



**UPEI BOARD OF GOVERNORS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 2019
Alumni Hall
6:00 – 9:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, UPEI Board of Governors; Alaa Abd-El-Aziz, President; Hon. Catherine Callbeck, Chancellor; Ms. Mary Best; Dr. Rabin Bissessur; Mr. James Bradley; Ms. Bertha Campbell; Professor Tim Carroll; Ms. Emma Drake; Ms. Kathy Hambly; Mr. Scott Harper; Mr. Peter Hayes; Ms. Kari Kruse; Dr. Geraldine Johnston; Mr. Ed Lawlor; Mr. Alex MacBeath; Dr. Sandy MacDonald; Ms. Shannon MacDonald; Dr. James Moran; Ms. Perlene Morrison; Dr. Liane Nelson; Ms. Shauna Sullivan Curley; Mr. Brian Thompson; Ms. Margo Thompson;

Regrets: Dr. Adam Fenech; Dr. Janice Gillis

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 6:35 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed Ms. Kari Kruse, who is a new student representative on Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of the UPEI Board of Governors' meeting of October 3, 2019 were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. A minor amendment was required, and then the following motion was proposed:

1) MOVED by Ms. Shannon MacDonald, SECONDED by Ms. Bertha Campbell, that the minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting of the UPEI Board of Governors be approved as amended. CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Pat Sinnott provided an update on vacancies on the UPEI Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan. The following motions were then proposed:

2) MOVED by Mr. Alex MacBeath, SECONDED by Ms. Shannon MacDonald that the UPEI Board of Governors approve the move of Ms. Charlotte McCardle from being a member of the Sponsor Board to becoming a member of the Board of Trustees, UPEI

**Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan effective immediately until December 31, 2020.
CARRIED**

3) MOVED by Mr. Alex MacBeath, SECONDED by Mr. Peter Hayes that the UPEI Board of Governors appoint Ms. Jennifer Mersereau to the Sponsor Board of the UPEI Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan effective immediately until November 22, 2021. CARRIED

4) MOVED by Mr. Alex MacBeath, SECONDED by Dr. Geraldine Johnston that the UPEI Board of Governors appoint Mr. Eric Mansour to the Sponsor Board of the UPEI Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan effective immediately until November 22, 2021. CARRIED

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Abd-El-Aziz informed members that we are at a record number of students, staff and faculty. The RFP for the new residence has closed. Work has commenced on the roadway to the north end of campus. It was noted that the New Year's Levee will celebrate the conclusion of the 50th anniversary events.

5. STUDENT UNION REPORT

Ms. Emma Drake informed members that the Student Union continues to be quite active. They have been involved in such initiatives as the UPEI Open House, Mental Health Mondays, an event at Halloween, and Engineers Without Borders. Ms. Drake gave a shout out to the various clubs on campus. The Student Union leaders continue Provincial advocacy work with the Departments of Education and Social Development and Housing. This past week the Student Union's amended budget was passed and their AGM was this week.

6. SENATE REPORT TO THE BOARD:

Ms. Bertha Campbell reported that Senate met on October 28 and covered the following:

- i. Curriculum Report
- ii. Update on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

7. BOARD COMMITTEES' UPDATES:

a) Finance and Audit Committee: Mr. Alex MacBeath informed members that the Committee met on November 5. Mr. Dana Sanderson attended the meeting and provided a presentation on Project Beacon as well as the Infrastructure Project.

The Finance Committee has several initiatives underway

- i. Review of Synapse
- ii. Enterprise Risk Management report
- iii. Assessment of current auditor process

b) Development, FR and ER Committee: Ms. Kathy Hambly reported on the October 30 committee meeting. In regard to scholarships and awards, the committee held two separate e-votes between meetings and made two approvals during the meeting. The Homecoming Weekend and Donor Picnic functions were a success. Congratulations were extended by Ms. Hambly to the Development and Alumni team and the Marketing and Communications team on their dedication to the success of the many events. The Alumni Speaker Series continues and more information can be found on the UPEI website. A new, free safety app called 'UPEI SAFE'

has been launched.

c) Governance and Appeals Committee: Ms. Shannon MacDonald highlighted the summary of the retreat, which was circulated in advance of the meeting as well as provided today. Each Board member received a copy of *iGen* by Jean M. Twenge PhD, which was recommended reading during the retreat sessions. At the last committee meeting on November 6, ongoing the Student Code of Conduct Policy and the Student Safety Abroad Policy were reviewed.

d) Property and Asset Committee: Ms. Margo Thompson provided an update from the October 29 meeting, which included the new residence, the Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation, the completion of the Alex B. Campbell Tribute, the Cairo campus and the roadway to the north end of the campus. The following motions were then proposed:

5) MOVED by Ms. Margo Thompson, SECONDED by Mr. Tim Carroll that the UPEI Board of Governors approve that management spend up to \$1.2 M to complete the connection between the UPEI campus and Alumni Hall, and to create a third entrance that is important from a safety perspective as per the Campus Plan Update 2019, which was approved by the UPEI Board of Governors. CARRIED

6) MOVED by Ms. Margo Thompson, SECONDED by Ms. Perlene Morrison that management be directed to work with the City and the Charlottetown Police on obtaining an extension of the road to meet with the traffic lights on University Avenue and Enman Crescent and to bring additional cost estimates to the Property and Asset Committee. CARRIED

e) Human Resources Committee:

MEETING MOVED TO IN CAMERA

MEETING RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION

e) Executive Committee: Mr. Sinnott indicated that there were no items to report that have not already been addressed in the committee reports.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.