



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 24, 2020 (*Meeting #346*)

MINUTES

Adopted:

In Attendance: Louise Anne Comeau (Chair), Sean Kelly (Vice-Chair), Jacey Byrne, Marco Chiarot, Joanne Hames, Rebecca Hannon, Jim Horwich, Marlene Ivey, Duane Jones, Jamie Loughery, Dean Leland, Alan MacPherson, Maggie Marwah, Sarah McKinnon, Kris Reppas, Dave van de Wetering

Regrets: Gary Edwards

Invited: Ann-Barbara Graff, Vice-President (Academic and Research) and Provost, Linda Hutchison, Associate Vice-President University Relations, James Barmby, Associate Vice-President Government Relations, Leanne Dowe, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Lorette, Director of Human Resources

1. Call to Order Establishment of Quorum

Meeting called to order at approximately 3:00 pm by Chair, Louise Anne Comeau with the establishment of quorum.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

Interim President Sarah McKinnon read into the record the Territorial Acknowledgement, which is an acknowledgement of First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work.

“NSCAD is in Mi’kma’ki on the ancestral and unceded territory on the Mi’kmaq Nation. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.”

The Board was reminded that October is Mi’kmaq History Month.

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Acceptance of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion: To approve the September 24, 2020 Board agenda as presented.

Moved by D. van de Wetering.

5. **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Interim President Sarah McKinnon. Dr. McKinnon is one of Canada's most

The Chair advised there are five (5) Governor-at-Large vacancies to be filled. We are pleased to advise we have been able to fill the vacancies and these potential new governors are detailed in the Nominations Report.

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the Nominations/Governance and Human Resources committees to adopt the 2020 Nominations Report as prepared by the Nominations Committee.

As Chair of the Nominations Committee, Louise Anne Comeau moved this motion.

Moved by Louise Anne Comeau, seconded. Carried

Louise Anne Comeau stated she was grateful for all members of the Board, both new members and those that have decided to remain on the Board during these challenging times. The Chair extended thanks to Sean Kelly and Joanne Hames for all of their work in this area. We have an incredible slate of new members, which broadens our reach and diversity across Canada.

The Chair emphasized the importance of the appointment process being clear and transparent. To that end, and as agreed at the June 22 G&HR meeting, the university will be making a public call for applications for Governors at Large. For the September 2020 appointments we did not have sufficient time for advertising and vetting of applications. The process along with public advertising will be established and implemented for 2020/2021.

12. Q1 Financial Statements

Alan MacPherson provided an overview of the Q1 financial statements stating overall the Q1 statements are good news and better than originally projected. Leanne Dowe, Interim Financial Officer was invited to provide the Board with more detail.

- Summer tuition is projected to exceed budget by \$34k.
- There were fewer classes in total offered this summer & many course material fees were waived for online courses as students provided their own supplies. Once material fees are finalized for fall, we anticipate an adjustment in projected material fee revenue and a corresponding student material expense reduction.
- Operating grant was increased by 1% over the prior year. Received a CRC grant of \$50k and a provincial deferred maintenance grant of \$469k during Q1.
- Extended Studies had to cancel classes for the summer due to COVID 19 restrictions resulting in lost revenue of \$160K (99%) compared to last year. The school store remained open, but revenue was down \$19k (46%) from Q1 last year.
- New online non-credit projected program revenue in fall and winter is anticipated to offset the reduction in summer ancillary revenue. School Store Revenues are expected to increase in the fall so no adjustment is currently projected.
- Departmental revenue is down because students are not on campus.

Variations – Expenses

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15. President's Report

Interim President McKinnon stated she was pleased to be at NSCAD during this unusual time and to take on new challenges and work together to conquer them.

The Interim President reported that we have started the 2020 fall semester with a completely revamped online program and a full complement of students, meeting our post-COVID targets.

In the area of facilities planning, there have been several meetings and discussions on this topic since July 15, and the sense of priority and urgency is understood. Aside from health and safety issues related to COVID19, a facilities plan for submission to Nova Scotia government officials is clearly our top priority.

The Anna Leonowens' Gallery is hosting a series of lectures; all are online via Kaltura and patched through to Facebook Live. We were delighted with the response to the September 15 lecture by Haitian-Canadian actress, director and producer Fabienne Colas. Hosted by NSCAD Alumnus Duane Jones, over 3000 people attended the lecture via Facebook and Kaltura.

NSCAD has also committed to hosting conversations about systemic racial injustice and redress for the NSCAD community over the upcoming year as part of the commitments outlined in both President's Advisory Committee on Anti (m)-.7 (S)1.9 (n)2.2()-2.7R (s)1.7Ir).9 (4.9 (i)10alt)7.9 (u)003 Tw 1.63 -1.217 6

17. In Camera – Excluding Senior Leadership

Motion: By motion of R. Hannon, the September 24, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors moved in camera at approximately 3:57pm.