

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 in the Grand Hall, 40 Charlotte Street, Saint John and using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

Dr. T. Alderson	Ms. J. Kidney-Hermelin
Mr. W. Best	Dr. B. Lowry
Mr. W. Carson	Mr. C. MacDonald
Ms. R. Connors-Losier	Dr. J. MacLauchlan
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	The Hon. W. MacLauchlan
Ms. R. Dixit	Dr. D. MaGee
Ms. J. Flanagan	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Dr. D. Ganong	Ms. M. McNeil
Mr. T. Gibbons (Chair)	Dr. J. Neville
Dr. P. Hauf	Dr. S. Pavey
Ms. J. Hoyt (Vice-Chair)	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Mr. K. Hoyt	Mr. P. Syroid
Ms. J. Jeffrey	Mr. N. Vibert
Ms. J. Jollineau	Ms. J. Ward

being members of the Board

Ms. M.J. Adams, Associate Vice-President (Capital Planning & Operations)  
Ms. N. Ashfield, Associate Vice-President (Strategic Communications & Marketing)  
Ms. M. Dawe, Chief of Staff, Office of the President  
Ms. A. Ferris, Associate Vice President & Comptroller  
Ms. E. Flemming, University Secretariat  
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis University Secretariat  
Dr. J. Russell, Executive Director, Institute for Population Health  
Mr. J. Wright, Executive Director, Development and Donor Relations

Regrets:

Dr. R. Currie	Dr. D. Perley
Ms. R. Fairweather	Mayor D. Reardon
Ms. J. Knox	Mayor K. Rogers
Mr. P. Lagacy	Mr. D. Stevenson
Dr. K. McCain	Ms. R. Tingley
M. G. Noseworthy	Ms. B. Watt
Mr. D. O'Brien	Mr. D. Varma
Dr. C. Passaris	

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## OPEN SESSION

**1. Announcements for 14 May 2024 (posted with agenda)**

A) The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, referring them to the written announcements included with the agenda. The President acknowledged that the Saint John and Fredericton campuses of the University sit on unsurrendered and unceded traditional Wolastoqey land. The lands of the Wabanaki people were recognized in a series of Peace and Friendship Treaties to establish an ongoing relationship of peace, friendship, and mutual respect between equal nations.

B) T. Gribbons noted that D. O'Brien, K. Rogers, D. Stevenson, R. Tingley and D. Varma had sent their regrets for the meeting.

C) The Chair extended congratulations to G. Noseworthy, noting that they, along with K. Palmer, D. Coelho, E. DiCasare and Leen, will all serve as Valedictorians honoured as part of this week's Encaenia and Convocation Ceremonies. He noted that this would be the last regularly scheduled meeting in the current term for a several Board members: R. Dixit, F. Noseworthy, D. Varma, N. Vibert and J. Ward. He thanked them for their service.

D) The President spoke about the recent passing of Arthur Irving, noting that he had received an honorary degree from UNB in 2009. He noted that Canada has lost one of its leading entrepreneurs, and Atlantic Canada one of its leading cheerleaders. Arthur was a true philanthropist and a loyal New Brunswicker. By way of his company, his family foundation, and personal gifts, Arthur donated approximately \$13million to the University of New Brunswick, and millions more to other universities and hospitals in our region and beyond. He was also an outdoorsman and sports enthusiast, who was deeply involved with Ducks Unlimited over the years.

For this business acumen and public service, Arthur was made an Officer of the Order of Canada, Member of the Order of New Brunswick and inducted in the Canadian Business Hall of Fame. He will be forever missed by our UNB community, our province, our region, his beloved wife and daughter, and the rest of his family.

**2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**2.1      Summary of Resolutions (posted with agenda)**

**2.2      Minutes of 18 April 2024 (posted with agenda)**

The Chair noted that key items of business were the approval of the Graduation and Prize Lists, the strategic discussion on the Institute for Population Health and an update on Fundraising.

MOTION 2, 1:      Neville/Vibert      "That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, and the Minutes of 18 April 2024, as presented."

CARRIED

The Chair asked if members had any conflicts they wish to declare. No conflicts were identified.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes (Open Session)**

There was no business arising from the minutes of Open Session.

**CLOSED SESSION****OPEN SESSION**12. **Senates' Business**

- 12.1 **13 May 2024** (posted with agenda)  
Joint Senates' Items for Information
  - 12.1.1 **President's Report**
  - 12.1.2 **Report of the Dean of Libraries**  
Joint Senates' Items for Approval
  - 12.1.3 **Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee**
  - 12.1.4 **Report of the School of Graduate Studies**
  - 12.1.5 **Report of the University Research Committee**
  - 12.1.6 **Report of the Academic Policy & Procedures Committee**
  - 12.1.7 **Report of the Teaching Awards Committee**  
Fredericton Senate Item for Approval
  - 12.1.8 **Report of the Senate Admissions Committee**  
Saint John Senate Item for Information
  - 12.1.9 **Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee**
- 12.2 New Program Proposals
  - 12.2.1 **Master of Engineering Leadership in Design Innovation**
  - 12.2.2 **Proposed Graduate Diploma and Pathway to Admission to the Nurse Practitioner Program**

12. **Senates' Business** (cont'd)

P. Hauf noted that Senates had received reports from the University Research Committee, the Dean of Libraries Report, the Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee, the Teaching Awards Committee Report, and the Report of the School of Graduate Studies. Senates also received a presentation on the Institute for Population Health. She explained that Senates also received a proposal from the Faculty of Engineering to create a Master of Engineering in Leadership in Design Innovation, an interdisciplinary, course-based Masters program intended for working engineers. The new Masters program has major resource implications that have not yet been finalized. While the proposal was approved at Senate, it is not yet ready for consideration by the Board. The proposal will come back for consideration once the financial aspects have been reviewed.

Senates also received a proposal for a Post-Master of Nursing Advanced Nurse Practitioner Diploma. This Diploma would serve as a pathway to a Nurse Practitioner designation for nurses who have a course-based or research-based Master of Nursing. In response to a question, it was noted that the new practice of the Board was to highlight new programs separately from the Senate agendas. Members discussed next steps for the Engineering proposal. The President explained that the Provost would meet with the Dean to clarify resource implications and it would then go forward to the Board Executive Committee before being submitted to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for approval.

MOTION 12, 1: J. Hoyt/Vibert        “That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 12.1.3 to 12.1.9, inclusive, 12.2.1 through 12.2.2, inclusive, and receive items 12.1.1 to 12.1.2, inclusive, as presented.”

CARRIED

13. **Board Chair's Report** (verbal)

The Chair noted that he, J. Hoyt and S. DeVarenne had traveled to London, ON in early May to participate in the annual conference of the Canadian University Boards Association (CUBA). The Annual conference is an opportunity to connect with Board Chairs and Board professionals from across the country, learn from each other and exchange information on the post-secondary context in other regions. He noted that the mood across the country is gloomy with respect to finances. Most universities are projecting a future where resources continue to be scarce and there is a movement toward alternative sources of revenue for sustainability. T. Gribbons highlighted the recent actions by the Federal Government to place limits on international student enrollment at the undergraduate level.

T. Gribbons noted that, compared to institutions across the country, UNB is doing well. He emphasized the importance of maintaining strong government relations and looking for alternative revenue streams to generate the financial resources needed. He also highlighted the high caliber of speakers at CUBA and shared that we are hoping to schedule one of them for our retreat next fall.

14. **Other Business (Open Session)**

R. Dixit noted a conflict of interest, explaining that she had been a signatory on the demand letter to the President relating to the war in Gaza.

There was no other business.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Sarah DeVarenne  
Secretary