should AI be incorporated into higher education for learning, teaching, work and research. Introduction: Panel: Moderator:
2:15 p.m.	Audience Q&A
3:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number:** 11.2**Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Carole Laplante*

AGENDA TITLE: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION (SOFI) REPORT AS AT MARCH 31, 2026

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion

THAT the Board of Governors approve the [Statement of Financial Information \(SOFI\) Report](#) as at March 31, 2026, for submission to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, as recommended by the Board Finance Committee.

Executive Summary

In accordance with Section 14 of Kwantlen Polytechnic University's (KPU or the University) Board Governance Manual, the Finance Committee is tasked with reviewing all public disclosures to ensure they present a comprehensive, accurate, and balanced reflection of the University's financial health and overall performance.

Additionally, under the **Financial Information Act**, overseen by the Ministry of Finance, KPU is mandated to submit a statement of financial information report. This report must include a series of prescribed schedules, encompassing both audited financial statements and unaudited financial data, as specified by the legislation. This report is designated the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) report; KPU's fiscal 2025/26 SOFI report is due for submission to applicable regulatory bodies by October 1, 2026. The Ministry will review the report and then will be required to send a copy to the Legislative Library by October 31, 2026.

SOFI Reporting Overview

The SOFI report is an annual public disclosure document required under British Columbia's **Financial Information Act**. The report is intended to enhance transparency by disclosing key financial information, employee remuneration, and payments made to suppliers.

Key Components of the SOFI Report

The SOFI report includes:

- Financial statements, including assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, debts, and guarantees or indemnities.
- A schedule of employee remuneration and expenses, including individual disclosure of employees with total compensation in excess of \$75,000 annually.
- A schedule of supplier payments, including payments exceeding \$25,000 to individual suppliers during the fiscal year.
- Disclosure of severance agreements where applicable.

Basis of Reporting

Committee members should note that the financial statements included in the SOFI are prepared on an accrual basis, consistent with the University's audited financial statements which are prepared under **Public Sector Accounting Standards** (PSAS). In contrast, the remuneration, expense, and supplier schedules are based largely on amounts paid during the fiscal year. As a result, SOFI disclosures may not reconcile directly to expenses reported in the audited financial statements.

For example, employee remuneration disclosed in the SOFI may include vacation payouts, retroactive salary settlements, acting pay, overtime, and other amounts paid during the year, regardless of the period to which they relate. Similarly, supplier disclosures reflect payments made during the year and not necessarily expenses recognized under accrual accounting.

Implications for KPU

When reviewing SOFI disclosures, variances between SOFI amounts and the University's annual financial statements should be expected. The SOFI is primarily a public accountability and transparency document that focuses on payments made during the year, whereas the audited financial statements are prepared in accordance with PSAS and reflect revenues and expenses on an accrual basis.

The audited financial statements, included in the report, have already been audited and presented by external auditors and University management, and have received formal approval from KPU's Board of Governors. The other unaudited financial information has been prepared collaboratively by the Finance and Payroll departments and has undergone review by senior Finance personnel to ensure accuracy and completeness.

As required by law, the report must be available for public access during regular business hours on premises.

Governance Review

The Board Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report for approval at its meeting on September 23, 2026.

Consultations

1. KPMG LLP

Attachments

1. [Statement of Financial Information \(SOFI\) as at March 31, 2026](#)

Prepared by

Carole Laplante, Interim CFO

Date submitted

September 11, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Agenda Number: 12

Meeting Date: *October 7, 2026*

Presenter(s): *Dr. Diane Purvey*

President's Report to the Board of Governors

Dr. Diane Purvey

October 2026

1. President's Message

While teaching continues at KPU throughout the year, there is something distinctive about the beginning of the fall semester. Over the past month, we have welcomed students who are setting foot on campus for the very first time, alongside those returning to continue their studies, and those beginning their final year at KPU. The excitement, anticipation, and sense of possibility that accompany the start of a new academic year are a welcome reminder of why we do this work.

As we look ahead to the year before us, KPU continues to face significant financial pressures. In response, we are undertaking a comprehensive review of our activities, services, structures, and expenses to strengthen the university's long-term sustainability. This work is guided by an integrated approach centred on student experience, financial viability, and our polytechnic mission. As options and recommendations emerge, they will be brought forward through the governance processes. While difficult decisions lie ahead, our focus remains clear: to ensure KPU is positioned to serve our students, communities, and region for decades to come.

Alongside this work, we are looking to define KPU's next chapter. Feedback from the Listening Tour, ThoughtExchange, and ongoing engagement efforts continues to identify recurring themes related to student success, operational effectiveness, academic excellence, community impact, and financial sustainability. This input is helping to shape both the development of KPU's next strategic plan and the university's approach to navigating current budget challenges.

