

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 14 October 2021, using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

Dr. J. Andrews	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Dr. T. Chopin	Dr. A. McCain
Ms. N. Creamer-Ervin	Dr. K. McCain
Mr. R. Cuming	Ms. M. McNeil
Ms. K. Cunningham	Mr. D. O'Brien
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Dr. C. Passaris
Mr. T. Gribbons (Vice-Chair)	Dr. D. Perley
Mr. L. Hachey	Ms. C. Prosser
Dr. P. Hauf	Mayor K. Rogers
Mr. P. Hickey	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Ms. J. Hoyt	Ms. J. Sutherland-Green
Dr. V. Husain	Mr. P. Syroid
Ms. J. Jollineau	Ms. R. Tingley (Chair)
Ms. J. Knox	Mr. N. Vibert
Dr. J. Light-Thompson	Mr. K. Walsh
Mr. C. MacDonald	Ms. J. Ward
Dr. J. MacLauchlan	Dr. K. Wilson
Dr. D. MaGee	Dr. D. Woolnough

being members of the Board

Ms. M. Dawe, Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Ms. A. Ferris, Comptroller
Dr. S. Montague, Acting Vice-President (Advancement)
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, University Secretariat
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning & Budgeting

Regrets:

Mr. W. Carson	Mayor D. Reardon
Ms. R. Connors-Losier	Ms. R. Fairweather
Dr. R. Currie	Dr. D. Ganong
Ms. B. DeLong	Dr. D. Stevenson
Mr. K. Hoyt	Mr. V. Vardan

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OPEN SESSION

1. **Announcements****1.1 Announcements for 14 October 2021** (posted with agenda)

A) The Chair welcomed members to the first Board Meeting of the academic year, 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 unsundered 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) R. Tingley introduced new Board members and noted that W. Carson, B. DeLong, D. Ganong and K. Hoyt, had sent their regrets for the meeting.

C) R. Tingley congratulated J. Ward and P. Syroid as they had both welcomed new babies since the last meeting of the Board. She also extended congratulations on behalf of the Board to C. Passaris, who was named to the Order of New Brunswick for his visionary work as a champion and advocate for multiculturalism, immigration, inclusion and human rights.

D) The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms have been electronically circulated and should be returned to the Secretary's office upon completion.

2. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting****2.1 Summary of Resolutions** (posted with agenda)**2.2 Minutes of 18 May 2021** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that key items of business were the Graduation list and the review of the audited financial statements.

There were no items lifted from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION 2, 1: Jollineau/Passaris "That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, and the Minutes of 18 May 2021, as presented."

CARRIED

R. Tingley reviewed items on the agenda where there could be potential conflicts of interest. She noted that the President would have a conflict with the discussion of his Mid-Term Review and would leave the meeting for the discussion of that item. T. Gribbons noted that as an employee of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), he excused himself from the discussions in the Investments Committee related to RBC. J. Jollineau noted that she was a stipend instructor on the Saint John campus and that she recused herself from discussions about bargaining with AUNBT Contract Academic Employee group.

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

There was none.

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

There was none.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

12. **President's Report**

12.1 **President's Report** (posted with agenda)

The President drew members' attention to his October Report which was been posted with the agenda. He noted that he attended the Youth Human Rights Award Ceremony for the presentation of an award to Renaissance College Student Bailey Desjardins as well as the opening ceremony for the Beckett Residence on the Saint John campus. He highlighted a partnership with the Faculty of Nursing and a university in India to facilitate exchanges and a pathway program to train nurses for the Province. He noted that interviews for the Vice-President (Advancement) were progressing well. The President thanked D. Perley for his leadership with Truth and Reconciliation Day, noting that it was a moving ceremony. He spoke to the mandatory COVID testing policy, noting that most faculty, staff and students on both campuses are fully vaccinated, with a small number of non-compliant community members. He thanked the Deans for stepping up to address the issue with students; non-compliant students have been deregistered and issued a trespass notice, and non-compliant faculty and staff have been put on leave without pay.

12.2 **Preliminary Enrolment Figures** (posted with agenda)

The President drew members' attention to the Preliminary Report on 2021-22 Enrolment to October 1, 2021, noting that enrolment for the Fall Term would continue to fluctuate until December as issues related to student visas and COVID affected travel delays have prevented some students from arriving on time. This has also increased the number of unpaid students due to an issue with student loans. Despite these issues, enrolment is over budget. He noted that undergraduate headcount was 7634 and graduate headcount was

12. **President's Report** (cont'd)

12.2 **Preliminary Enrolment Figures** (cont'd)

1974. On the Fredericton campus, international students comprise 11% of the undergraduate population and 33% of the graduate population. Eighty-three percent of Saint John campus students and 73% of Fredericton campus students are from New Brunswick. The number of out-of-province students will continue to grow over time. The President noted that India was the largest source of undergraduate international students,

and that Vietnam was an emerging student group. He spoke to conversion rates, noting that the admission to enrolment rate was 41%; UNB's goal is 50%. He noted that UNB is now implementing a communications strategy to regularly reach out to engage admitted students to improve conversion rates.

Members discussed recruiting from China. One member noted that the visa issues were detrimental to graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, affecting research programs. The President noted that China was still a recruitment focus and that the University has an in-person recruiter in China, noting that there have been issues between the Canadian and Chinese governments over the past couple of years. With respect to visa issues, he explained that UNB is working with Universities Canada to advocate resolving the issue with the federal government, noting that the global pandemic has affected students' ability to get the relevant documents needed to receive a visa.

13. **Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)**

13.1 **Board Advancement Committee**

13.1.1 **Report of 28 September 2021– open items** (See item 8.1.1)

The Board Advancement Committee Report was received for information.

13.2 **Board Executive Committee**

13.2.1 **Report of 9 September 2021 – open items** (see item 8.2.4)

13.2.2 **Report of 1 October 2021 – open items** (see item 8.2.5)

The Board Executive Committee Reports were received for information.

13.4 **Board Nominating & Review Committee**

13.3.2 **Report of 9 September 2021 – open items** (see item 8.5.1)

The Board Nominating & Review Committee Reports were received for approval.

13.4 **Appointments to the Student Disciplinary Committee for 2021-2022** (posted with agenda)

The Appointments to the Student Disciplinary Committee for 2021-22 were received for approval.

MOTION 13, 1: Jollineau/Passaris “That the Board approve matters included in items 13.3 and 13.4 of the consent agenda (open sessions), and received items 13.1, and 13.2, as presented.”

CARRIED

14. **Senates' Business**

P. Hauf and K. Wilson presented Senates' Business for the September and October meetings. P. Hauf drew members' attention to reports of the campus academic planning committees. She reminded members that the approval of the new areas of study in Engineering on the Saint John campus had been delayed to provide opportunities for further consultation. The program will come forward at a future meeting. K. Wilson drew members' attention to the report from the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee to

address adjustments to the Academic Calendar of Dates to accommodate the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. She also noted the report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee and reports from the School of Graduate Studies.

Members discussed opportunities for deeper program integration between the campuses. P. Hauf explained that the Academic Planning Bi-Campus Liaison Committee was currently looking a new collaborative framework focused on consultation early in the proposal development process. In response to a question, K. Wilson explained that the Calendar of Academic Dates required an amendment to adjust the last day to drop a class without penalty to accommodate the addition of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

14.1 14 and 15 September 2021 (posted with agenda)

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

14.1.1 President's Report

14.1.2 Report of the Vice-President (Research)

14.1.3 Strategic Discussion: COVID-19 & Return to Campus

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

14.1.4 Amendments to the 2021 Encaenia Graduation List

14.1.5 2020-21 Student Standings and Promotions Annual Report

14.1.6 Report of the Senate Review Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM

14.1.7 Amendments to the 2021 Spring Convocation Graduation List

For Approval

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

14.1.8 Graduate Matters

14.1.9 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

14.1.10 Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee

14.1.11 Update on Health Emergency Planning

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

14.1.12 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

14.1.13 Report of the Non-Credit Course Committee

14. Senates' Business (cont'd)

14.2 12 and 13 October 2021

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

14.2.1 President's Report

14.2.2 Preliminary Enrolment Reports

14.2.3 Update on Response to Health Emergency

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEM

14.2.4 Academic Planning Metrics

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM

14.2.5 Report of the Academic Planning & Resources Committee

For Approval**JOINT SENATES' ITEMS**

14.2.6 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

14.2.7 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

FREDERICTON ITEM

14.2.8 Certificate and Diploma Candidates

SAINT JOHN ITEM

14.2.9 Certificate and Diploma Candidates

14.3 **Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Environmental Engineering)** (withdrawn)

MOTION 14, 1: MacLauchlan/J. Hoyt "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 14.1.8 to 14.1.13, inclusive, and 14.2.6 to 14.2.9, inclusive, and receive 14.1.1 to 14.1.7, inclusive, and 14.2.1 to 14.2.5, inclusive, as presented."

CARRIED**CLOSED SESSION**

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

18. **Additional Opportunity for In Camera Discussion (not minuted)**

The Secretary left the meeting. Members met with the Chair in camera.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary