

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Conference Centre on the Fredericton campus and using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

T. Chopin	J. Hoyt	M. McNeil
R. Connors-Losier	V. Husain	G. Noseworthy
B. DeLong	J. Jollineau	C. Passaris
S. DeVarenne	J. Kidney-Hermelin	K. Scott-Storey
D. Ganong	J. Knox	R. Tingley
T. Gribbons	J. MacLauchlan	N. Vibert
L. Hachey	D. MaGee	K. Wilson
P. Hauf	P. Mazerolle	D. Woolnough
K. Hoyt	A. McCain	K. Walsh

being members of the Board

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

Regrets:

W. Best	C. MacDonald	K. Rogers
W. Carson	D. Perley	P. Syroid
R. Cuming	C. Prosser	J. Ward
J. Light-Thompson	D. Reardon	

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## OPEN SESSION

**1. Announcements for 16 May 2023** (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 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 noted that B. Best, R. Currie, C. MacDonald and D. O'Brien had sent their regrets for the meeting.

C) The Chair highlighted a number of activities at the University, including the launch of the Centre for Research in Integrated Care on the Saint John campus, the creation and delivery of a six-week certificate program to help international students build essential skills for the Canadian workplace, and the awarding of the Frank H. Sobey award for excellence in business studies to Tasneem Bint Abdul Majid.

[APPLAUSE]

She congratulated T. Chopin who was recently recognized as the 2023 recipient of the Aquaculture Association of Canada's Lifetime Achievement Award.

[APPLAUSE]

D) R. Tingley noted that this was the last regularly scheduled Board meeting in the current term for a number of Board members. She thanked them for their service to the University.

[APPLAUSE]

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

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

**2.2 Minutes of 20 April 2023** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that key items of business were the strategic discussion on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, an update on MacLeod House and the Justice Building, an update on Fundraising and the approval of the graduation and prize lists.

MOTION 2, 1: MacLauchlan/Jollineau "That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, and the Minutes of 20 April 2023, as presented."

CARRIED

R. Tingley reviewed items on the agenda where there could be potential conflicts of interest: she noted that no conflicts were identified.

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

There was none.

**CLOSED SESSION****OPEN SESSION**

12. **Senates' Business** (Summary reports of Senates' Business for the May meetings of the Senates were circulated to members. In addition, the full reports relating to Senates' Business were available to Board members on SharePoint.)

12.1 **15 May 2023**

Joint Senates' Items for Information

12.1.1 **President's Report**

12.1.2 **Strategic Discussion: Student Retention**

12.1.3 **Strategic Research Plan 2023-2028**

Joint Senates' Items for Approval

12.1.4 **Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee**

12.1.5 **Report of the School of Graduate Studies**

12.1.6 **Report of the Research Policy and Procedures Committee**

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

12.1 **15 May 2023** (cont'd)

Fredericton Senate Items for Approval

12.1.7 **Report of the Academic Planning Committee**

12.1.8 **Faculty of Education | Amendment to B.Ed. ECE**

12.1.9 **Calendar of Dates**

12.1.10 **Faculty of Kinesiology | Partnership Agreements**

Saint John Senate Items for Approval

12.1.11 **Report of the Academic Planning & Resources Committee**

12.1.12 **Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee**

P. Hauf and K. Wilson presented Senates' Business for the May Senate meetings. P. Hauf spoke to the Report of the Research Policies and Procedures Committee, the discussion on Student Retention, the Report of the Academic Planning and Resources Committee, and the Report of the School of Graduate Studies. She highlighted the approval of the Research Institute for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. K. Wilson spoke to the Report of the Academic Planning Committee, the discussion of the Strategic Research Plan, the Kinesiology partnership programs and the modification to the Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education. K. Wilson noted the Kinesiology was developing an articulated program with Holland College and a dual degree program with the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. Members discussed the Research Institute in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. The President noted that the work of the Institute would provide a contact point for already work being done across both campuses and help connect researchers with funding opportunities.

