



## **At the Board meeting**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

### **Via the Consent Agenda:**

- ✦ The minutes from the February Board meeting were approved.
- ✦ An overview of decisions made at the last Senate meeting was received for information.
- ✦ The compliance report on the university's compliance with public disclosure (FOIPOP – Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy) requirements was received.
- ✦ Committee reports from the Advancement and External Relations, Audit, Campus Planning, Finance, and Human Resources and Governance Policy committees were received for information and/or approval.
- ✦ The Cash report for Annual Giving, Planned Giving, and Special Events (for the period ended February 29, 2016) was received from University Advancement.
- ✦ The Gift Acceptance Policy (AER Committee), Environmental Policy Statement (Campus Planning Committee), and Occupational Health and Safety Policy (HRGC) were approved. All University policies approved by Board, Senate or Administration are maintained on the Mount's website and can be found at: <http://www2.msvu.ca/DocumentCentral/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✦ The biennial review and scope comparison of Board Committee terms of reference and biennial review of Board approved polices was received for information.
- ✦ The Finance Committee Terms of Reference were approved. Terms of Reference outline the committee's structure, mandate, quorum, responsibilities, etc.
- ✦ 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, Mount 2017, was received.

### **Via Regular Meeting Agenda:**

- ✦ The Consent and Meeting agendas were approved
- ✦ Presenter (and current Board member), Dr. Cornelia Schneider, presented on Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) "Mount Ability" program; the Mount's first student of the program (and his mother) were introduced and each spoke on how the Mount and the IPSE program has impacted them. The presentation was well received.

- ✦ The 2016-2017 Operating Budget and 2016-2017 Capital Budget were approved and Board members were given an update on the virtual business plan.
- ✦ The Board was updated on the Canadian University Board Association (CUBA) Conference being hosted by the Mount, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie, Halifax, April 28-30, 2016.
- ✦ Board members discussed a request brought forward regarding security surrounding the books at the Library. The Campus Planning Committee was tasked with reviewing recommendations from the Library Committee and bringing forward a recommendation to the Board.
- ✦ Board members received a detailed update on the evaluation process and meetings held with the President to review her goals and progress to date on reaching these goals.
- ✦ A brief update was provided on Presidential Search Committee activities including communication pieces, consultation process and a survey distributed to key stakeholder on opportunities and challenges that face a new president and attributes and characteristics that the successful candidate should possess.
- ✦ The Nominating Committee Report to the Board was received and Mr. Darrin Talbot was appointed to the Board of Governors for a three-year term.
- ✦ The President provided an environmental scan on the external environment and an update on government relations initiatives.
- ✦ Constituency reports were received from the Faculty, Students and Alumnae groups.