

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 29 February 2024 using the Zoom online meeting platform.

PRESENT

Dr. T. Alderson	The Hon. W. MacLauchlan
Mr. W. Best	Dr. D. MaGee
Mr. W. Carson	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Ms. R. Connors-Losier	Ms. M. McNeil
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Dr. J. Neville
Ms. J. Flanagan	M. G. Noseworthy
Mr. T. Gribbons (Chair)	Dr. C. Passaris
Dr. P. Hauf	Dr. S. Pavey
Ms. J. Hoyt (Vice-Chair)	Mayor D. Reardon
Mr. K. Hoyt	Ms. A. Smith
Ms. J. Jeffrey	Mr. P. Syroid
Ms. J. Jollineau	Ms. R. Tingley
Ms. J. Knox	Mr. N. Vibert
Dr. B. Lowry	Ms. B. Watt
Mr. P. Lagacy	

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, Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Ms. A. Ferris, Associate Vice President Finance & Comptroller
Ms. C. Joseph, Piluwitahasuwin and Associate Vice President Indigenous Engagement
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, Associate University Secretary

Regrets:

Dr. R. Currie	Dr. K. McCain
Ms. R. Dixit	Mr. D. O'Brien
Ms. R. Fairweather	Dr. D. Perley
Dr. D. Ganong	Mayor K. Rogers
Ms. J. Kidney-Hermelin	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Mr. C. MacDonald	Mr. D. Stevenson
Dr. J. MacLauchlan	Ms. J. Ward

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OPEN SESSION

1. **Announcements for 29 February 2024** (posted with agenda)

A) The Chair welcomed members to the Board 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 uncaded 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. The Chair noted that it was UNB's Giving Day, with all donations going to support student food security. He encouraged Board members to donate, if possible.

B) T. Gribbons noted that C. MacDonald, K. McCain, D. O'Brien, D. Stevenson, and Mayor Rogers had sent their regrets for the meeting. He welcomed B. Lowry to his first meeting of the Board as a Fredericton faculty member-at-large.

[APPLAUSE]

2. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting**2.1 **Summary of Resolutions** (posted with agenda)2.2 **Minutes of 7 December 2023** (posted with agenda)

T. Gribbons referred members to the meeting agenda and noted that key items of business for the meeting were the capital budget, proposed revisions to the *University of New Brunswick Act (UNB Act)* and a strategic discussion on the University's progress with respect to the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Action Plan. There were no requests in advance of the meeting to lift items from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION 2, 1: Neville/Passaris "That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, the Minutes of 7 December 2023, as presented."

CARRIED3. **Business Arising from the Minutes (Open Session)**

There was none.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

11. **Senates' Business**

P. Hauf presented Senates' Business for the January and February meetings. She noted that the Senates met together in January to discuss potential changes to the *Act*, as previously discussed under Item 8. The agendas of the January meetings of the Senates

also included an update on Enrolment, the graduation list from UNB's nursing partner program with Humber College, and curriculum updates. The Senates also approved a

11. **Senates' Business**

number of matters from the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee including academic dates for the coming year and changes to the signature lines on certificates and diplomas to include the Provost in place of the Vice President Academic and Vice President Saint John.

At their February meetings, the Senates heard from the Associate Vice President Student Affairs and Services on the work that the University is doing to ensure students have appropriate supports for Mental Health. Senates also considered a recommendation for the establishment of SPECTRAL, the Spatial Computing Research Centre.

11.1 **23 January 2024** (posted with agenda)

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.1.1 President's Report

11.1.2 Fall 2023 Enrolment Report

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

11.1.3 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

11.1.4 Report of the Academic Policy & Procedures Committee

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

11.1.5 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

11.1.6 List of Humber College Nursing Graduates

11.1.7 Certificate and Diploma Candidates

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM FOR APPROVAL

11.1.8 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

11.1.9 Certificate and Diploma Candidates

11.2 **20 and 21 February 2024**

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

11.2.1 President's Report

11.2.2 Strategic Discussion: Student Mental Health Services

JOINT SENATES'S ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

11.2.3 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

11.2.4 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

11.2.5 Report of the Research Policy and Procedures Committee

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

11.2.6 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

11.2.7 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM FOR APPROVAL

11.2.8 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

11.3 **Recommendations to the Board for Amendments to the UNB Act** (posted with agenda)

MOTION 11, 1: Alderson /Jollineau “That the Board approve Senates’ Business, items 11.1.3 to 11.1.9, and 11.2.3 to 11.2.8, inclusive, and receive items 11.1.1, 11.1.2,11.2.1, and 11.2.2 as presented.”

CARRIED

12. **Board Chair’s Report**

T. Gribbons spoke to the Board Self-Assessment results included with the Report of the Nominating and Review Committee, noting that the majority of the feedback received was positive. Members are feeling well-supported and progress has been made regarding the balance of time for presentation and time for discussion at meetings. He highlighted areas where work was continuing, such as encouraging external Board members to participate more fully in discussions, allowing more time for strategic discussion, and providing additional education on bi-cameral governance. J. Hoyt spoke to plans for the Retreat, noting that it would be adjoining the December 2024 meeting and would be held in Saint John. T. Gribbons noted that the agenda was under consideration and asked members to send along any ideas they might have for strategic discussion.

It was noted that December is already a busy time of year, and that some members may have existing family and community commitments that would prevent them from attending. T. Gribbons noted that by aligning the retreat with an existing meeting, the timeline was only extended by half a day, and would build on the December meeting by adding an afternoon session, rather than requiring a separate trip. J. Hoyt noted that there was no ‘good’ time, as summer retreats affected members vacations. She suggested that the December retreat be a trial and that the success of the retreat and its timing would be assessed before scheduling the 2025 Retreat.

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

13.1 **Board Advancement Committee** (see item 5.1.1)

The Open Session Board Advancement Committee Report was received for information.

13.2 **Report of the Board Executive Committee** (see item 5.3.1)

The Open Session Board Executive Committee Report was received for information.

MOTION 13, 1: Connors-Losier/K. Hoyt “That the Board receive matters included in items 13.1 and 13.2 of the consent agenda (open session), as presented.”

CARRIED

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

The President noted that Mount Allison University had appointed a new President, Ian Sutherland, who had been previously employed at the Memorial University of Newfoundland. R. MacKinnon, former Vice President (Saint John), had been serving as the Acting President during the search process.