

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 2 March 2023 using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ms. R. Conners-Losier        | Dr. D. MaGee           |
| Mr. R. Cuming                | Dr. P. Mazerolle       |
| Ms. B. DeLong                | Dr. A. McCain          |
| Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary) | Ms. M. McNeil          |
| Mr. B. Best                  | Dr. D. Perley          |
| Mr. T. Gribbons (Vice-Chair) | Dr. C. Passaris        |
| Mr. L. Hachey                | Ms. C. Prosser         |
| Dr. P. Hauf                  | Mayor D. Reardon       |
| Ms. J. Hoyt                  | Dr. K. Scott-Storey    |
| Mr. K. Hoyt                  | Mr. P. Syroid          |
| Dr. V. Husain                | Ms. R. Tingley (Chair) |
| Ms. J. Jollineau             | Mr. N. Vibert          |
| Ms. J. Knox                  | Mr. K. Walsh           |
| Dr. J. Light-Thompson        | Ms. J. Ward            |
| Mr. C. MacDonald             | Dr. K. Wilson          |
| Dr. J. MacLauchlan           | Dr. D. Woolnough       |

being members of the Board

Ms. M.J. Adams, Associate Vice-President (Capital Planning & Operations)  
Ms. M. Dawe, Chief of Staff, Office of the President  
Ms. A. Ferris, Comptroller  
Ms. E. Flemming, University Secretariat  
Mr. C. Hamilton, Vice-President (Advancement)  
Ms. J. Morrison, Treasurer  
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning & Budgeting

Regrets:

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| Mr. W. Carson      | Dr. K. McCain    |
| Dr. T. Chopin      | M. G. Noseworthy |
| Dr. R. Currie      | Mr. D. O'Brien   |
| Mr. D. Debly       | Mayor K. Rogers  |
| Ms. R. Fairweather | Dr. D. Stevenson |
| Dr. D. Ganong      |                  |

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## OPEN SESSION

## **1. Announcements for 2 March 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 unsurrendered 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 W. Carson, T. Chopin, D. Ganong, D. O'Brien, and K. Rogers had sent their regrets for the meeting.

C) The Chair highlighted recent points of pride for the University. UNB community members had recently been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal including: Allison McCain, Paul Mazerolle, Constantine Passaris, and Thierry Chopin. A member noted that R. Tingley was also a recipient of this award.

UNB has been named one of the top 100 and Atlantic Canada's Top Employers for 2023. This recognition is based on independent surveys of both full- and part-time employees and is a testament to the strength of UNB's strategic vision and its impact on the community.

D) The Chair provided the update that the University had recently appeared before the Select Committee on Public Universities in the Legislature. She congratulated the management team for representing UNB through two hours of presentations and questions from the Committee.

E) The President recognized recent loses from the University community including Nick Hardy, associate professor, department of sociology, and Misha Boulerice, a mechatronics engineering student.

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

## 2.1 Summary of Resolutions (posted with agenda)

## 2.2 Minutes of 8 December 2022 (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that key items of business were consideration of approval on a number of capital projects, appointment of the next Chancellor, reappointment of a number of Board members, an update on negotiations with various bargaining units, an update from the Joint Review Committee, and a strategic discussion of the progress on UNB Toward 2030.

MOTION 2, 1: Passaris/Hoyt “That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, and the Minutes of 8 December 2022, as presented.”

## CARRIED

**2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting (con'd)**

- 2.1 Summary of Resolutions** (con'd)
- 2.2 Minutes of 8 December 2022** (con'd)

R. Tingley reviewed items on the agenda where there could be potential conflicts of interest. She noted several conflicts of interest; C. Prosser would step out during discussion of her reappointment to the Board; and A. McCain had indicated he would recuse himself during consideration of the appointment of UNB's next Chancellor.

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

There was none.

