



At the October 6, 2022 Board meeting

At the beginning of each 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. Both Consent and Meeting Agendas were approved. 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:

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 Annual meeting held June 23 and Board Special meeting held August 17, 2022 were approved.
- **Committee reports** were received from:
 - **Advancement and External Relations (AERC)**
 - Cash Report was received for Information
 - University Relations Report was received for Information
 - **Campus Planning**
 - Campus Planning Committee 2022-2023 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.

- **Executive Committee**
- **Human Resources and Governance (HRGC)**
 - Benefit Users Committee Annual Report was received for information
 - HRGC and Board of Governors' 2022-2023 Macro Agendas were approved. As noted above, Macro Agendas divide the workload of the Board and/or Committee evenly over the number of meetings they are required to hold over the course of the year.
- **Investment Committee**
 - 2022-2023 Macro Agenda was approved.
- **Nominating Committee**
 - The revised 2021-2022 Nominating Committee Annual Report was approved.

Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- The Consent and Meeting agendas were approved
- A presentation on the MSVU Grounds was received from Dr. Elizabeth Church, Professor, Education and Dr. Jim Sharpe, Retired Dean, Education.
- A COVID update was received from the President
- President's Report was received on
 - Environmental Scan (Government Relations)
- An update on initiatives held or planned relating to orientation and ongoing education of Board members was provided.
- An update on enrolment and recruitment was received.
- Highlights of recent Senate meeting was provided. Senate highlights are available on the Mount's Senate website.
- The Board Chair's Report was received on:
 - The results of the Board 2021-2022 Board Evaluation.
 - Activities and updates on meetings and sessions the Board Chair participated in since the last Board meeting.
- **Committee reports** were received through the Meeting Agenda from the:
 - **Advancement and External Relations Committee (AERC)**
 - Fundraising goals for the upcoming year were reviewed and approved.
 - A discussion was held on the KCI Benchmarking Report. Recommendations and next steps were considered.
 - **Campus Planning Committee**
 - A project opportunity was discussed, and further investigation was approved.
- **Stakeholder** reports were received from Faculty, Students and Alumnae stakeholder groups.
- **Pension Governance Board:** One (1) Board of Governors representative (Gabe Morrison) s was appointed to the Pension Governance Board on an interim basis.
- **Confidential Business** was used to discuss and approve the Mount's mandate for upcoming collective bargaining.