

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 3 March 2022, using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

Mr. W. Carson	Dr. D. MaGee
Dr. T. Chopin	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Ms. R. Connors-Losier	Dr. A. McCain
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Ms. B. DeLong	Dr. C. Passaris
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Dr. D. Perley
Mr. T. Gribbons (Vice-Chair)	Mayor K. Rogers
Mr. L. Hachey	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Dr. P. Hauf	Ms. J. Sutherland-Green
Mr. P. Hickey	Mr. P. Syroid
Ms. J. Hoyt	Ms. R. Tingley (Chair)
Mr. K. Hoyt	Mr. N. Vibert
Dr. V. Husain	Mr. K. Walsh
Ms. J. Jollineau	Ms. J. Ward
Ms. J. Knox	Dr. K. Wilson
Dr. J. Light-Thompson	Dr. D. Woolnough
Dr. J. MacLauchlan	

being members of the Board

Ms. M. Dawe, Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Ms. A. Ferris, Comptroller
Ms. S. Martell, Associate Vice-President (Strategic Communications)
Dr. S. Montague, Acting Vice-President (Advancement)
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, University Secretariat
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning & Budgeting

Regrets:

Dr. R. Currie	Ms. C. Prosser
Ms. R. Fairweather	Mayor D. Reardon
Dr. D. Ganong	Dr. D. Stevenson
Mr. C. MacDonald	Mr. V. Vardan
Dr. K. McCain	

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OPEN SESSION

1. **Announcements****1.1 Announcements for 3 March 2022** (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 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) R. Tingley informed members that N. Creamer-Ervin had resigned her seat and thanked her for her service. She noted that D. Ganong, C. MacDonald, K. McCain and C. Prosser has sent their regrets. The Chair welcomed A. Ferris and M. Warren as guests to the meeting as part of the transition plan for the retirement of the Vice-President (Administration and Finance). She thanked K. Cunningham for her years of service and dedication to the University. She reminded members that plans were in place to hold a hybrid meeting on the Fredericton campus for the Board's April meeting.

C) R. Tingley noted that UNB had been ranked the second-best workplace by Forbes in Canada. UNB continues to maintain its top ranking as a research-focused institution among comprehensive universities, as ranked by Research Infosource for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. UNB fundraising efforts ranked first in Canada in 2020 amongst comprehensive universities. The President noted that February had been Black History Month and that the UNB Art Centre, for the second year, had created an exhibit. He noted that the federal government had provided funding for the National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC) to lead the country's new Cyber Security Innovation Network. UNB is a founding member of the NCC and one of its professors is part of its executive group. A member congratulated R. Tingley for being named one of the 'Women Making a Positive Impact on New Brunswick.'

2. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting****2.1 Summary of Resolutions** (posted with agenda)**2.2 Minutes of 9 December 2021** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that the Finance and Properties Committee had asked that the recommendations regarding Phase 3 of the Residence Renewal Plan and Finance for the Eagles Commons be lifted from Item 7.4 of the Consent Agenda. She noted that the education session would be deferred to a future meeting to allow for further discussion of the above noted recommendations. A member asked that a discussion be held around Item 9.4 of Senates' Business.

R. Tingley noted that members had expressed a desire to see more rigour around items in the Consent Agenda and Senates' Business that have a significant cost attached. She undertook to continue discussions about the balance of information in the Board package with the Executive Committee and how the agenda package information and related Board discussions could be improved.

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

2.1 **Summary of Resolutions** (cont'd)

2.2 **Minutes of 9 December 2021** (cont'd)

MOTION 2, 1: MacLauchlan/Cuming “That the Board approve the agenda, as amended, and the Minutes of 9 December 2021, as presented.”

CARRIED

R. Tingley reviewed items on the agenda where there could be potential conflicts of interest. She noted that K. Wilson would have a conflict with the discussion of extending her term as Acting Vice-President Academic (Fredericton) and would leave the meeting for the discussion of that item.

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

There was none.

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

There was none.

OPEN SESSION

9. **Senates' Business**

P. Hauf and K. Wilson presented Senates' Business for the January and February meetings. K. Wilson drew members' attention to the discussion about the Health Emergency Update, the reports of the Curriculum Committee, the Graduation List and the strategic discussion about Administrative Restructuring. P. Hauf drew members' attention to reports from the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee and School of Graduate Studies, and the strategic discussion about UNB's Growth Agenda.

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

It was noted that one member had asked for discussion around the proposed BSc in Engineering (Environmental Engineering) and the consultation between campuses

9.1 **11 January 2022** (posted with agenda)

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

9.1.1 Health Emergency Planning

9.2 **19 and 25 January 2022** (posted with agenda)

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

9.2.1 President's Report

FREDRICKTON SENATE ITEM

9.2.2 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM

9.2.3 Report of the Academic Planning & Resources Committee

For Approval**JOINT SENATES' ITEMS**

9.2.4 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

9.2.5 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

FREDERICKTON SENATE ITEMS

9.2.6 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

9.2.7 Certificate and Diploma Candidates

SAINT JOHN ITEM

9.2.8 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

9.3 **16 February 2022** (posted with agenda)

For Information**JOINT SENATES' ITEM**

9.3.1 Strategic Discussion

For Approval**JOINT SENATES' ITEM**

9.3.2 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

FREDERICKTON SENATE ITEMS

9.3.3 Graduation List

9.3.4 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

SAINT JOHN ITEM

9.3.5 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

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

9.4 **Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Environmental Engineering)** (posted with agenda)

One member asked about the bi-campus Engineering Working Group report and concerns around program duplication, noting that the proposed Biology-Psychology degree program required no new resources and had taken more than a year to be approved. It was noted that the proposed program required a number of additional resources, such as three new faculty positions and a laboratory instructor, in addition to the creation of additional space to house the program. A member suggested that the proposal did not include budget information and that it was not being handled in the same way that other large projects were introduced. The President spoke to the proposal, noting that it had been a two-year process of engagement between the campuses. He explained that the Saint John campus needs to grow and that Environmental Engineering tied into existing resources, suggesting that there would be no competition between campuses. P. Mazerolle noted that there was some necessary duplication, but that the program would be complimentary to those offered on the Fredericton campus. He noted that the approval

of a program was a different process to that for a Faculty Vision, explaining that the Saint John approval process also different from the Fredericton process where the appendices are not included in the Senate approval process.

P. Hauf spoke to the timeline for the program, noting that originally a three-stream Engineering program was proposed and that changes had been made based on consultations with an external reviewer and with the Fredericton campus. The program was first approved by Saint John Senate in 2021 but lifted from the Board agenda for additional consultation. She explained that the resources for the program would be made available and that a budget would be provided to MPHEC. It was suggested that there would be substantial, ongoing costs related to the proposed program and that the Board should be made aware. The President indicated that the Vice-President (Saint John) had the authority to make appointments and that the working group had been established to hear concerns and provide advice throughout the process. He indicated that some of the concerns were legitimate and some were based around fear of change. The President spoke to the need for growth as one UNB and to focus on competitors outside the University.

MOTION 9, 1: Passaris/J. Hoyt “That the Board approve Senates’ Business, items 9.2.4 to 9.2.8, 9.3.2 to 9.3.5 and 9.4, inclusive, and receive items 9.1.1, 9.2.1 to 9.2.3 and 9.3.1 as presented.”

CARRIED

10. **Board Chair’s Report** (verbal)

The Chair noted that the Nominating and Review Committee had received the summary report of the Board Self-Assessment. She noted that the majority of the feedback had been positive, but a few opportunities for improvement had been identified. Issues around Board member engagement related to the size of the Board and online meetings due to COVID-19 were noted; some members expressed interest in more committee service, and adjustments related to the balance of information in the Board package will be considered. Some members continue to have challenges accessing SharePoint; an

10. **Board Chair’s Report** (cont’d)

education session will be planned. R. Tingley noted that the President’s mid-term review has been completed and that it was a very positive process. She informed members that plans were in place to host the April meeting of the Board as a hybrid meeting on the Fredericton campus with a meet-and-greet scheduled in advance of the meeting with the new Vice-President (Advancement). Retreat planning for the summer is now underway.

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

11.1 **Board Advancement Committee – open items** (See item 7.1)

The Board Advancement Committee Report was received for information.

11.2 **Board Executive Committee – open items** (see item 7.2)

The Board Executive Committee Report was received for information.

11.3 Board Investments Committee – open items (see item 7.4)

The Board Investments Committee Report was received for information.

11.4 Board Nominating & Review Committee – open items (see item 7.5)

The Board Nominating & Review Committee Report was received for approval of the following:

“That the Board approve the extension of the appointment of T. Gribbons as Chair of the Investments Committee to 30 June 2022 and the appointment of K. Hoyt as Chair of the Investments Committee effective 1 July 2022.”

“That the Board approve the appointment of J. Knox as Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee, effective immediately.”

MOTION 11, 1: Jollineau/Knox “That the Board approve matters included in items 11.4 of the consent agenda (open sessions), and received items 11.1 through 11.3, as presented.”

CARRIED

12. Other Business (Open Session)

There was none.

13. President’s Report

13.1 President’s Report for March 2022 (posted with agenda)

The President drew members’ attention to his report, highlighting the appointment of Clint Hamilton as Vice-President (Advancement), the new Canada Research Chairs in Marine Additive Manufacturing and Resilient Communities, the LPN-BN pathway program opening the Miramichi and the training partnership between the College of Extended Learning and Mariner. In response to a question, the President explained that the closure of Cyber NB will not affect the University. He explained that other groups within the New Brunswick cyber ecosystem are positioned to bridge any gaps. The President spoke to the development of the Wabanaki Learning Centre and the Piluwitahasuwin, noting that there would be a meeting with the Federal Government about funding in the coming weeks. He explained that the hiring of a Piluwitahasuwin was delayed because of an external review of the Human Rights and Positive Space

office, noting that recommended changes from the review included incorporating the position within a larger portfolio responsible for People, Culture and Equity.

13.2 Extension to Acting Appointment for Vice-President Academic (Fredericton)

K. Wilson left the meeting. The President spoke to work on the administrative restructuring project, noting that until a structure is finalized, it would be necessary to extend K. Wilson's acting appointment as Vice-President Academic (Fredericton). He noted that the reappointment was discussed with Senates at their February meeting.

MOTION 13, 1: Vibert/MacLauchlan "That the Board approve the extension of the appointment of Kathryn Wilson as Acting Vice-President Academic (Fredericton) from 1 April 2022 until the earlier of 30 June 2023 or such time as an appointment has been made to the current position or a version of the position modified as an outcome of a review of the University's administrative structure."

CARRIED

14. Board Education Session: Financial Reporting

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary