



**At the Board meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2020**

Note 1: Due to COVID-19, the June Board meeting was held as a regular Board meeting; the Board of Governors' Annual Meeting will be held on July 31, 2020.

Note 2: During the Board meeting, a number of motions made at the recent Mount's Senate meeting were brought to the Board of Governors for consideration. These motions were, throughout the meeting, shared with Board members and discussed in conjunction with meeting agenda items.

Via the Consent Agenda:

- ✚ The minutes from the April 23, 2020, Board meeting were approved.
- ✚ An overview of decisions made at the last Senate meeting was received for information.
- ✚ The quarterly compliance certificate for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, was reviewed and 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 tax standards, reporting and other standard obligations as required by the Government.
- ✚ The Board received a report regarding the University's compliance with the requirements of external research granting bodies regarding disbursement of funds for research purposes
- ✚ The Board received the annual report of fundraising allocations and their compliance with donors' wishes
- ✚ Regular Committee reports were received from the following committees:
 - Advancement and External Relations Committee
 - Received the Cash Report
 - Advisory Committee on Labour Relations
 - Approved changes to the ACLR Terms of Reference.
 - Campus Planning Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Human Resources and Governance Committee
 - Reviewed and approved the 2018-2019 Board Orientation and Ongoing Education Tracking Document
 - Investment Committee

Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- ✚ An Indigenous Land Recognition Statement was read, recognizing that the Mount is built on unceded Mi'kmaq territory and paying respect to Elders, past, present and future.
- ✚ The Consent and Meeting agendas were approved
- ✚ An update was provided on enrolment to date
- ✚ The Board Chair provided an update on activities and events.
- ✚ The Board reviewed and/or approved Committee reports from the following committees:
 - Advancement and External Relations Committee (AERC)
 - An update was provided on the President's Relief Fund, an initiative set up by the President to provide financial support to students impacted by COVID-19.
 - Campus Planning Committee
 - The Board reviewed and discussed a COVID-19 Return to Campus - Guidance for the Post-Secondary Education Sector, including and a hierarchy of controls developed to minimize the occupational risk of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible.
 - The Board received an update on government funding targeted for deferred maintenance at Canadian universities.
 - The Board approved further investigation of a Facilities Improvement Program.
 - The Board discussed Government infrastructure programs.
 - Human Resources and Governance Committee
 - The Board discussed the Board Committee Terms of Reference – Scope Comparison project
 - The Board approved the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on IT, a subcommittee of the Audit committee, through which it will report to the Board.
 - Human Resources and Governance Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - J. Nahas was appointed to the Board of Governors for a 3- year term as a Member of the Community at Large
- ✚ The President provided an environmental scan on the external environment and an update on government relations initiatives.
- ✚ The Board discussed the Strategic Plan; endorsement of the Plan by Senate and the approval of the Plan by the Board has been deferred to the fall.
- ✚ Constituency reports were received from the Faculty, Students and Alumni groups
- ✚ As part of "Other Business" the Board of Governors reviewed and discussed the preliminary financial results for the year ended March 31, 2020, discussed the potential financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and received an update on actions taken to date to mitigate financial loss to the University
- ✚ An update on timelines for the University Operating and Capital budgets were discussed.

- ✦ The Board of Governors reviewed, discussed and approved an increase in tuition.
- ✦ During a “Confidential Business” session, a collective agreement was ratified.
- ✦ Retiring Board members, S. Brigham, J. MacLeod (faculty) and D. Gardam (Community at Large) were recognized for their dedication and commitment to the Mount.