**CLOSED SESSION****OPEN SESSION****12. Senates' Business**

P. Hauf and K. Wilson presented Senates' Business for the January and February meetings.

**12.1 18 January 2023****Joint Senates' Items for Information**

- 12.1.1 Update on Provost Implementation**
- 12.1.2 Strategic Discussion | Developing an Exceptional First Year Experience**

**12.1.3 President's Report****12.1.4 Fall 2022 Enrolment Report****Joint Senates' Items for Approval****12.1.5 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee****12.1.6 Report of the School of Graduate Studies****Fredericton Senate Items for Approval****12.1.7 Report of the Fredericton Admissions Committee****12.1.8 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee****12.1.9 Report of the Academic Planning Committee****12.1.10 List of Humber College Nursing Graduates****12.1.11 Certificate and Diploma Candidates****Saint John Senate Items for Approval****12.1.12 Report of the Academic Planning & Resources Committee****12.1.13 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee****12.1.14 Report of the Saint John Admissions Committee****12.1.15 Certificate and Diploma Candidates****12.2 14 and 15 February 2023****Joint Senates' Items for Information****12.2.1 President's Report****Joint Senates' Items for Approval**

**12.2.2 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee****Fredericton Senate Items for Approval****12.2.3 Appointments to the Fredericton Research Ethics Board****12.2.4 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee****Saint John Senate Items for Approval****12.2.5 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee**

P. Hauf noted that both Senates met on 18 January. The Senates met separately to consider items relevant to their campus, and also held a joint meeting for a strategic discussion on an exceptional first year student experience.

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

K. Wilson noted that the Senates also met on 14 and 15 February: both Senates considered reports from their respective Senate Curriculum Committees, and the Fredericton Senate also considered appointments to the Fredericton Research Ethics Board.

MOTION 10, 1: Conners-Losier/Hoyt      “That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 12.1.5 to 12.1.15 and 12.2.2 to 12.1.5 inclusive, and receive items 12.1.1 to 12.1.4 inclusive and 12.2.1 as presented.”

CARRIED

**12.3 New Program Proposals**

P. Hauf referred Board members to the proposed programs on the Saint John campus. The Bachelor of Social Work, from the Faculty of Arts, will be an accredited program which includes two admission pathways—from a bachelor program or entry from New Brunswick Community College—and builds on existing strengths in the Faculty.

The Bachelor of Science (Applied Coastal Ecology), is a new major within the Faculty of Science, Applied Science & Engineering. The program proposal had been developed in response to a growing need for professionals to address environmental challenges in coastal ecosystems due in part to climate change and pollution.

K. Wilson spoke to the proposed program on the Fredericton campus, the Bachelor of Science Engineering Physics (BScEP). The new program would offer two streams, Space Systems and Optical Engineering: Space Systems would be the only program in this field offered in Canada, while Optical Engineering would be the only one in Atlantic Canada. The program would initially be capped at 25 students with no new resources required until there is demonstrated demand and stable enrolment.

K. Wilson responded to a question by confirming that graduates of BScEP would be eligible for the professional engineer designation.

MOTION 12, 2: Cuming/MacLauchlan      “That the Board approve the program proposals for: Bachelor of Science Engineering Physics; Bachelor of Social Work; and Bachelor of Science (Applied Coastal Ecology), as presented.”

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

The Chair provided members with a summary of the annual Board Self-Assessment. She noted that majority of the feedback was positive and members feel the University has direction with the Strategic Plan: UNB Toward 2030. Additional areas of strength were noted in the Board committee structure and the progress made on the balance of time for presentation and discussion at Board meetings.

**13. Board Chair's Report (con'd)**

Areas for continued work were also noted including the challenge for some members in accessing material on SharePoint; room for further improvement regarding time for discussion at Board meetings; and comments suggesting consideration be given to increased turnover with respect to the membership of the Board Executive Committee.

Board members were consulted on proposed dates for the Board Planning Retreat and members were asked to set aside time the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. More details will be provided as planning progresses.

**14. Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)****14.1 Board Advancement Committee – open items (See item 5.1)**

The Board Advancement Committee Report was received for information.

MOTION 14, 1: MacDonald/Hoyt                            “That the Board receive item 14.1 in the consent agenda (open session), as presented.”

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

There was no other business.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Sarah DeVarenne  
Secretary