



At the February 25, 2021 Board meeting

At the beginning of every 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.
- 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:

- The minutes from the Board meeting held November 26, 2020 was approved.
- The compliance certificates were approved for the quarter ended September 30 and December 31, 2020. 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.
- Committee reports were received from the
 - Advancement and External Relations
 - Cash Report
 - Audit Committee
 - Approved Audit Committee 2020-20212 Macro Agenda
 - Campus Planning Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Reviewed articles related to Higher Education Strategy Associates.
 - Human Resources and Governance Committee
 - Approved OH&S Policy
 - Approved MSVU – Our Commitment as Governors
 - Joint Board Senate Liaison Committee
 - Investment Committee
- 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 was received.

Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- The Consent Agenda items were received and/or approved.
- The Meeting Agenda was approved.
- A presentation was received on "Library Archives – Recent highlights."
- A presentation was received on "Cybersecurity"

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- 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;
- An update on enrolment and recruitment initiatives was received
- The Board Chair's Report on activities and updates was received
- Committee reports were received from the:
 - Advancement and External Relations
 - A naming opportunity associated with the current Centre of Applied Research building was approved.
 - A major gift received for the Grace Jollymore Joyce Bursary was announced.
 - Executive
 - The Terms of Reference for the Presidential Search Committee were approved
 - Finance Committee
 - Review of enrolment and operating fund financial results for the ten months ended January 31, 2021
 - The Endowment Spend Rate for the year ended March 31, 2022 was approved.
 - Human Resources and Governance
 - The Board of Governors' Acknowledgement & Agreement Document was approved.
 - Nominating
- President's Report was received on
 - Environmental Scan (Government Relations)
- Constituency reports were received from the Faculty, Students and Alumnae groups.
- An in camera session was held to discuss and approve the appointment of Dr. Brook Taylor to the position of Interim Vice-President Academic and Provost for a two-year term.