



**UPEI BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Alumni Hall and Via Distance
3:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, UPEI Board of Governors; Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz, President; Hon. Catherine Callbeck, Chancellor; Mr. Brian Affouan; Ms. Mary Best; Dr. Rabin Bissesseur; Mr. Charles Curley; Professor Tim Carroll; Dr. Adam Fenech; Dr. Albert Fogarty; Ms. Kathy Hambly; Ms. Donna Hassard; Ms. Kari Kruse; Dr. Geraldine Johnston; Mr. Ed Lawlor; Mr. Alex MacBeath; Dr. Sandy MacDonald; Ms. Shannon MacDonald; Dr. Stan MacPherson; Dr. James Moran; Ms. Perlene Morrison; Dr. Liane Nelson; Ms. Donna Profit; Mr. Brian Thompson

Regrets: Ms. Bertha Campbell; Mr. Peter Hayes

Staff Present: Ms. Jackie Podger, Vice-President Administration and Finance
Ms. Michelle Arbing, Executive Assistant to the Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm and thanked everyone for participating both in person and via zoom. He welcomed our new Board members: Mr. Charles Curley, Dr. Albert Fogarty, Ms. Donna Hassard, Dr. Stan MacPherson and Ms. Donna Profit.

Mr. Sinnott expressed his gratitude to those Board Members whose terms have completed: Dr. Janice Gillis, Mr. Scott Harper, Mr. Ed Lawlor, Ms. Shauna Sullivan-Curley and Ms. Margo Thompson. Their dedication and contributions are greatly appreciated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) The minutes of January 30, 2020 were circulated in advance of the meeting. Following minor edits, the following motion was proposed:

1) MOVED by Mr. Alex MacBeath, SECONDED by Dr. Geraldine Johnston that the minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as amended. CARRIED.

b) The minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors were circulated in advance of the meeting. There being no errors or omissions, the following motion was proposed:

2) MOVED by Ms. Perlene Morrison, SECONDED by Dr. Geraldine Johnston that the minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved. CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Appointments to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

Mr. Sinnott once again welcomed our new Board members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for three-year terms: Mr. Charles Curley, Dr. Albert Fogarty, Ms. Donna Hassard and Ms. Donna Profit. Mr. Sinnott indicated that notice was also received that Ms. Kathy Hambly and Dr. Geraldine Johnston have been appointed for an additional three-year term.

b) Appointment to the Board, Dr. Stan MacPherson

Mr. Sinnott once again welcomed Dr. Stan MacPherson to the Board and reminded members that this was approved via a recent e-vote.

c) Motion to appoint a Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors

Ms. Shauna Sullivan-Curley's term has ended, resulting in the position of Vice-Chair being vacant. The following motion was proposed:

3) MOVED by Professor Tim Caroll, SECONDED by Dr. Sandy MacDonald that Mr. Alex MacBeath be appointed Vice-Chair of the UPEI Board or Governors as recommended by the Executive Committee. CARRIED

d) Motion to appoint Dr. Stan MacPherson to the Board of Trustees of the UPEI Pension Plan

Mr. Sinnott noted that Mr. Ed Lawlor’s term on the Board of Governors expired May 31, 2020 and that Mr. Lawlor had been the Board representative on the Board of Trustees of the UPEI Pension Plan. With this vacancy, the following motion was proposed:

- 4) MOVED by Professor Tim Carroll, SECONDED by Mr. Charles Curley that Dr. Stan MacPherson be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the UPEI Pension Plan. CARRIED**

e) Committee Chairs and Assignments of Board Members to the Committees

In advance of the meeting, a draft Committee Composition for 2020-2021 was circulated to members. The following motion was proposed:

- 5) MOVED by Mr. Brian Affouan, SECONDED by Mr. Charles Curley that the Committee Composition for 2020-2021 be approved as recommended by the Executive Committee. CARRIED**

f) Schedule of Board and Standing Committee Meetings for the Year 2020-2021

The schedule was circulated to members in advance of today’s meeting, resulting in the following motion:

- 6) MOVED by Ms. Shannon MacDonald, SECONDED by Ms. Perlene Morrison that the the UPEI Board of Governors approve the Schedule of Board and Standing Committee Meetings for the Year 2020-2021 as recommended by the Executive Committee. CARRIED**

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Abd-El-Aziz provided an informative presentation updating Board Members on various details of campus. He reviewed the COVID-19 situation and the response to the pandemic thus far as well as the continued planning that is consistently occurring based on the ever-changing situation. The results of the 2019-2020 Economic Impact Report were highlighted and noted that this will be distributed to Board Members. Updates were provided on the new residence, the Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation as well as the roadway connecting campus to Alumni Hall. The Network Modernization Project was detailed as was the listing programs currently in development/approval stage. International programming noted that the Master in Global Affairs Program is currently suspended due to logistics with the pandemic. Fundraising continues to be strong and successful.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kari Kruse spoke to Board members regarding the COVID-19 situation and in particular student financial assistance. President Abd-El-Aziz confirmed details of funding supports which have been available, noting that further assistance will be available.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.