

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, 7 December 2023 in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Conference Centre on the Fredericton campus and using the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT

Dr. T. Alderson	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Mr. W. Best	Ms. M. McNeil
Ms. R. Connors-Losier	Dr. J. Neville
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	M. G. Noseworthy
Ms. J. Flanagan	Dr. C. Passaris
Dr. D. Ganong	Dr. S. Pavey
Mr. T. Gribbons (Chair)	Dr. D. Perley
Dr. P. Hauf	Mayor D. Reardon
Ms. J. Hoyt (Vice-Chair)	Mayor K. Rogers
Mr. K. Hoyt	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Ms. J. Jeffrey	Ms. A. Smith
Ms. J. Jollineau	Mr. P. Syroid
Ms. J. Kidney-Hermelin	Ms. R. Tingley
Ms. J. Knox	Mr. K. Walsh
Dr. J. MacLauchlan	Ms. J. Ward
The Hon. W. MacLauchlan	Dr. K. Wilson
Dr. D. MaGee	

being members of the Board

Ms. N. Ashfield, Associate Vice-President, Strategic Communications & Marketing
Ms. M. Dawe, Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Ms. E. Flemming, Associate University Secretary
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, Associate University Secretary
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning & Budgeting

Regrets:

Mr. W. Carson	Dr. K. McCain
Dr. R. Currie	Mr. D. O'Brien
Ms. R. Dixit	Dr. D. Pearley
Ms. R. Fairweather	Mr. D. Stevenson
Mr. P. Lagacy	Mr. N. Vibert
Mr. C. MacDonald	Ms. B. Watt

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OPEN SESSION**1. Announcements for 7 December 2023** (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 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) T. Gribbons noted that W. Carson, P. Legacy, C. MacDonald, K. McCain, D. O'Brien, D. Stevenson, N. Vibert and B. Watt had sent their regrets for the meeting. He noted that this was the last meeting for N. Vibert and thanked him for his service. On behalf of Board, he wished the Secretary a happy birthday.

[APPLAUSE]

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

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

2.2 **Minutes of 19 October 2023** (posted with agenda)

T. Gribbons referred members to the meeting's agenda and noted that key items of business for the meeting were an update on the current year's budget, a presentation on artificial intelligence and a strategic discussion on plans for improving UNB's electronic infrastructure. He noted that he, R. Tingley and J. Hoyt have a conflict of interest with Item 7 Appointment and Reappointment of Board members.

MOTION 2, 1: Passaris/Flanagan "That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, the Minutes of 19 October 2023, as presented."

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes (Open Session)

There was none.

CLOSED SESSION**OPEN SESSION****10. Senates' Business**

P. Hauf presented Senates' Business for the November meetings. She noted that Senates received the Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee, the Report Undergraduate Scholarships Committee and approved the Strategic Research Plan. Fredericton Senate received the report of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Committees. Both Senates approved the implementation of the Open Access policy, the

Report of the School of Graduate Studies and the report of the Joint Senate Admissions Committee. The Saint John Senate also received the Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee.

10.1 **21 and 22 November 2023** (posted with agenda)

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1.1 President's Report

10.1.2 Letter from the Graduate Student Association

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1.3 Additions to the Graduation List for Convocation 2023

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM FOR INFORMATION

10.1.4 Report of the Academic Planning and Resources Committee

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

10.1.5 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

10.1.6 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee

10.1.7 Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee

10.1.8 Report of the Joint Senate Admissions Committee

10.1.9 Open Access Policy

10.1.10 Strategic Research Plan

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

10.1.11 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

10.1.12 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEM FOR APPROVAL

10.1.13 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee

MOTION 10, 1: K. Hoyt /Jollineau "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 10.1.5 to 10.1.13, inclusive, and receive items 10.1.1 to 10.1.4, as presented."

