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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met by videoconference at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 May 2020 using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

Dr. J. Andrews

Mr. B. Baxter

Mr. S. Brittain

Dr. T. Chopin

Mr. R. Cuming

Ms. K. Cunningham

Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)

Ms. B. Forbes

Ms. D. Graves-Brown

M. T. Gribbons

Mr. L. Hachey (Chair)

Dr. P. Hauf

Ms. J. Hoyt

Dr. V. Husain

Ms. C. Jardine

Ms. J. Jollineau

Dr. J. Kieffer

Dr. G. MacLean

Ms. N. Mallory

Dr. D. MaGee

Dr. P. Mazerolle

Dr. A. McCain

Ms. K. McCain

Ms. M. McNeil

Mr. D. O'Brien

Dr. N. O'Byrne

Dr. C. Passaris

Ms. C. Prosser

Ms. J. Sutherland-Green

Ms. R. Tingley (Vice-Chair)

Dr. D. Woolnough

Ms. K. Wilson

being members of the Board

Ms. M. Dawe, Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President

Ms. A. Ferris, University Comptroller

Ms. E. Flemming, University Secretariat

Ms. S. Gilks, Director of Communications

Mr. R. Skillen, Vice-President (Advancement)

Regrets

Dr. R. Currie

Mayor D. Darling

Ms. R. Fairweather

Mayor M. O'Brien

Ms. G. Paul

Dr. D. Stephenson

Mr. C. Fernandez

Ms. B. Yeates

Dr. D. Ganong

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OPEN SESSION**1 Announcements****1.1 Announcements for 26 May 2020**

A) The Chair welcomed members to the Board meeting. 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) The Chair thanked members for participating in the meeting by Zoom videoconference. He noted that while it was fortunate that technology allowed the business of the Board to continue he looked forward to returning to in person meetings when it is safe to do so.

C) The Chair congratulated V. Hussain on his re-election, and noted the election of Kelly Scott-Storey (Fredericton) and Janet Light Thompson (Saint John) to the Board as a faculty members-at-large. He also noted the election of new student Board members Patrick Hickey (Saint John), and Sean MacKenzie (Fredericton).

D) The Chair noted that is the last regularly scheduled meeting in the current term of the following Board members: Craig Fernandez, Brianna Forbes, Jim Kieffer, Nora Mallory, and Nicole O'Byrne.

He thanked members for their service and contributions to the Board and its committees.

2 Approval of Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting**2.1 Summary of Resolutions (posted with agenda)****2.2 Minutes of 23 April 2020 (posted with agenda)**

The Chair noted that key items of business for the meeting included updates on the University's response to the Health emergency, a presentation on the College of Extended Learning, and the Vision for the Bi-campus Library System.

MOTION 2, 1: Baxter/Brittain "That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, and the Minutes of 23 April 2020, as circulated."

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.

OPEN SESSION

11 Senates' Business (available on SharePoint)

P. Hauf and G. MacLean presented Senates' Business for the May 2020 meetings.

11.1 25 May 2020

Joint Senates' Items for Information

11.1.1 President's Report

11.1.2 Report of the Dean of Libraries

Fredericton Senate Items for Information

11.1.3 Report of the Technology Services Committee

Joint Senates' Items for Approval

11.1.4 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

11.1.5 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

11.1.6 Certificates & Diplomas

11.1.7 Report of the Joint Senates Admissions Committee

11.1.8 Report of the Teaching Awards Committee

Fredericton Senate Items for Approval

11.1.9 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

11.1.10 Faculty of Law Calendar of Academic Dates

Saint John Senate Item for Approval

11.1.11 Report of the Academic Planning & Resources Committee

P. Hauf highlighted the approval of three new programs on the Saint John campus: a diploma in Engineering, Social Media Certificate, and a specialization in Computer Science. G. MacLean spoke to the approval of a new associate dean in Engineering, to replace an existing assistant dean position. Both Senates received the report of the Dean of Libraries which will also be presented to the Board during Senates' Business.

The Chair confirmed that there were no items in Senates' Business that would create duplication across the campuses.

MOTION 11.1: Hussain/Jollineau "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 11.1.4 to 11.1.11, inclusive, and receive items 11.1.1 to 11.1.3 as presented/amended."

CARRIED

11.2 Presentation of the Vision from the Dean of Libraries

G. MacLean introduced Lesley Balcom, Dean of Libraries. He reminded members that L. Balcom presented an update to the Board at the December 2019 meeting. The May presentation focused on the Vision for the bi-campus Library System.

L. Balcom presented the Vision for the UNB Libraries, noting the plan will be pursued in a collegial spirit and a commitment to collaboration. As the only comprehensive research library in New Brunswick the plan endeavours to renew the focus on teaching, working with faculty to develop robust programs on research and digital literacy, and work towards a continued commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

L. Balcom outlined the five academic goals of the vision:

Goal 1: We will be a catalyst for research activity at UNB

Goal 2: We will enhance the impact of research at UNB

Goal 3: We will enhance student learning by equipping students with the research and digital literacy skills required for their success at university and beyond

Goal 4: We will build, preserve and make accessible UNB's unique collections, with an emphasis on acquiring and preserving New Brunswick's print documentary heritage.

Goal 5: We will inspire learning, interaction, and experimentation with transformed library spaces.

L. Balcom noted that this is the first academic plan presented by the Libraries, which seeks to grow the Libraries through relying on its current strengths. She noted that plan is bi-campus in nature, and spoke to the work being done across both campuses by librarians regardless of their home campus.

MOTION 11, 2: Andrews/Mallory "That the Board give support to pursue the Vision for the Bi-Campus Library System."

CARRIED

Members discussed availability of the Library to graduate students during the COVID-19 pandemic. L. Balcom spoke to the work of the Libraries in the context of the COVID-19 closures. She noted that additional virtual resources have been developed, including an enhanced online portal for students and faculty to engage directly with librarians and library staff. The Libraries continue to work on an operational plan for reopening with specific consideration being given to graduate and research students requiring library access.

12 Board Chair's Report

The Chair thanked members for their support of the President and his team as they work through responding to the immediate circumstances resulting from COVID-19 and as they plan for the days ahead in the midst of much uncertainty.

He noted that the Vice-Chair is working with the Secretary on planning a meeting of the Board during the summer months with the theme of “the re-emergence of UNB.” R. Tingley added that the Finance & Properties Committee would be meeting in advance of the summer Board meeting and there would be an update on the University’s financial situation.

13 Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)

13.1 Board Advancement Committee Report (see item 9.1)

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

13.2 Board Nominating & Review Committee Report (see item 9.5)

The Report of the Board Nominating and Review Committee was received for information. Matters addressed in this report included:

- Appointments to Board Standing Committees.

MOTION 13, 1

Hoyt/Woolnough “That the Board approve matters included in the open session consent agenda, from item 13.1 to 13.2, inclusive, excluding recommendations dealing with the Alumni Engagement Strategy and the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Associated Alumni, as presented.”

CARRIED

14 Board Advancement Committee Report (see item 9.1)

14.1 Alumni Engagement Strategy 2020-2025

14.2 renewal of Memorandum of Agreement with Associated Alumni

J. Jollineau referred members to the Report circulated with the agenda package that included two recommendations to the Board.

14 Board Advancement Committee Report (con'd)**14.1 Alumni Engagement Strategy 2020-2025 (con'd)****14.2 renewal of Memorandum of Agreement with Associated Alumni (con'd)**

MOTION 14,1: Jollineau/Hoyt “That the Board of Governors approve the
Alumni Engagement Strategy for 2020-2025, as presented.”

CARRIED

MOTION 14, 2: Jollineau/Woolnough “That the Board of Governors approve the
2020 Memorandum of Agreement between the University of New
Brunswick and the Associated Alumni of the University of New
Brunswick for a five-year term, effective 31 May 2020.”

CARRIED

The Chair expressed his appreciation for the Alumni Council and their work.

15 Other Business (Open Session)

There was no other business.

18 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

19 Additional Opportunity for In Camera Discussion (not minuted)

The Secretary left the meeting. Members met with the Chair In Camera.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary