



## At the November 26, 2020 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.

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:

- The minutes from the Board meetings held September 24, 2020, Board meeting were approved.
- The compliance certificate was approved for the quarter ended June 30, 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.
- The annual incidence/ prevalence report regarding the University community's compliance with ethical standards; research ethics, student judicial, code of conduct, fair treatment, etc. was received.
- Committee reports were received from the
  - Advancement and External Relations
    - Cash Report
  - Executive Committee
  - Finance Committee
    - Finance Committee 2020-20212 Macro Agenda was approved. Macro Agendas divide the workload of the Board and/or Board Committee evenly over the number of meetings they are required to hold over the course of the year.
- 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.
- COVID-19 updates were received from the President (government related), Vice-President Academic & Provost (academic matters) and Vice-President Administration (facilities related).
- New Board member, Gerry Post, was appointed to the Board from the Community at Large.

## Board Meeting Outcomes

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- External committee members, Jeff Leblanc, Ron Singer and Krishna Raj Kuma were approved as external members on Board committees.
- Section 6(3) of the University Charter was invoked to allow Marie Scagliola and Joan McMullin, two representatives from the Sisters of Charity, to be reappointed to the Board beyond the six years allowable under the Charter
- An update on enrolment and recruitment initiatives was received
- The Mount's new strategic, "Strength Through Community (2021-2028)" was approved by the Board of Governors
- An update on initiatives held or planned relating to orientation and ongoing education of Board members was provided.
- An overview of decisions made at Senate were received
- The Pension Governance Board Annual Report was received
- The Board Chair's Report was received
- Committee reports were received from the:
  - Advancement and External Relations
    - AER Fundraising Goals
  - Campus Planning
    - Campus Planning Committee 2020-2021 Macro Agenda
    - Campus Planning Committee Terms of Reference
    - MSVU Sustainability Annual Report 2020
  - Finance Committee
    - Review of enrolment and operating fund financial results for the six months ended September 3, 2020
- President's Report was received on
  - Environmental Scan (Government Relations)
- Constituency reports were received from the Faculty, Students and Alumnae groups.