



**UPEI BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Tuesday, March 13, 2024
Via Zoom
8:00 am**

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Ms. Shannon MacDonald, Chair; Dr. Greg Keefe, President (Interim); Mr. Shreesh Agrawal; Mr. Steve Bellamy; Ms. Karen Creighan; Ms. Lynn Ellsworth; Dr. Gary Evans; Mr. Peter Hayes; Ms. Kristi Kelly; Dr. Christian Lacroix; Mr. Alex MacBeath; Ms. Camille Mady; Ms. Mary Anne McMahon; Dr. William Montelpare; Ms. Pam Montgomery; Ms. Perlene Morrison; Dr. Ajay Sahajpal; Ms. Carolyn Simpson; Mr. Brian Thompson; and Prof. William Waterman
- Regrets:** Ms. Kateri Coade; Dr. Geraldine Johnston; Dr. Sandy MacDonald; Mr. Don MacKenzie; and Ms. Mary Robinson
- Staff Present:** Ms. Sue Connolly, Vice-President People and Culture (Interim)
Ms. Tara Judson, Vice-President, Finance and Administration (Interim)
Mr. Greg Naterer, Vice-President, Academic and Research
Mr. Dana Sanderson, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Pam Trainor, Advisor to the Board of Governors
Ms. Kim Porter, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Governors

1. Call To Order & Welcome

In the interest of time, Vice-Chair, Mr. Alex MacBeath called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

2. Deposit for International Undergraduate Students

President Keefe provided an update on the international student cap that the Federal Government has imposed. UPEI has been allotted 1185 attestation letters from the Province. To ensure that students receiving attestation letters are committed to coming to UPEI, the University would like to increase the application deposit for international undergraduate students to a maximum of \$5,000.

President Keefe noted that he has been in conversation with a number of universities in the Atlantic Region. These universities are increasing their deposit fees to between \$2,500 and

\$8,000. Holland College has decided to increase their deposit to \$5,000. The deposit would be partially (90%) refundable if the student applies for but is unable to obtain a visa, but nonrefundable if the student did not apply for a visa or received a visa but chose not to come to UPEI.

The Board of Governors discussed the situation and the following motion was made:

MOVED by Mr. Steve Bellamy, SECONDED by Mr. Peter Hayes that the UPEI Board of Governors approve the change to the international undergraduate student tuition deposit (including for students at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine) up to a maximum of \$5,000, as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee. Ms. Camille Mady and Mr. Shreesh Agrawal were opposed to the motion. CARRIED.

3. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.