



At the November 2016 Board meeting

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Via the Consent Agenda:

- ✦ The minutes from the September Board meeting were approved.
- ✦ An overview of decisions made at the last Senate meeting was received for information.
- ✦ The annual incidence/ prevalence report regarding our University community's compliance with our ethical standards; research ethics, student judicial, code of conduct, fair treatment, was received for information.
- ✦ The annual report on Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion was received for information.
- ✦ The Cash report for Annual Giving, Planned Giving, and Special Events (for the period ended September 30, 2016) was received from University Advancement.
- ✦ Committee reports from the Advancement and External Relations and Finance committees were received for information and/or approval.
- ✦ The University budget planning process for 2017-2018 was approved.
- ✦ The President's 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:

- ✦ Paula Barry, Associate Vice-President Student Experience and Kelly Gallant, Associate Vice-President, Communications, Marketing and Recruitment, presented on and discussed the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) fall enrolment statistics, selected comparator trends, year enrolment to date (summer, fall, winter), and changes in demography and study patterns.
- ✦ Board members were reminded of the various components that underpin their ongoing education and development. They were reminded of the upcoming Board Retreat where they will receive feedback from the recent Governance Audit conducted to ensure that the Mount's governance practices are both effective and efficient. A social activity with members of the University's Senate is also planned.
- ✦ The annual report from the Pension Governance Board (PGB) was received for information. Highlights were provided and education initiatives surrounding the Pension Governance Annual Report, and level of participation were outlined. The report is maintained on the University's external website.

- ✦ The Board Chair outlined the agendas for the Board retreat and the sessions planned around the governance audit and the importance of a successful presidential transition. Board members were encouraged to attend the retreat and the reception with Senate members.
 - ✦ The Board Chair provided highlights from the Fall Convocation where three Honorary Degrees were presented and thanked Board members for their attendance at the Convocation events.
 - ✦ Board members received an overview of meetings held to date with the President and on the evaluation process. An overview of the Presidential Search process and status was provided.
 - ✦ While Advancement and External Relations Committee's Report to the Board was received and/or approved via the Consent Agenda, Board members were shown a short video showing how the 2016 Mount Fund is helping low income students access education at the Mount through the scholarships and bursaries program. Board members were encouraged to participate in the Annual Fund Campaign; it is hoped that 100% participation can be attained regardless of the size of the gift.
 - ✦ The Board approved an amendment to the University's Permanent Collection Policy and Procedures regarding placement of art on campus.
 - ✦ Board members received the financial statements for the period ended September 31, 2016. A slight deficit is expected; financing for the anticipated deficit is expected to involve drawdown of some of the revenue recognized as part of the tuition reset program.
 - ✦ The Board approved an increase in the approval amount for the planning phase of #2 Melody Drive project including the detailed design, construction management, demolition, commissioning, and other related costs.
 - ✦ The Joint Board Senate Liaison Committee Report to the Board was reviewed and discussed.
 - ✦ New Board member, Sister Dorothy Moore, was appointed to the Board through the Nominating Committee.
 - ✦ The President provided an environmental scan on the external environment and an update on government relations initiatives including meetings held in Ottawa in collaboration with Universities Canada to advance work on increasing the number of women in leadership roles in Canadian universities. A video on honorary degree recipient, Hillary Rodham Clinton, was shown; Board members were advised that the video can also be seen on the Mount's website.
- The newly developed Social Responsibility Statement was also reviewed; Board members agreed they should be included among the stakeholders listed. The Board approved statement will now be presented to Senate for final approval.
- ✦ Constituency reports were received from the Faculty, Students and Alumnae groups.
 - ✦ Confidential Business was used to receive and ratify the collective agreement between Mount Saint Vincent University and the Independent Order of Operating Engineers Local 721 (Security).