**MOTION 12, 1:** Ganong/Jollineau "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 12.1.4 to 12.1.12, inclusive, and receive items 12.1.1 to 12.1.3, as presented."

**CARRIED**

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

R. Tingley noted that she had attended the Canadian University Board Association's conference with T. Gibbons, S. DeVarenne and E. Flemming. She noted that topics covered included university issues,

history of governance, emerging governance trends, EDI and Indigenous identity issues. National issues were also addressed such as climate change, deferred maintenance and artificial intelligence and how those issues affect learning. The Chair reminded Board members that invitations to graduation ceremonies and related events had been circulated earlier that week and encouraged members to participate.

### 13.1 **Board August Retreat** (verbal)

T. Gribbons and J. Hoyt, incoming Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, noted that planning was underway for the Board's August retreat. The retreat will be held on August 22-23 in Fredericton. J. Hoyt asked members to send her topics they may wish to discuss. It was noted that updates on residence renewal and the Faculty of Law. An orientation session for new members would be facilitated by a panel of past-Chairs of the Board.

## 14. **Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)**

### 14.1 **Board Executive Committee – open items** (See item 9.3)

The Report of the Board Executive Committee was received for information.

### 14.2 **Board Nominating & Review Committee – open items** (See item 9.6)

The Report of the Board Nominating & Review Committee was received for approval:

“That the Committee recommend to the Board the appointment and re-appointment of members to Board Committees and other bodies to which the Board makes appointments effective 1 July 2023:

#### Advancement Committee

Norman Siebrasse in place of Janet Hoyt  
Wayne Carson to be reappointed  
Chris MacDonald to be reappointed  
Gaia Noseworthy to be reappointed (student)  
Ridhima Dixit in place of Kordell Walsh (alternate student)

#### Audit Committee

Peter Syroid as Chair  
Chirs MacDonald to be reappointed

#### Executive Committee

Peter Syroid (Audit Committee)  
Jill Jollineau (Advancement Chair)  
Constantine Passaris to be reappointed

#### Finance & Properties Committee

Tim Alderson in place of Viqar Husain (faculty member)  
Julia MacLachlan to be reappointed  
Neil Viber to be reappointed  
Wayne Carson to be reappointed  
Ridhima Dixit in place of Kordell Walsh (student)  
Fredericton Senate (TBA) in place of Devin Debly (alternate student)

#### Human Resources Committee

Janet Knox as Chair

Investments Committee

Tom Gibbons to be reappointed (interim until new members appointed)  
Neil Vibert to be reappointed  
John Neville in place of Janet Light-Thompson (faculty member)  
Chris Boyle to be reappointed (advisor)  
Kevin LeBlanc to be reappointed (advisor)  
John Sinclair to be reappointed (advisor)  
Peter Weldon to be reappointed (advisor)  
Adebukanla Fabamwo in place of Noah Fraser (SIF Student Advisor)  
Gaia Noseworthy in place of Devin Debly (student)  
Ridhima Dixit in place of Gaia Noseworthy (alternate student)

Nominating & Review Committee

Kelly Scott-Storey to be reappoint (recommended by the Committee to Nominate the Nominating & Review Committee)

SDC Supervisory Board

John Neville in place of Janet Light-Thompson

University Honorary Degrees

Robin Tingley in place of Larry Hachey.”

14. **Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)** (cont'd)14.1 **Board Executive Committee – open items** (cont'd)

“That the Board approve the proposed revision to the terms of reference for the Board Executive Committee, as presented.”

“That the Board approve the proposed amendment to the Board Self-Evaluation to include a section on succession planning, as presented.”

MOTION 14, 1: Hachey/Jollineau “That the Board approve matters included in 14.1 and receive item 14.2 in the consent agenda (open session), as presented.”

CARRIED

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

There was no other business.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Sarah DeVarenne  
Secretary