



At the October 7, 2021 Board meeting

At the beginning of the meeting, Board members recognize that the Mount is built on traditional Mi'kmaq territory; respect is paid to the Indigenous peoples of the land on which the Board of Governors meet. Both Consent and Meeting Agendas were approved.

As well, Board members are reminded that

- discussions at the table are considered confidential and they are to be mindful of this;
- If there is a conflict of interest, they are asked to declare it;
- Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to the University and should act in its best interest;
- Active participation and diversity of thought is encouraged however at the conclusion of the meetings, Board (members are duty bound to respect the decision making process by leaving with one voice.

Via the Consent Agenda:

Board members were reminded that the Consent Agenda is used to move routine items that do not require discussion off the Regular Meeting Agenda to allow in-depth discussion on items that need it and to allow for discussion on strategic issues. In order for items to qualify for inclusion on the Board Consent Agenda, backup/reference material for the items must be made available to Board members one week prior to the meeting. In some cases, Board committee will have items on both the Consent (C) and the Meeting (M) Agenda.

Board members who wished to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item and have that item moved from the Consent Agenda to the Meeting Agenda were encouraged to contact the University Governance Secretary before the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the motion that the Consent Agenda Items identified be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors. Items received and/or approved by the Board of Governors at this meeting included:

- The minutes from the Board Annual meeting held June 21 and Board Special meeting held July 19, 2021 were approved.

Board Meeting Outcomes

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- Committee reports were received from:
 - Advancement and External Relations
 - Cash Report (for Information)
 - University Relations Report (for Information)
 - Executive Committee
 - Human Resources and Governance (HRGC)
 - 2020-2021 Board Roles & Responsibilities Report Card (for approval)
 - HRGC 2021-2022 Macro Agenda (for approval)
 - Board 2021-2022 Macro Agenda (for approval)
 - Investment Committee
 - 2021-2022 Macro Agenda (for approval)
 - Nominating Committee (for Information)
- The President's Report to the Board, an update on activities and initiatives aligned with the goals and strategies of the Mount's Strategic Plan – Strength Through Community, was received.

Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- A presentation on the MSVU Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) was received from the Mount's EDIA Advisor, Delvina Bernard.
- COVID updates were received from the President, Vice-President Academic and Provost, and Vice-President Administration
- An update on initiatives held or planned relating to orientation and ongoing education of Board members was provided.
- An update on enrolment and recruitment was received.
- Highlights of the recent work of Senate was provided.
- The Board Chair's Report was received on:
 - The results of the Board 2020-2021 Board Evaluation.
 - Activities and updates on meetings and sessions participated in
- Committee reports were received through the Meeting Agenda from the:
 - Advancement and External Relations Committee (AERC)
 - An update was provided on the University's fundraising efforts

- Nominating Committee
 - An update was provided on use of the Skills Matrix in identifying skills of potential candidates that can be considered for positions where specific skill sets are needed, and for use when populating Board committees.
 - An update was provided on the development of a Nominations website to be used in assisting the Nominating Committee evaluate potential Board candidates.
- Campus Planning Committee
 - The terms of reference for the Campus Planning Committee were approved.
- Joint Board Senate Liaison Committee
 - The terms of reference for the Steering Committee for a Bicameral Governance Review were approved.
- President's Report was received on
 - Environmental Scan (Government Relations)
 - Strategic Plan
- Constituency reports were received from Faculty, Students and Alumnae stakeholder groups.
- Two Board of Governors representatives were appointed/reappointed to the Pension Governance Board for a three-year term.