While the challenges facing the post-secondary sector are significant, I remain encouraged by the dedication and care of our employees, the engagement of our community, and the energy our students bring to our campuses. Together, we have an opportunity to shape a future for KPU that is both sustainable and responsive to the evolving needs of society.

As a polytechnic university deeply connected to those communities, our strength has always been our ability to adapt, innovate, and create opportunities for students from all backgrounds and at every stage of life. Whether they are the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education, balancing their studies with work and family responsibilities, or returning to learning later in life, our students remind us every day of the transformative power of education. I am confident that, by working together, we will continue to evolve in ways that strengthen KPU's impact, advance our commitment to student success, and position the university for a sustainable future.

2. Student Experience and Supports

2.1 Online Apprenticeship Registration Launch

The Office of the Registrar (OREG) and Apprenticeship services revamped apprenticeship registration processes and moved to self-serve online registration with assigned registration dates/times. 115 apprentices were provided “time tickets” to register, with 50% registering within the first 2 days. The next phase will bring apprenticeships into our online EducationPlannerBC (EPBC) online application for admission service, and have Apprenticeship Services using a new admissions process to manage Apprentices.

2.2 Student Housing Doesn't Wait

GEC Living, one of [KPU's off-campus housing providers](#), has committed to staffing a booth at KPU's upcoming Open House to ensure prospective students know they don't need to wait until 2030 to have student-focused housing near KPU.

2.3 Transfer Credit Expansion for ENGL 1100

Work was finalized with the English department to establish dozens of articulations to facilitate transfer credit for ENGL 1100 for courses over 10 years old. This will enable OREG to automatically grant ENGL 1100 to *many* more KPU students.

2.4 Registration Workshops

Student Enrolment Services served 260 students through Registration drop-in sessions hosted July from 13 to 31 in Richmond, Surrey, Langley, and on Zoom.

2.5 Stay the Course Student Retention Initiative: Year Two Cohort

[Stay the Course](#) is entering its second year with strong early momentum, reflecting growing student interest and engagement. As of August 21, the program had received 487 applications for Fall 2026, compared to 192 total applications for Fall 2025. While further analysis of participation and student success outcomes will be undertaken throughout the year, these early results suggest increased awareness and demand for the program among incoming students.

2.6 Student Affairs Bringing Career and Wellness Expertise into the Classroom

This fall, the Student Health Promotion and Career Development Centre departments are expanding opportunities for faculty to integrate student success supports into the classroom through tailored presentations from each of their teams. These offerings provide flexible, in-person, and online sessions on career readiness, job search skills, wellness, and campus support resources, helping students strengthen their academic success and well-being, and transition to employment.

2.7 Summer 2026 Bursary

Demand for student financial assistance remained consistent with previous years, with 653 students applying for Summer 2026 Bursary support, compared to 677 applicants in Summer 2025. Total calculated student financial need exceeded \$2.1 million, compared to just over \$500,000 in available bursary and award funding, highlighting the continued importance of financial support for KPU students.

2.8 Fall 2026 Co-op Placements

Despite ongoing labour market volatility, co-op job opportunities have remained stable, supported by targeted employer outreach and focused job development efforts. To further strengthen KPU students competitiveness, the Career Development Centre's co-op team introduced enhanced one-to-one application support through a dedicated Co-op Student Assistant. These combined efforts are yielding positive results: as of mid-August, KPU recorded eight more student co-op work placements than at the same point last year. In addition, employers who had paused student hiring in recent years have begun returning, helping to expand co-op opportunities for KPU students.

3. People, Culture, and Operational Initiatives

3.1 Alumni Signature

In August 2026, Alumni Affairs, with support from Marketing and the Office of the President, launched a new alumni employee email signature, giving employees a visible way to show alumni pride while helping build connection and trust with the broader internal and external community.

3.2 Alumni Stories

We concluded the “alumni stories” campaign with 108 alumni submissions from a diverse range of programs. Building on this momentum, we are developing an expanded alumni stories campaign to showcase alumni talent and career success. Since its launch in the spring, the alumni stories webpage has received more than 14,000 views. [KPU Alumni Stories](#) | [KPU Alumni Perks](#)

3.3 ‘Alumni-Owned’ Marketplace

Alumni-owned is the new business marketplace directory featuring KPU alumni-owned business, which was launched August 31 within the KPU Alumni Perks app. A call for submissions was sent to ~46,000 alumni and the directory continues to grow as we onboard new Alumni businesses: [Alumni-Owned](#) | [KPU Alumni Perks](#)

3.4 Layoff Update

The faculty layoff process initiated in March 2026 is now complete. Of 81 layoff notices issued to regular faculty, 30 were fully rescinded and 4 partially rescinded. Most of the rescinded notices resulted from labour adjustment strategies including non-impacted faculty opting for retirement or voluntary severance. In addition, 22 other layoffs were deferred for up to 12 months, primarily due to non-impacted faculty taking leaves or time releases. The final number of layoffs that took effect on August 31, 2026 is 29.

