



## Board Meeting Outcomes - April 29, 2021

At the beginning of each Board of Governors' meeting, Board members are provided with the following reminders:

- 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.
- 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:

- The minutes from the February 25, 2021, Board meeting were approved.
- The compliance certificate for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was approved. The overall compliance certificate consists of certificates from four Board committees (Campus Planning, Finance, Human Resources and Governance, and Advancement and External Relations) and is a good governance initiative aimed at presenting proof to the Board of Governors that the University complies with required legislation and reporting and standard obligations required by the Government
- The annual compliance report on the university's compliance with public disclosure (FOIPOP – Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy) requirements was received.
- Committee reports were received from
  - Advancement and External Relations Committee
    - ✓ Cash Report received for information
  - Advisory Committee on Labour Relations
  - Audit Committee
    - ✓ Liability and Insurance Report received for information
    - ✓ Joint OH&S Committee Annual Report received
  - Campus Planning Committee
    - ✓ Approval of Art Acquisitions Committee Terms of Reference
  - Finance Committee
    - ✓ Approval of Board policies (Finance Policy, Policy for Capital Building and Renovation Projects, Strategy Implementation Reserve Policy, and Facilities Renewal Reserve Policy)
    - ✓ Approval of the Annual Compliance Certificate for Research for 2020/21
    - ✓ Received an annual update on University financing
  - Human Resources and Governance Committee
    - ✓ Approval of Board 2020-2021 Board Annual Evaluation Template
    - ✓ Approval of the Annual Compliance Certificate for Research for 2020/21
    - ✓ Approved changes to the Board of Governors Bylaws

### Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda items were received and/or approved.
- The Meeting Agenda was approved.
- A presentation was received on “Cannabis and the Brain” – Dr. Derek Fisher, Interim Associate Vice-President, Research
- COVID-19 updates were given by the President (government related), Vice-President Academic and Provost (academic matters) and Vice-President Administration (facilities related).
- An update on initiatives held or planned relating to orientation and ongoing education of Board members was provided.
- Decisions from recent Senate meeting were highlighted and the work of Senate committees was highlighted.
- The 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets were presented and approved.
- The Board Chair’s Report on activities and updates was received
- The President’s written Report to the Board, an update on activities and initiatives on Campus aligned with the goals and strategies of the Mount’s strategic plan was received.
- Committee reports were received from the:
  - Advancement and External Relations Committee
    - ✓ A presentation on “Advancement” was provided by Kelly Gallant, Associate Vice-President, University Relations.
    - ✓ Fundraising goals for 2021-2022 were presented and approved.
  - Audit Committee
  - Executive
    - ✓ The Terms of Reference for the Presidential Search Committee were approved
  - Finance Committee
    - ✓ The allocation of the 2020-2021 Operating Positive variance was approved.
  - Nominating
- An overview of an external environmental scan (Government relations related) was provided by the Interim President.
- A recommendation from the Interim President on the appointment of the Dean of Professional and Graduate Studies was approved by the Board.
- Constituency reports were received from the Faculty, Students and Alumnae groups.
- An in-camera session was held to receive an update on collective bargaining and to discuss the recent presidential transition.