

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 21 February 2019, in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Conference Centre, on the Fredericton campus.

PRESENT

Dr. J. Andrews	Mr. L. Hachey (Chair)
Mr. B. Baxter	Ms. J. Hoyt
Dr. N. Betts	Dr. V. Husain
Dr. E. Campbell	Ms. C. Jardine
Ms. K. Cunningham	Dr. G. MacLean
Mr. G. Daley	Dr. D. MaGee
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Mr. P. Morrison
Mr. R. Du	Mr. D. O'Brien
Dr. T. Goud	Ms. G. Paul
Ms. D. Graves-Brown	Ms. J. Sutherland-Green
Mr. T. Gribbons	Ms. B. Yeates

being members of the Board

Ms. N. Ashfield, Acting Director, Communications
Ms. A. Ferris, Comptroller
Ms. M. McNeil, Acting Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Ms. J. Morrison, University Treasurer
Ms. B. Nicholson, Associate Vice-President (Capital Planning & Property Development)
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, Associate University Secretary
Mr. R. Skillen, Vice-President (Advancement)

Regrets:

Mr. S. Brittain	Ms. K. McCain
Ms. P. Cooling	Mayor M. O'Brien
Dr. R. Currie	Dr. N. O'Byrne
Mayor D. Darling	Mr. S. Palmer
Ms. R. Fairweather	Ms. C. Prosser
Dr. D. Ganong	Ms. P. Reid
Ms. M. Grant-McGivney	Ms. R. Tingley
Dr. J. Kieffer	Mr. W. Squibb
Mr. H. Klohn	Dr. D. Stevenson
Dr. R. MacKinnon	Ms. K. Wilson
Ms. N. Mallory	Dr. D. Woolnough
Dr. A. McCain	

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OPEN SESSION

1. **Announcements**1.1 **Announcements for 21 February 2019**

A) The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, referring them to the written announcements included with the agenda. The President recognized that the Board was gathering on the traditional territory of Wolastoqiyik. He noted that the University was in the process of revising the territorial acknowledgment statement. L. Hachey noted that Scott Brittain, Phyllis Cooling, Roxanne Fairweather, David Ganong, Margaret Grant-McGivney, Jim Keiffer, Robert MacKinnon, Nora Mallory, Alison McCain, Kathryn McCain, Nicole O'Byrne, Sam Palmer, Cathy Prosser, Penny Reid, David Stevenson, Wayne Squibb, Robyn Tingley, Kelly Wilson and David Woolnough had sent their regrets for the meeting. The Chair thanked members for attending despite the storm and the Secretary confirmed that quorum had been met.

The Chair encouraged members to attend the installation ceremony for Piluwitahasuwin to be held at the Currie Center immediately following the Board meeting.

2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting**2.1 **Summary of Resolutions** (posted with agenda)2.2 **Minutes of 6 December 2018** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that the Strategic Plan Goal for the meeting was: Strategic Planning. Key items of business were the discussion of deferred maintenance, University awards, as report on the activities of the Senates, updates from the President and an education session on University Investments.

MOTION 2, 1: Baxter/Hoyt “That the Board approve the agenda as presented, and the Minutes of 6 December 2018, as presented.”

CARRIED

L. Hachey reviewed items on the agenda where there could be potential conflicts of interest. No items of conflict were brought forward by members.

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

There was none.

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

There was none

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OPEN SESSION

10. Senates' Business

G. MacLean presented Senates' Business for the January meetings. He drew members' attention to the report of the Curriculum Committee, Undergraduate Scholarship Committee Report, and the approval of the graduation list for the Bachelor of Nursing Advanced Standing program. He also highlighted the report of the Joint Senate Admissions Committee, the Teaching Awards Committee and the Saint John Senate Honorary Degrees Committee.

10.1 29 and 30 January 2019**For Information****JOINT SENATES' ITEMS**

10.1.1 President's Report to the Senates

10.1.2 Report of the Vice-President (Research)

10.1.3 Strategic Planning Update

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

10.1.4 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

10.1.5 Business Arising from the Minutes

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM

10.1.6 Report of the Saint John Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

For Approval**JOINT SENATES' ITEMS**

10.1.7 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

10.1.8 Report of the Joint Senate Admissions Committee

10.1.9 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

10.1.10 Report of the Teaching Awards Committee

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

10.1.11 Report of the Curriculum Committee

10.1.12 Graduation List: BN ASP

10.1.13 Certificate and Diploma Candidates

MOTION 10, 1: Morrison/Husain "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 10.1.7 to 10.1.13, inclusive, as presented."

CARRIED

11. Strategic Planning**11.1 Update (posted with agenda)**

G. MacLean noted that the Strategic Planning Committee had been meeting regularly and was beginning to review and compile information from University-wide consultations. He noted that the consultation sessions had been well attended and that the survey response rate was higher than expected. Next steps for the Committee included highlighting major themes identified through the consultation process. He explained that he would be taking members through a horizon thinking exercise to look at future issues, events and trends.

11. **Strategic Planning** (cont'd)
11.2 **Consultation** (posted with agenda)

G. MacLean led members' through a horizon thinking exercise and undertook to report back to the Board the significant themes identified through the exercise at a future meeting.

12. **Board Chair's Report**
12.1 **February 2019 Board Chair's Report** (verbal)

L. Hachey highlighted the report of the Executive Committee, included in the agenda package, which demonstrate the new format for Committee reports. He indicated that the goal was to have all Committee reports for the April 2019 meeting in the pilot format in an attempt to reduce the size of Board meeting packages. Members would continue to be able to access Committee Minutes and documents via links on SharePoint. He asked members to provide their feedback as the Board tested this new format. He noted that the incoming President would be visiting UNB March 11-16. Drop in sessions on each campus have been organized for Board members.

- 12.2 **Proposal for Board of Governors Distinguished Service Medal** (posted with agenda)

The Chair spoke to a proposal for a Board of Governors Distinguished Service Medal to recognize people who make significant contributions to the University. He suggested it would be a way to recognize the work of Board members or others who volunteer with the University. The Medal may not be awarded annually, but when it was awarded, it would be at the Encaenia dinner. In response to questions, L. Hachey clarified that the Medal would awarded for service, not financial contributions.

MOTION 12, 1: Daley/Morrison "That the Board approve the establishment of the Board of Governors Distinguished Service Medal, as proposed."

CARRIED

The Chair noted that at the Board's May 2019 meeting, special recognition would be paid to members who have served more than nine years on the Board.

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Amanda Reid Rogers, Piluwitahasuwin, Assistant Vice-President Indigenous Engagement. Piluwitahasuwin is a Wolastoqey word meaning "one who promotes change in a good way toward truth." Amanda is a registered nurse and is Dakota-Sioux with family and community connections in Wolastokuk. She recently completed her Masters degree using a community-based collaborative participatory action research approach for her thesis focused on the experiences of Wolastoqey women who are descendants of survivors of the Indian residential school experience in Canada. Her role is to promote and expand Indigenous culture and opportunities on our campuses and within the community.

[APPLAUSE]

A. Reid Rogers spoke to Indigenous Lead positions at other universities, noting that the responsibilities vary but the number of universities expanding their commitment to the

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION (cont'd)

reconciliation process and adding this type of position continues to grow. She spoke to the increasing demographic of indigenous youth and noted the goal of proportional representation, which, for UNB, would mean approximately 5% of the student population. She spoke to the need for addressing barriers to post-secondary education for indigenous peoples and the need to build trust to overcome damage from colonization. She noted that her priorities would be supporting the Indigenous Student Council, focusing on quality of experience for indigenous students and formalizing a smudging policy. Other aspects of her work include building an anti-indigenous racism mechanism, facilitating the hiring of a new elder-in-residence and Director for the Mi'kmaq Wolastoqey Centre and setting up an Indigenous Advisory Group.