CARRIED

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

10.2 **New Program Proposals**

10.2.1 **Bachelor of Industrial Engineering Technology** (posted with agenda)

10.2.2 **Bachelor of Environmental Engineering Technology** (posted with agenda)

P. Hauf referred members to the two new degree programs from the Faculty of Science, Applied Science & Engineering that were posted with the agenda: the Bachelor of Industrial Engineering Technology (BIET) and the Bachelor of Environmental Engineering Technology (BEVT). These programs had first been presented to the Saint John Senate in 2019 through the presentation of the Engineering Roadmap. Both programs are 2+2 programs in partnership with New Brunswick Community College (NBCC). Similar 2+2 degree programs are available in Canada at Cape Breton, Memorial, Windsor, and McMaster Universities.

The two proposed degree programs were designed to meet emerging industry needs. The programs include the study of interdisciplinary and sustainable systems with a combination of practical and theoretical elements. Graduates of the program will also meet the eligibility requirements to enter a Master of Science in Engineering program or continue towards earning a Professional Engineer license (P.Eng). The Dean of

Engineering has indicated support for the programs and a letter of support from the Dean will be included in the package that is sent to MPHEC for approval.

P. Hauf explained that over the next three years, there are plans to hire four additional full-time engineering positions—including three faculty and one new laboratory instructor—to support the two proposed programs, as well as resourcing existing programs including the four-year BSc in Environmental Engineering. Should the program grow as projected, an additional instructional laboratory of approximately 5,000 ft. sq. would be required in future.

In response to a question about accreditation, P. Hauf explained that the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour as well as the Engineering Accreditation Board have been involved in the development of these programs. She noted that they are tailored to needs identified in advanced manufacturing, related to automation. NBCC has a new program that would feed into these degree programs. She indicated that the programs would not conflict with mechanical engineering. One member asked how the University would forecast interest in these programs. P. Hauf explained that detailed environmental scans were completed and that these types of ‘earn while you learn’ programs were very popular in other provinces. She noted that the program was similar to the LPN to BN bridging program.

Members discussed academic rigour. P. Hauf explained that this was not equivalent to an engineering degree, rather it was an engineering technology degree; a very different skillset would be developed to follow a very different career path than that of an engineer. One member suggested that this was similar to the bachelor of technology programs in the health fields, and that it provided a level of education and training that was beneficial to the industry.

10. **Senates’ Business** (cont’d)

10.2 **New Program Proposals** (cont’d)

10.2.1 **Bachelor of Industrial Engineering Technology** (cont’d)

10.2.2 **Bachelor of Environmental Engineering Technology** (cont’d)

MOTION 10, 2

Neville/Pavey “That the Board approve the program proposals for: the Bachelor of Industrial Engineering Technology; and the Bachelor of Environmental Engineering Technology, as presented.”

CARRIED

11. **Board Chair’s Report**

T. Gribbons spoke to the Board reception and dinner held the previous evening, noting that it was a pleasure to have a chance to connect with members in a more informal setting. He spoke to the University’s progress with respect to its vision Toward 2030, noting that the Provost implementation is moving forward, the University is moving toward a one-budget model, and construction projects are underway on both campuses. He noted that an investable surplus was better than an operating deficit, and suggested

that optics related to the investments and transparency with the University community would be important. He encouraged members to complete the Self-Assessment and return it to the Secretariat and wished them a happy holiday season.

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

12.1 **Board Nominating & Review Committee**

12.1.1 **Report of 23 November 2023 – open items** (see item 5.4.1)

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

“That the Board approve the following appointments to Board committees and other bodies to which the Board makes appointments:

Advancement Committee

Scott Pavay in place of N. Siebrasse

Jill Jeffrey in place of D. Perley

Audit Committee

Jennifer Ward as Vice-Chair.”

“That the Board approve the proposed updates to Board Committee Terms of Reference, as presented.”

12. **Consent Agenda (Open Session)** (cont’d)

12.2 **Appointments to the Student Disciplinary Committee for 2023-2024**
(posted with agenda)

The Appointments to the Student Disciplinary Committee for 2023-24 were received for approval.

MOTION 12, 1: Flanagan/Smith “That the Board approve matters included in items 12.1 and 12.2 of the consent agenda (open session), as presented.”

CARRIED

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

The President thanked members for their time and commitment to the University and for their support of his work and initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary