



Board Meeting Outcomes - April 20, 2023

The meeting began with an Indigenous Land Recognition, and Board members were reminded of their responsibility with regard to confidentiality, conflicts of interest, fiduciary responsibility, and leaving with one voice.

Via the Consent Agenda:

Board members were reminded that the Consent Agenda is used to move routine items that do not require discussion off the Regular Meeting Agenda to allow in-depth discussion on items that need it and to allow for discussion on strategic issues. In order for items to qualify for inclusion on the Board Consent Agenda, backup/reference material for the items must be made available to Board members one week prior to the meeting. In some cases, Board committees will have items on both the Consent (C) and the Meeting (M) Agenda.

Board members who wished to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item and have that item moved from the Consent Agenda to the Meeting Agenda were encouraged to contact the University Governance Secretary before the meeting or by asking that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the motion that the Consent Agenda Items identified be approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors.

Items received and/or approved by the Board through the Consent Agenda at this meeting included:

- An update on the Strategic Plan
 - The minutes from the March 9, 2023, Board meeting were approved.
 - The annual compliance report on the university's compliance with public disclosure (*Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act*) requirements was received.
 - Committee reports were received from
 - **Advancement and External Relations Committee**
 - Cash Report received for information
 - University Relations Report received for information
 - **Audit Committee**
 - Liability and Insurance Report received for information
 - An update was provided on Cybersecurity initiatives
 - **Executive Committee**
 - **Finance Committee**
 - Annual Compliance Certificate for Research for 2022-2023 was received
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Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- The Consent and Meeting Agendas were approved.
- A presentation was received on “Outgoing and Incoming Students’ Union Executive Teams”
- The President’s written Report to the Board, with an update on the reporting mechanism for the Strategic Plan, was received.
- Confidential Business was used to appoint Isabelle Nault to the position of Vice President Administration, and Dr. Lori Francis to the position of Vice President Academic and Provost.
- An update on initiatives held or planned relating to orientation and ongoing education of Board members was provided.
- Decisions and items of interest from recent Senate meeting were provided.
- The 2023-2024 Operating Budget (including a tuition increase, a campus facilities renewal fee, an increase in the athletics and recreation fee) and the Capital Budget were presented, discussed, and approved.
- Monies from the Strategy Implementation Reserve to fund business improvement projects was approved.
- The Board Chair’s Report on activities and updates since the last meeting was received
- Committee reports were received from the:
 - **Campus Planning Committee**
 - An update was provided on the decision to put on hold the Facilities Improvement Program, Phase 2 (Energy project).
 - An update was provided on the Security Consultant Study undertaken in late 2022.
 - **Finance Committee**
 - Covered as part of the presentation on the 2023-2024 budgets.
- Reports were received from the Faculty (oral), Students (oral) and Alumni (written) groups.
- The President spoke to her Goals’ document which had been provided as part of the meeting materials package.
- Confidential Business was used to ratify the collective agreement between the Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 721 (Custodial and Steam Plant). Faculty and student representatives were excused from the meeting during the discussion and ratification of the agreement.