Members discussed the smudging policy and the sensitivities around smoke allergies and fire suppression systems on campus. A. Reid Rogers explained that she was working with Facilities Management, Security and Risk Management to create a notification protocol before a smudge takes place and process for ventilation of that room after. She highlighted the importance of smudging being excluded from the University's Smoking Policy. Members discussed how colonization might be included in program curricula for all students. Members discussed micro-aggressions and other subtle forms of racism that may make indigenous students feel uncomfortable or unsafe. A. Reid Rogers indicated that education is the best way to reduce or eliminate those behaviours and that she was working with the Human Rights and Positive Environment office to include the perspective of indigenous faculty, students and staff as part of the University's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion work. Members discussed honoria paid to indigenous speakers, suggesting that there be some sort of policy to formalize those fees. Members discussed the community movement around the renaming of the St. John River to the Wolastuk and the creation of allies through education. The Chair thanked A. Reid Rogers for her presentation.

[APPLAUSE]

13. **President's Report**

13.1 **February 2019 President's Report** (posted with agenda)

E. Campbell drew members' attention to the President's Report posted with the agenda. He highlighted the progress of the partnership with the Province relating to Experiential Education. He noted that Emin Civi from the Saint John campus had been awarded a 3M teaching award, one of the most prestigious teaching awards in Canada. The President noted the strategic partnerships that had been developed with a number of companies, including JDI and McCain Foods. These partnerships create work study opportunities for students and often lead to permanent positions after graduation. He expressed the hope that this work would continue and that the office for strategic partnerships would grow. He noted that UNB had been named a Top 100 Employer by the Globe & Mail.

E. Campbell noted that the India Initiative was underway and offered positive opportunities for the University. He noted that the University had received \$2 million in funding from MITACS to continue to build research collaborations. He spoke to uncertainty around the Tuition Access Bursary (TAB) program, noting that the new government was considering other ways to support students, such as rebates and tax credits. He noted provincial support for the Health Research Institute and the University's Transition and Collaboration through Innovation (TCI) approach.

13. **President's Report** (cont'd)13.1 **February 2019 President's Report** (cont'd)

Members discussed the University's India Initiative and the nature of the memoranda of understanding (MOUs) signed with various Indian universities. The President explained the purpose of these MOUs was to facilitate exchanges and research collaborations for faculty, post-doctoral fellows and students. He noted that funding from MITACS would support up to 60 summer students. Members discussed if this exchange might result in increased graduate student enrolment. The President noted that it was possible as MITACS supported both four and six month exchanges. He noted that discussions were underway regarding articulated undergraduate programs with some of the Indian Institutes of Technology. Members discussed the TAB program. The President noted that data had not been released by the government, but that he could provide members with anecdotal data based on UNB's student population.

14. **Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)**14.1 **Consent Agenda Summary** (posted with agenda)14.2 **Board Executive Committee**14.2.1 **Minutes of 7 February 2019 – Open Session** (posted with agenda)

The Report of the Executive Committee was received for information.

14.3 **Board Nominating & Review Committee**14.3.1 **Minutes of 7 February 2019** (posted with agenda)

The report of the Board Nominating & Review Committee was received for information and approval of the following:

“That the Committee recommend to the Board the appointment of Jennifer Sutherland-Green as a Board member appointed to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, effective immediately.”

14.4 **Board Properties Committee**14.4.1 **Minutes of 14 January 2019 – Open Session** (posted with agenda)

The Report of the Properties Committee and was received for information.

MOTION 14, 1: Du/Graves-Brown “That the Board approve matters included in item 14.3.1 in the open session consent agenda, and receive items 14.2.1 and 14.4.1, as presented.”

CARRIED

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

The President noted that this would have been R. MacKinnon's last meeting. He expressed his appreciation for R. MacKinnon's service to the University.

15. **Other Business (Open Session)** (cont'd)

MOTION 15, 1: Campbell/Morrison “That the Board express its appreciation of R. MacKinnon’s hard work and service to the University.”

CARRIED

The Chair noted that he would like to see the Board spend some time noting the positive activities taking place at UNB. At the next meeting, he would be asking members to share stories about UNB that caught their attention.

CLOSED SESSION18. **Adjournment**

The Chair thanked members for attending and wished them safe travels. He encouraged them to attend the Installation Ceremony for Pilwitasuwin at 3:30 pm at the Richard J. Currie Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary