

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 3 December 2020 by videoconference using the Zoom platform.

PRESENT

Mr. B. Baxter	Mr. C. MacDonald
Mr. W. Carson	Mr. S. MacKenzie
Dr. T. Chopin	Dr. J. MacLauchlan
Mr. R. Cuming	Dr. G. MacLean
Ms. K. Cunningham	Dr. D. MaGee
Ms. B. DeLong	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Dr. A. McCain
Dr. D. Ganong	Ms. K. McCain
Mr. T. Gribbons	Ms. M. McNeil
Mr. L. Hachey (Chair)	Mr. D. O'Brien
Dr. P. Hauf	Dr. C. Passaris
Mr. P. Hickey	Ms. C. Prosser
Ms. J. Hoyt	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Mr. K. Hoyt	Ms. J. Sutherland-Green
Dr. V. Husain	Ms. R. Tingley (Vice-Chair)
Ms. J. Jollineau	Ms. J. Ward
Ms. J. Knox	Dr. D. Woolnough
Dr. J. Light-Thompson	

being members of the Board

Mr. P. Davidson, President, Universities Canada
Ms. M. Dawe, Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Mr. D. Emerson, Special Advisor to the President (Government Relations)
Ms. M. Grant-McGivney, Incoming Acting Vice-President (Advancement)
Ms. E. Kathen, Universities Canada
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, University Secretariat
Mr. R. Skillen, Vice-President (Advancement)
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning & Budgeting

Regrets:

Dr. J. Andrews	Mayor D. Darling	Mayor M. O'Brien
Mr. S. Brittain	Ms. R. Fairweather	Dr. D. Stevenson
Dr. R. Currie	Ms. C. Jardine	

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1. **Announcements**

1.1 **Announcements for 3 December 2020** (posted with agenda)

A) The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, referring them to the written announcements included with the agenda. He noted that this would be the last Board meeting for R. Skillen. L. Hachey thanked him for his service; he welcomed M. Grant-McGivney, who will serve as Acting Vice-President Advancement until the role can be filled. The President recognized that the Board was gathering on the traditional territory of Wolastoqiyik. L. Hachey noted that J. Andrews and C. Jardine had sent their regrets for the meeting.

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

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

2.2 **Minutes of 15 October 2020** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that key items of business were a presentation by Paul Davidson of Universities Canada about leadership in a time of disruption and a presentation by Saint John faculty member Ziba Vaghri on her research around early childhood development.

MOTION 2, 1: Baxter/Passaris “That the Board approve the agenda as presented, and the Minutes of 15 October 2020, 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.

9. **Senates’ Business**

The President drew members’ attention to Senates’ Business posted with the agenda. He noted that the report from Saint John Senate included a request that approval of the Fredericton Biology-Psychology degree be paused to allow for further inter-campus discussions about collaboration. He spoke to the opportunity to better use the University’s resources to create more comprehensive programming for students and noted that the campus vice-presidents were working with the relevant Deans and Chairs to build these synergies. He asked that the degree program be lifted from Senates’ Business. Members agreed to lift the proposed program. The President noted that the program would come forward for approval at a future meeting.

P. Hauf and G. MacLean presented Senates’ Business for the November meetings. G. MacLean spoke to the Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee, the Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee, including the Chosen Name and Gender Identity Policy and Guidelines and the 2021-22 Academic Calendar of Dates, and the Strategic Discussion about the Persistence, Attrition and Retention Working Group. P.

Hauf noted that the Chosen Name and Gender Identity Policy and Guidelines was also approved at Saint John Senate, along with an Update on the University's Response to the Health Emergency, the Report of the Teaching Awards Committee, the Report of the Joint Senate Admissions Committee and the Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee.

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

9.1 **24 and 25 November 2020**

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

- 9.1.1 President's Report
- 9.1.2 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee
- 9.1.3 Report of the Vice-President (Research)

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEM

- 9.1.4 Additions to the Graduation List for Convocation 2020

For Approval

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

- 9.1.5 Report of the School of Graduate Studies
- 9.1.6 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee
- 9.1.7 Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee
- 9.1.8 Report of the Joint Senate Admissions Committee
- 9.1.9 Report of the Teaching Awards Committee
- 9.1.10 Update on Health Emergency Planning

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

- 9.1.11 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee
- 9.1.12 Certificate and Diploma Candidates
- 9.1.13 Report of the Fredericton Senate Admissions Committee
- 9.1.14 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEMS

- 9.1.15 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee
- 9.1.16 Report of the Academic Planning and Resources Committee
- 9.1.17 Report of the Saint John Senate Admissions Committee

MOTION 9, 1:

Chopin/Knox "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 9.1.5 to 9.1.17, inclusive, as amended to defer consideration of the proposed Bachelor of Science in Biology-Psychology to the February 2021 meeting of the Board, and receive items 9.1.1 to 9.1.4 as presented."

CARRIED

10. **President's Report**

10.1 **December 2020 President's Report** (posted with agenda)

P. Mazerolle drew members' attention to the President's Report posted with the agenda. He spoke to updates on preparations for Winter term, noting that the University was making preparations to assist students with isolation plans. There will be over 500 students returning to New Brunswick that will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Over 50 staff and faculty volunteers are in place to support them. The start date for Winter term has also been pushed back a week to further accommodate students in isolation. The President noted that the Integrate Health initiative was receiving a lot of political

engagement. He highlighted meetings with the Premier and a number of Ministers to Board Meeting discuss the initiative as well as opportunities for private investment. He noted that a leadership group had been formed to seek capital to move forward with the Engineering vision and that a space planning company has been engaged to look at the vision for expanded space. P. Mazerolle explained that these plans also included the Faculty of

10. **President's Report (cont'd)**

10.1 **December 2020 President's Report (cont'd)**

Computer Science. He noted that the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency had expressed support for the initiative.

The President spoke to the vision for the Faculty of Law, noting that a new Dean, Michael Marin, had been appointed and funding was in place to develop a law clinic. The Faculty is also planning to develop a Master of Law degree program. He spoke to the continued challenges of teaching and supporting the University through COVID-19 over the fall term and expressed gratitude to faculty and staff for their efforts to support students and continue to offer high calibre academic programming. He thanked the Board for its support of the senior leadership team through these challenging months.

11. **Board Chair's Report**

L. Hachey thanked members for their commitment and hard work on behalf of the University in these challenging times. He encouraged members to complete the Board Self-Assessment and return it to the Secretariat, noting that it would be recirculated by email. He spoke to the value of receiving those assessments to continually improved processes and meeting flow. He expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board to faculty and staff for their continued dedication to the University through the pandemic.

12. **Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)**

12.1 **Board Advancement Committee**

12.1.1 **Report of 5 November 2020 - Open Session** (see item 5.1.1)

The report of the Advancement Committee was received for information.

12.2 **Board Executive Committee**

12.2.1 **Report of 22 November 2019 – Open Session** (see item 5.2.1)

The report of the Executive Committee was received for information.

12.3 **Board Nominating and Review Committee**

12.3.1 **Report of 22 November 2019 - Open Session** (see item 5.5.1)

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

“That the Board approve the following appointments to Board Standing Committees and other bodies to which the Board makes appointments to be effective immediately:

Investments

Nathaniel Chamberlain in place of Harsh Jain, SIF Student

Finance & Properties

Appointment of J. MacLauchlan as the member with financial expertise

12. **Consent Agenda Matters (Open Session)**

12.4 **Board Finance and Properties Committee**

12.4.1 **Report of 16 November 2020– Open Session** (see item 5.3.1)

The report of the Board Finance and Properties Committee was received for information and approval of the following:

“That the Board accept the Energy Management Plan 2.0 of \$2 million to be financed internally and repaid through future cost avoidance.”

“That the Board the adoption of the Decision-Making Framework for UNB Property Development.”

12.5 **Report of the Board of Trustees Shared Risk Plan for Academic Employees**
(posted with agenda)

The Report of the Board of Trustees Shared Risk Plan for Academic Employees was received for information.

MOTION 12, 1: Woolnough/Cuming “That the Board approve matters included item 12.3.1 of the open session consent agenda, and receive items 12.1, 12.2, 12.4 and 12.5, inclusive, as presented.”

CARRIED

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

There was none.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary