

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Board of Governors met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 25 April 2019, in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Conference Centre, on the Fredericton campus.

PRESENT

Dr. J. Andrews	Ms. C. Jardine
Mr. B. Baxter	Dr. J. Kieffer
Dr. N. Betts	Mr. H. Klohn
Mr. S. Brittain	Dr. G. MacLean
Dr. E. Campbell	Dr. D. MaGee
Ms. K. Cunningham	Ms. K. McCain
Ms. S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	Mr. P. Morrison
Mr. R. Du	Mr. D. O'Brien
Dr. D. Ganong	Ms. C. Prosser
Dr. T. Goud	Ms. P. Reid
Mr. T. Gribbons	Ms. J. Sutherland-Green
Mr. L. Hachey (Chair)	Ms. R. Tingley
Dr. P. Hauf	Ms. B. Yeates
Ms. J. Hoyt	Dr. D. Woolnough
Dr. V. Husain	

being members of the Board

Ms. N. Ashfield, Acting Director, Communications
Dr. D. Doiron, Senior Teaching Associate, Faculty of Business
Ms. A. Ferris, Comptroller
Ms. M. McNeil, Acting Advisor and Senior Director, Office of the President
Ms. B. Nicholson, Associate Vice-President (Capital Planning & Property Development)
Ms. J. Redstone-Lewis, Associate University Secretary
Mr. R. Skillen, Vice-President (Advancement)
Mr. M. Warren, Director, Resource Planning and Budgeting

Regrets:

Ms. P. Cooling	Mayor M. O'Brien
Dr. R. Currie	Dr. N. O'Byrne
Mr. G. Daley	Mr. S. Palmer
Mayor D. Darling	Ms. G. Paul
Ms. R. Fairweather	Mr. W. Squibb
Ms. M. Grant-McGivney	Dr. D. Stevenson
Ms. D. Graves-Brown	Ms. K. Wilson
Ms. N. Mallory	
Dr. A. McCain	

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1. **Announcements**

1.1 **Announcements for 25 April 2019**

A) The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, referring them to the written announcements included with the agenda. He welcomed P. Hauf to her first Board meeting.

[APPLAUSE]

The President recognized that the Board was gathering on the traditional territory of Wolastoqiyik. L. Hachey noted that Richard Currie, George Daley, Deanna Graves-Brown, Margaret Grant- McGivney, Nora Mallory, Alison McCain, Nicole O’Byrne, Sam Palmer, Gillian Paul, David Stevenson, Wayne Squibb, and Kelly Wilson had sent their regrets for the meeting.

The Chair noted that Chris Clapperton, of the men’s hockey team, is the Atlantic University Sport nominee for U SPORTS male athlete of the year. These awards were previously known as the BLG Awards, relaunched last week as the Lieutenant Governors Athletic Awards. Rob Hennigar (2008) and Phil Maillet (2017) are the only UNB student-athletes to win this award; Jordan Murray was the nominee in 2016, Maillet in 2017, and Javon Masters in 2018. This year’s awards include an online voting component, worth 25% of the player’s total grading: <https://usports.ca/en/special-events/aoty/vote>. The Secretary undertook to circulate the link to Board members.

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

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

2.2 **Minutes of 21 February 2019** (posted with agenda)

The Chair noted that the Strategic Plan Goal for the meeting was: Building a Better University. Key items of business were the University Budget for 2019-20, a discussion on Health Initiatives, a discussion on student mental health and University Awards. He noted that a member had asked that Item 7.5 Properties Committee Report of 21 March 2019 be lifted from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION 2, 1: Baxter/Reid “That the Board approve the agenda as presented, and the Minutes of 21 February 2019, 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.

4. President's Report**4.1 President's April 2019 Report** (posted with agenda)

The President drew members' attention to the April 2019 President's Report posted with the agenda. He highlighted the University's recent sports achievements and athletic banquets, the Sir Howard Douglas Scholars Induction Ceremony and Dinner, the Graduating Student Leaders Dinners, the University Awards Ceremonies on both campuses and the Proudly UNB Awards. He spoke to government relations, noting that as with all new governments, it takes time to build relationships and trust. The President noted that the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated with the previous government had been honoured for 2019-2020, but that years 3 and 4 of that agreement have yet to be confirmed. He spoke to the government's decision to cancel the Tuition Access Bursary (TAB) program, replacing it with tax credits, noting that there were approximately 1600 students at UNB currently accessing the TAB program. He expressed concern that these students may not be able to afford to continue their studies. He spoke to the Province's decision to remove some funding from the Nursing program, noting that the University was working to have that funding reinstated.

E. Campbell noted that he would be attending alumni events in Toronto and Ottawa, and would be going to Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Hong Kong. While in Asia, he will also visit Vietnam to assist in a recruitment initiative. He highlighted the most recent UNB Talks lecture by Shelley Doucet, a Nursing professor on the Saint John campus. The India Initiative continues to progress. The President spoke to relations with St. Thomas University (STU), indicated that a legal issue may arise over STU's belief that UNB is required to supply gymnasium space to its students at no charge. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. To date, an agreement has not been reached. Members discussed the matter at length. It was noted that UNB students pay an athletics fee annually to have access to the University's recreational facilities, but STU students do not. The shared services agreement between UNB and STU dates back to 1964 [REDACTED]

4.2 Territorial Acknowledgement (posted with agenda)

The President spoke to the revised Territorial Acknowledgement, indicating that the acknowledgment currently in use was developed with David Perley, Director of the Mi'kmaq Wolastoqey Centre. He approached senior administration in the Fall about working together to develop a new official acknowledgment. G. MacLean worked with D. Perley, I. Perley, Elder-in-Resident, Piluwitahasuwin, and a number of faculty community members to develop a new acknowledgment. The new acknowledgement reads as follows:

'We respectfully acknowledge that UNB sits on unsundered and unceded traditional Wolastoqey land.'

The lands of 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.

The river that runs by our university is known as Wolastoq, along which live Wolastoqiik, "the people of the beautiful and bountiful river." Wolastoq is also known as the Saint John River.'

4. President's Report (cont'd)**4.2 Territorial Acknowledgement (cont'd)**

Members discussed the matter at length. It was noted that the government has an acknowledgement using similar language and that the University's wording has been reviewed by legal counsel. It was noted that the acknowledgement was intended to apply to all University land. A member noted that the Kennebecasis River runs along the Saint John campus. G. MacLean undertook to research the matter. A typographical error was noted; the correct name of the river is St. John.

4.3 Other (verbal)

The President spoke to the Master of Applied Cybersecurity, noting that the approval process at the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) did not appear to be functioning optimally. He spoke to the value in quality assurance and research work done at MPHEC, but suggested that the program approval process created delays and can allow the competition to take advantage of the ideas of another institution. He indicated that he would be writing a letter to MPHEC and the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training, and Labour to express his concerns. Members discussed concerns around MPHEC's approval process. The President undertook to share a copy of the letter with the Board.

Members discussed the work of the Graduate Student Funding Task Force. The President indicated that funding varies between Faculties, noting that the report was Fredericton-based, as the Saint John campus uses different formulas. The report lists four recommendations and an implementation team has been formed to address them.

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

G. MacLean and P. Hauf presented Senates' Business for the February and March meetings. G. MacLean drew members' attention to the report of the Dean of Libraries, the questions and responses regarding faculty positions and complement, the Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee, the Report of the Academic Planning Committee containing a proposal to modify the Bachelor of Education (Wabanaki Elementary Education) and a proposal to create the Bachelor in Early Childhood Education, and the Certificate and Diploma Candidates. P. Hauf noted the motions related to the Research Ethics Board, the Report of the Curriculum Committee and the student awards.

12. **Senates' Business** (cont'd)
12.1 **26 and 27 February 2019** (cont'd)

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

- 12.1.1 President's Report
- 12.1.2 Report of the Joint Nominating Committee for Office of President
- 12.1.3 Strategic Discussion

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

- 12.1.4 Notice of Motion

For Approval

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

- 12.1.5 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee
- 12.1.6 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEM

- 12.1.7 Report of the Academic Planning Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEMS

- 12.1.8 Student Awards
- 12.1.9 Report of the Curriculum Committee

12.2 **20 and 26 March 2019**

For Information

JOINT SENATES' ITEM

- 12.2.1 President's Report to the Senates

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEM

- 12.2.2 Report of the Dean of Libraries

For Approval

JOINT SENATES' ITEMS

- 12.2.3 Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee
- 12.2.4 Report of the School of Graduate Studies
- 12.2.5 Report of the Professor Emeritus Committee

FREDERICTON SENATE ITEMS

- 12.2.6 Report of the UNBF Research Ethics Board
- 12.2.7 Certificate and Diploma Candidates
- 12.2.8 Report of the Academic Policy and Procedures Committee

SAINT JOHN SENATE ITEMS

- 12.2.9 Student Awards
- 12.2.10 UNBSJ Research Ethics Board

MOTION 12, 1: Brittain/Reid "That the Board approve Senates' Business, items 12.1.7 to 12.1.9, inclusive, and items 12.2.3 to 12.2.10, inclusive, as presented."

CARRIED

13. **Board Chair's Report**

L. Hachey spoke to the new agenda package format, asking members to forward any feedback to the Secretariat. He noted the recent conversation with the Fredericton Deans, noting a productive conversation, and asked members to make every effort to attend these types of meetings. L. Hachey spoke to positive or interesting events at the University and called on members to share. Members discussed a Saint John student conducting poverty research to support the Saint John Food Basket better manage its inventory, the Maritime historic recipe database, the Atlantic Student Research Journal and the scholarships generated as a result of the 'It Begins Here' fundraising campaign.

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

14.1 **Consent Agenda Summary** (posted with agenda)

14.2 **Advancement Committee Report of 21 March 2019 – Open Items** (See item 7.2)

The Report of the Advancement Committee was received for information

14.3 **Executive Committee Report of 28 March 2019 – Open Items** (See item 7.3)

The Report of the Executive Committee was received for information.

14.4 **Nominating & Review Committee Report of 28 March 2019 – Open Items** (see item 7.4)

The Report of the Board Nominating & Review Committee was received for information.

14.5 **Properties Committee Report of 21 March 2019 – Open Session** (See item 7.5)

The Report of the Properties Committee and was received for information.

14.6 **UNB Green Review** (posted with agenda)

The UNB Green Review was received by the Board for information.

MOTION 14, 1: Gribbons/Morrison “That the Board approve matters included in items 14.2 through 14.6 in the open session consent agenda, inclusive, as presented.”

CARRIED

15. Other Business (Open Session)

One member expressed gratitude to K. Cunningham and the budget team, noting that the University was within a year of a structurally balanced budget.

MOTION 15, 1: Morrison/Tingley “That the Board congratulate senior management and faculty members for creating and executing a plan to balance the budget.”

CARRIED

A member asked about changes to office space in the Student Union Building specifically related to The Brunswickan student newspaper. G. MacLean explained that the digitalization of the newspaper reduced the amount of space needed by the paper and that numerous attempts to discuss the matter with the group had been made over the past year. Space in the building is at a premium, so they are being moved to a smaller space.

L. Hachey noted that he would not be in attendance at the Board’s May meeting and thanked departing members for their service to the University.

CLOSED SESSION**18. Adjournment**

The Chair thanked members for attending and wished them safe travels.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Sarah DeVarenne
Secretary