

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 18 April 2024 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. J. MacLauchlan
Mr. W. Best	The Hon. W. MacLauchlan
Ms. R. Connors-Losier	Dr. P. Mazerolle
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Ms. M. McNeil
Ms. J. Flanagan	Dr. J. Neville
Dr. D. Ganong	Dr. C. Passaris
Mr. T. Gibbons (Chair)	Dr. S. Pavey
Dr. P. Hauf	Dr. D. Perley
Ms. J. Hoyt (Vice-Chair)	Dr. K. Scott-Storey
Mr. K. Hoyt	Mr. P. Syroid
Ms. J. Jeffrey	Ms. R. Tingley
Ms. J. Jollneau	Mr. D. Varma
Ms. J. Kidney-Hermelin	Mr. N. Vibert
Ms. J. Knox	Ms. J. Ward
Dr. B. Lowry	Ms. B. Watt

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, Chief of Staff, Office of the President  
Ms. A. Ferris, Associate Vice President & Comptroller  
Ms. E. Flemming, University Secretariat  
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis University Secretariat  
Ms. J. Morrison, Treasurer  
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning & Budgeting

Regrets:

Dr. R. Currie	Dr. K. McCain
Mr. W. Carson	M. G. Noseworthy
Ms. R. Dixit	Mr. D. O'Brien
Ms. R. Fairweather	Mayor D. Reardon
Mr. P. Lagacy	Mayor K. Rogers
Mr. C. MacDonald	Mr. D. Stevenson
Dr. D. MaGee	

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**OPEN SESSION****1. Announcements for 18 April 2024 (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) T. Gribbons noted that W. Carson, P. Legacy, D. MaGee, D. O'Brien, and K. Rogers had sent their regrets for the meeting.

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

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

**2.2 Minutes of 29 February 2024** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that key items of business were the strategic discussion on Financial Matters, including consideration of the endowment spending rate and a discussion of the 2024-25 University Budget. He reminded members that those who had safety footwear would have the opportunity to tour the Engineering Commons later in the afternoon.

MOTION 2, 1: Flannagan/Pavey “That the Board approve the agenda, as presented, and the Minutes of 29 February 2024, as presented.”

CARRIED

The Chair asked if members had any conflicts they wish to declare. No conflicts were identified.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes of Open Session.

**CLOSED SESSION****OPEN SESSION****9. Board Chair's Report (verbal)**

The Chair reminded Board members that invitations to graduation ceremonies and related events had been circulated earlier that week and encouraged members to participate.

The Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 had been circulated and the Chair reminded Board members that Committee meetings would be held entirely online beginning next year. He encouraged Committees to find an opportunity to gather in-person informally at least once per year to build relationships and have informal discussion.

T. Gribbons noted his excitement at serving on the Board during a time of growth and renewal at the University. He highlighted the commitment from the President and management to the Strategic Vision

and the progress that has resulted in many areas including the implementation of the provost model; administrative integration; and the Engineering Commons.

The Chair extended congratulations to the Men's and Women's Hockey teams for their participation in the U Sports Nationals, and noted he had the opportunity to watch the Men's team win the championship in Toronto.

The Chair also noted that he had recently attended a conference on the Saint John campus hosted by the Integrated Health Initiative and AstraZeneca. He highlighted that the conference showcased the success of the Bachelor of Health program on the Saint John campus and research projects undertaken by honours students in the program.

## **10. Senates' Business**

### **10.1 20 and 26 March 2024 (posted with agenda)**

#### **Joint Senates' Items for Information**

##### **10.1.1 President's Report to the Senates**

##### **10.1.2 Strategic Discussion**

#### **Joint Senates' Items for Approval**

##### **10.1.3 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee**

##### **10.1.4 Report of the School of Graduate Studies**

#### **Fredericton Senate Items for Approval**

##### **10.1.5 Report of the Academic Planning Committee**

#### **Saint John Senate Items for Information**

##### **10.1.6 Student Awards**

### **10.2 15 April 2024 (circulated in advance)**

#### **Fredericton Senate Items for Approval**

##### **10.2.1 Report of the School of Graduate Studies**

#### **Saint John Senate Items for Approval**

##### **10.2.2 Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee**

##### **10.2.3 Report of the Senate Admissions Committee**

##### **10.2.4 Report of the Senate Academic Planning Committee**

P. Hauf presented Senates' Business for the March and April Senate meetings, noting that at their March meetings the Senates engaged in strategic discussion on the organizational structure of the School of Graduate Studies and whether the Dean of Graduate Students should change reporting lines so that they report to the Provost. Further discussion is planned with a possible recommendation at a future date.

A few items dealt with in Fredericton in March were on the April agenda for the Saint John Senate including approval of a process that delegates authority for putting in place pathway agreements with later report to Senates.

Also considered at the April meetings were modifications to the Faculty of Management MBA program to create a fully online option. In Saint John, matters included modifications to the Bachelor of Applied Management to create a fully online option, and updates to the Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management to widen the program from being nursing-specific to being open to other healthcare professionals.

**MOTION 10.1:** Passaris/K. Hoyt      "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 10.1.3 to 10.1.5, and 10.2.1 to 10.2.4, inclusive, and receive items 10.1.1, 10.1.2, and

10.1.6 as presented.”

CARRIED

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

**11.1 Board Executive Committee – Open**

**11.1.1 Report of the E-mail Ballot of 2 April 2024** (posted with agenda)

**11.2 Board Investments Committee – Open** (see item # 7.2)

**11.3 Board Nominating & Review Committee – Open**

**11.3.1 Report of the E-mail Ballot of 30 March 2024** (posted with agenda)

**11.4 Appointments to the Student Disciplinary Committees** (posted with agenda)

MOTION 11, 1: Lowery/Connors-Loisier “That the Board receive matters included in item 11.4 in the consent agenda (open session) and receive items 11.1 to 11.3, inclusive, in the consent agenda (open session) as presented.”

CARRIED

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

There was no other business.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Following the adjournment of the meeting Board members participated in a tour of the Engineering Commons.

Sarah DeVarenne  
Secretary