OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR’S REMARKS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and offered a brief welcome to Board members on the phone, invited guests, two guests from The Charlatan newspaper and the seven student spectators.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prof. Gorelick enquired as to why the review of the By-Laws was not on the agenda as the University Secretary had indicated in an earlier email. Ms. Caldwell indicated that supporting documents were not ready in time for this meeting and that this item would be added to the April 28, 2015 Board agenda.
There was a motion by Ms. Armstrong and it was seconded by Mr. Javanpour that the agenda be approved, as presented. The motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was circulated with the meeting documentation.

Prof. Gorelick enquired about the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Building Program and Finance Committees and why the Library was included in the list of buildings requiring deferred maintenance. Mr. Watt noted that while the Library did undergo a major renovation, there were some areas that had not been included and thus required attention.

An inquiry was made by Prof. Gorelick about who prepared the Report to the Board of Governors for the Carleton University Senate. Dr. Runte noted that the Clerk of Senate prepares the minutes and that the Report we received is permitted as it is for information only.

The Chair noted that Item 16.1 on the Closed Consent Agenda would be deferred to the April 28, 2015 full Board meeting as the wrong documents had been distributed in advance.

It was moved by Mr. Wernick and seconded by Mr. Wener that the Consent Agenda be approved, as presented. The motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Response letters from the Ontario government on tuition fees

Governors were informed that Mr. Tattersfield received a letter of response from both Premiere Wynne and the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Minister Reza Moridi.

Mr. Wener asked if a copy of the letter from the Premiere was forwarded to CUSA and GSA and Dr. Runte confirmed that it had been.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President mentioned that in honour of the success of the Ravens men’s basketball team, the City of Ottawa has proclaimed that March 31st will be Carleton Ravens Men’s Basketball Team Day and a celebration will be held at City Hall.
Over 90 Carleton students participated in formal February study break activities including volunteering around the world to teach and build communities, through the Alternative Spring Break Program.

Carleton researchers achieved a 100% success rate for CREATE research grants. At the same time, a recent ranking report shows our rankings have increased.

The Carleton United Nations Society won top awards at both the Harvard and University of Toronto Competitions in early March.

Ms. Blanchard was invited to speak about the activities under her portfolio which were outlined in a report that was circulated in advance.

Mr. Cummings addressed the promotional handout that was circulated in advance highlighting the recent championship win for the Ravens men’s basketball team and the Carleton Day at Queen’s Park.

Prof. Kunz asked for clarification about the reference on the ad which indicated that this was the Ravens 13th Championship as he thought that we only had 11 wins. Mr. Cummings indicated that we would look into this.

6. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

6.1 Report from the Task Force on the Affordability of the Tuition Fee Framework

A report was circulated in advance of the Meeting.

Mr. Watt began making a presentation to the Board which was interrupted when some of the spectators attending stood up and began loudly voicing their concern over the report. After several minutes, the Chair attempted to address the spectators on two separate occasions without success.

The Chair then received a motion to approve the Task Force Report as presented by Prof. Rowe and it was seconded by Mr. Wener. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The spectators continued voicing their concerns during the time of the vote and at 4:31pm the Chair called for a 10 minute adjournment.

The meeting reconvened at 4:41pm however the spectators were still voicing their concerns. Prof. Rowe made a motion to formally adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Wener.

The meeting was adjourned and no further business was discussed.