



Board Meeting Outcomes - March 9, 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:

- The minutes from the Board meeting held December 1, 2022 were approved.
- The compliance certificates were approved for the quarter ended September 30 and December 31, 2022. The overall compliance certificate consists of certificates from four Board committees (Campus Planning, Finance, Human Resources and Governance, and Advancement and External Relations).
- Committee reports were received from the
 - **Advancement and External Relations Committee (AERC)**
 - Cash Report
 - University Relations Report
 - University Advancement Report
 - **Advisory Committee on Labour Relations**
 - **Audit Committee**
 - Approved Audit Committee 2022-2023 Macro Agenda
 - **Campus Planning Committee**
 - Reviewed Board policies for which the Committee is responsible.
 - **Executive Committee**

- **Finance Committee**
 - Approved the Endowment Spend rate for the year ended March 31, 2024.
 - **Human Resources and Governance Committee**
 - **Investment Committee**
 - **Joint Board Senate Liaison Committee**
 - 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.
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Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- The Consent and Meeting Agendas were approved.
- An educational presentation was received on "Indigenous Space, Collections and Community Project, MSVU Library"
- President's Report was received on
 - The President provided an environmental scan on internal and external events and initiatives.
 - The President also spoke to the work undertaken by the internal Strategic Enrolment Management Committee (SEMC), in the creation of a Strategic Enrolment Management Plan.
- An update on initiatives held or planned relating to orientation and ongoing education of Board members was provided.
- Senate highlights were provided, including an overview of decisions from recent Senate meeting, typical items the Students' Union bring to Senate, the process for rescinding an Honorary Degree. As well, the issue of food insecurity experienced by students was noted.
- An update on enrolment statistics for the winter term was received.
- The Board Chair's Report on activities and updates was received
- Committee reports were received from the:
 - **Advancement and External Relations**
 - Planned events for the upcoming 150th Celebration were highlighted.
 - **Audit Committee**
 - Additional fees related to a change in auditing standards were approved.
 - Amendments to the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference were approved.
 - **Executive Committee**
 - An overview of the President's evaluation and review process was provided.
 - **Finance Committee**
 - Enrolment and operating fund financial results for the ten months ended January 31, 2023 were reviewed
 - The Capital Financial Statements for the ten months ended January 31, 2023 were reviewed.
 - An update on the 2024 budget development process was provided and discussed.
 - **Human Resources and Governance**
 - A revised Harassment and Discrimination Policy was approved by the Board, including the renaming of the policy to the "Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Policy".

- **Nominating Committee**

- Three Board candidates, M. Power, I. Emesih, and K. Hudson, were approved for appointment to the Board of Governors, effective July 1, 2023.
- Constituency reports were received from the Faculty (oral), Students (oral) and Alumni (written) groups.
- The Board of Governors reappointed Dr. Antony Card as Dean of Education.
- The collective agreement between Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), local 3912 was ratified.