3.5 Bargaining Updates

Bargaining with the BCGEU is scheduled to commence at the end October 2026, with 6 full days of bargaining scheduled until the end of the year.

Negotiations with the KFA have recommenced after a brief slow-down over the summer months. Following completion of non-monetary discussions, the parties have moved into package bargaining. The University remains optimistic that common ground will be reached on several initiatives benefiting both parties.

3.6 Presidential Search

The search process for KPU's next president is well underway, with the Presidential Search Advisory Committee having completed the long-list process on September 11. The first round of interviews is scheduled for the end of September, with final interviews expected to take place in mid-October.

4. Partnerships and Events

4.1 National Health and Fitness Day

Sport and Recreation and Student Health Promotion combined to host [National Health and Fitness Day](#) (NHFD) at KPU Surrey. A variety of drop-in activities were offered, including spikeball, table tennis, cornhole, a putting green, among other recreational games. Along with student clubs – the Badminton Club, Sociology Club, and Dance Club – at least 140 students came out and got active in the Maple Courtyard. Sport and Recreation went on to host a second, more casual NHFD event at KPU Tech over a lunch hour, including various drop-in activities such as cornhole, a putting green, and XBOX gaming lounge. Continuing in the spirit of NHFD and in support of KPU Accessibility Week, all KPU students, employees, and alumni were invited to take part in a free outdoor Zumba class at KPU Langley (10 participants), along with a free “Tai Chi for All” class at KPU Richmond (18 participants).

4.2 New Student Orientation and Welcome Week

KPU welcomed more than 1,000 new students through [New Student Orientation](#) events held at the Surrey, Langley and Richmond campuses, representing approximately 40% of incoming new students this term. This year's program included new faculty sessions as part of the core orientation schedule, giving students an early opportunity to connect with their academic community and learn more about their area of study.

Welcome Week extended the celebration and connection across KPU's campuses, with 98 campus partner contributions and four external organizations supporting activities and opportunities for students to connect with the broader KPU community.

The success of New Student Orientation and Welcome Week reflects the strong collaboration of faculty, staff, student leaders, campus partners and community organizations. Together, they created a welcoming start to the Fall term and helped new students build connections, discover the opportunities and supports available to them, and begin to feel a sense of belonging at KPU.



4.3 Upcoming: Gender and Sexual Equity Symposium

Date/Time: Thursday, October 29, 2026, 12pm – 4pm

Location: KPU Surrey Conference Centre

Registration Link: [The Inaugural Gender and Sexual Equity Symposium](#)

In a time where hate towards 2SLGBTQIA+ folks is ever growing, we hope to centre queer joy by bringing together community members and engaging in meaningful dialogue. The half-day event will feature sharing of ideas about equity and centering the perspectives of trans and queer people.

This event aims to create an environment for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals to come together in community and learn from each other. The event will feature our keynote speaker, Ayy Patel, who will talk about the “complexities of living at the intersection of South Asian and lesbian identities in Canada”, followed by a panel of students. While 2SLGBTQIA+ lives will be centred, allies will serve an integral role in witnessing the stories and lived experiences of our keynote speaker, panelists, and those who decide to share their experiences during the event.



4.4 Upcoming: Anti-Ableism and Disability Justice Symposium

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 9am to 4pm

Location: KPU Surrey Conference Centre

Registration: Email OEIC@kpu.ca to register

The Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities (OEIC) is excited to partner with the Provost's Office through the Lead Advisor on Disability, Accessibility and Inclusion to bring you the inaugural Anti-Ableism & Disability Justice Symposium.

This one-day symposium brings together scholars, students, faculty, staff, and community partners to critically examine ableism and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities to create greater awareness within the wider KPU community and to foster collaborations for change.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number:** 12.1**Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Dr. Diane Purvey and Dr. David Burns*

AGENDA TITLE: RESPONDING TO A CHANGING POST-SECONDARY ENVIRONMENT
PRESENTATION**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

Executive Summary

This presentation provides context for the significant financial and strategic decisions that will come before the Board in the months ahead. It outlines the sector-wide impacts of federal international student policy changes, the resulting decline in KPU's enrolment and revenue, the actions already taken to address approximately \$51 million of an overall \$86 million financial challenge, and the institution's approach to addressing the remaining \$35 million.

The presentation also describes the restructuring work currently underway to position KPU as a smaller, more focused, and financially sustainable university, and highlights the Board's role in providing oversight and stewardship as recommendations emerge through the appropriate governance processes.

