

Board Meeting Outcomes - May 2, 2024

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 November 30, 2023 were approved.
- Committee reports were received from the following committees:
 - Advancement and External Relations Committee (AERC)
 - Cash Report
 - University Relations Report
 - Audit Committee
 - Review and approve audit fees for the 2023/24 audit
 - Campus Planning Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance
 - Human Resources and Governance Committee
 - Investment Committee
 - Nominating Committee

Via Regular Meeting Agenda:

- Welcomed new student Governors, C. Cameron and D. Goldberg as well as newly appointed OIC Representative, J. Flynn.
- Received a detailed report outlining Strategies for Recruitment and Support for International Students.
- Approved a 2% tuition increase be applied to base tuition fees (applicable to all students), a 16% tuition increase be applied to international differential fees for new international students, and a 4% tuition increase be applied to international differential fees for returning international students.
- Approved the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2024/2025.
- Approved proposed changes to the Board Terms of Reference, as proposed by the HRGC.
- Approved the appointment of Derrick Dempster to the Board of Governors for a two-year term effective May 2, 2024, in fulfilling a current vacancy that expires at the end of the 2025-26 Boardyear, with the appointment being renewable for an additional three-year term.
- Received confirmation of 4 external Committee appointees, to include:
 - Kymberly Franklin to AERC
 - o G. Logan to the Campus Planning Committee
 - Melanie McGrath to the Audit Committee
 - o Vicki Robertson to the Investment Committee
- The Faculty Association recently held a non-confidence vote. Susie Brigham, the President of the Faculty Association, indicated the main goal of which was to request that the Chair of the Board and the senior management team at Mount Saint Vincent University meet with members of the Faculty Association to discuss the most recent strike. The Chair of the Board agreed with such request and committed to organize those meetings.
- Approved the creation of a temporary Committee of the Board to undertake a Governance Review.
- Ratified the Collective Agreement, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, between the Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 721 (Custodial and Steam Plant).