Consultations

1. Senior Executive Team

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September 23, 2026

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number: 12.2****Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Catherine Schwichtenberg***Senate Vice Chair's Report to the Board of Governors****June 2026**

Senate held its final meeting of the 2025–2026 academic year on June 22, 2026. Routine academic and administrative business, including curriculum approvals and committee appointments, was approved; reports from standing committees and administrative units were heard and discussed. There were frequent and warm opportunities for questions and comments throughout the meeting.

Senate approved the Principles and Priorities and received financial updates. Again, there were many thoughtful questions, a clear understanding of the changing landscape, and, judging by the discussion, a shared resolve to take on the challenges ahead while continuing to demonstrate resilience and adaptability.

The Annual Report from the Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR) was received with an approved motion to approve membership expansion. The number of reviews is expected to increase from approximately 27 annually to 60, including 18 self-study reports.

Senate was also advised that revisions to the Distinguished Awards processes will be finalized by July 1, 2026, and encourages administrators, faculty, and staff to consider colleagues who may be nominated in the fall.

Finally, the Chair expressed appreciation to Senators whose terms have concluded, and to Dean (Senator) Andhra Goundrey and University Librarian Todd Mundle, who will retire this summer. They will be missed.

Senate will recess for the summer; however, as per Senate Bylaw 2.5.1, the Senate Executive Committee will act on behalf of Senate for urgent items of regular business. Should this occur, all Senators may attend and vote with a minimum of five days' notice.

On behalf of Senate, I wish the Board of Governors a well-deserved summer break and a huge thank you for your ongoing leadership and dedication to KPU.

With Respect,
Catherine Schwichtenberg – Vice-Chair, Senate

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**Agenda Number: 12.2****Meeting Date:** *Wednesday, October 7, 2026***Presenter(s):** *Catherine Schwichtenberg***Senate Vice Chair's Report to the Board of Governors****September 2026**

Senate held its first meeting of the academic year on September 28, 2026, in person, at the Surrey campus following a well-attended meet-and-greet. The meeting included routine governance business, committee appointments, academic planning matters, curriculum discussions, and several significant decisions related to academic program sustainability.

Senate approved the September Graduation Report and recommended the conferral of credentials on eligible students to the Board.

Senate approved a number of appointments to its standing committees, resulting in broad representation from faculty and administrative areas across the university. The strong response to the call for nominations reflects continued engagement in Senate governance and will support the important work of Senate committees throughout the coming year.

Senate also approved revisions to the Faculty of Educational Support and Development bylaws and approved faculty representatives to Search Advisory Committees for the Associate Dean, Faculty of Trades and Technology, and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. Senate received information regarding plans for a joint governance retreat involving Board and Senate participants, intended to support ongoing collaboration and governance development.

The Joint Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities and University Budget brought forward several proposals related to program sustainability. Senate approved the suspension of the Graduate Diploma in Business Management (Global Business Management), the Graduate Diploma in Business Management (Green Business Management and Sustainability), the Bachelor of Arts Major and Honours in Philosophy, and the Bachelor of Arts Major in Policy Studies. Senate also approved intake-cancellation extensions for the Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems and Security and the Diploma in Advanced VFX (Virtual Production).

These items generated extensive and thoughtful discussion. Senators considered enrolment trends, changing international student enrolment patterns, program viability, student impacts, and alignment with the university's academic priorities. A recurring theme throughout the discussion was the distinction between program suspension and program discontinuance. Senators emphasized that

suspension should provide an opportunity for meaningful review, consultation, assessment of future demand, and potential program renewal, rather than simply delaying a future closure decision.

The discussion regarding the Philosophy programs was particularly robust. Senators recognized the important contribution of philosophy to critical thinking and interdisciplinary learning across the university while also acknowledging ongoing enrolment challenges. Senate was advised that the Philosophy Minor and philosophy course offerings will continue.

Senate also approved the academic schedules for the 2027/28, 2028/29, and 2029/30 academic years, providing long-term planning certainty for students and the university community.

The Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum presented recommendations regarding undergraduate pathway-designated courses. Following discussion, Senate approved recommendations to review and reduce the current list of pathway-designated courses through the usual governance processes, while ensuring appropriate consultation, sufficient course capacity for pathway students, and the availability of pedagogical supports for faculty. The intent of this work is to better align pathway offerings with student needs while maintaining appropriate academic supports.

Overall, I was pleased by the quality of discussion and engagement throughout the meeting. Senators approached a number of complex and sometimes difficult decisions thoughtfully, balancing stewardship of academic programs and resources with the university's commitment to students and academic excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schwichtenberg
Vice-Chair, Senate