



**UPEI BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
Tuesday, November 23, 2021  
Alumni Hall and Via Zoom  
6:00 – 9:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, UPEI Board of Governors; Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz, President; Hon. Catherine Callbeck, Chancellor; Mr. Andrew Bartlett; Mr. Akshay Bhaskar; Dr. Rabin Bissessur; Mr. James Bradley; Professor Tim Carroll; Ms. Bertha Campbell; Mr. Charles Curley; Dr. Adam Fenech; Dr. Albert Fogarty; Dr. Geraldine Johnston; Ms. Kathy Hambly; Mr. Peter Hayes; Mr. Alex MacBeath; Ms. Shannon MacDonald; Dr. Stan MacPherson; Dr. James Moran; Ms. Perlene Morrison; Ms. Anagh Muralidharan; Mr. Brian Thompson

**Regrets:** Ms. Donna Hassard; Dr. Sandy MacDonald

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

**Guests Present:** Mr. Murray Murphy, Stewart McKelvey  
Mr. Brian Johnston, Stewart McKelvey  
Ms. Nicole Phillips, Director, Communications and University Relations

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pat Sinnott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending the meeting, in-person and via Zoom.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) The draft minutes of the UPEI Board of Governors' meeting of September 28, 2021 were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. There being no revisions, the following motion was proposed:

**1) MOVED by Mr. Charles Curley, SECONDED by Dr. Geraldine Johnston, that the minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting of the UPEI Board of Governors be approved as presented. CARRIED.**

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**MEETING MOVED TO IN CAMERA**

**MEETING RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION**

*Legal counsel left the meeting.*

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Abd-El-Aziz noted his written report was circulated in advance of today's meeting. He shared that at the last Senate meeting, Senators approved the creation of the Faculty of Indigenous Knowledge, Education, Research and Applied Studies (IKERAS) and the dedication of one Senate seat for an Indigenous Faculty Member. He also noted that an Academic Advisor to Vice-President Academic and Research on Indigenous Affairs has been hired. The following motion was proposed:

- 2) MOTION: MOVED by President Abd-El-Aziz, SECONDED by Dr. Rabin Bissessur that the UPEI Board of Governors support Senate's approval of the establishment of the Faculty of Indigenous Knowledge, Education, Research and Applied Studies (IKERAS). CARRIED.**

Several Board Members, including Ms. Anagha Muralidharan expressed deep appreciation for all of their contributions towards the establishment of the Faculty of Indigenous Knowledge, Education, Research and Applied Studies (IKERAS).

5. **STUDENT UNION REPORT**

Ms. Anagha Muralidharan, shared that she is currently the Interim President of the Student Union. She highlighted some of the Student Union has been doing over the last few months. The Student Union is in the midst of an election and the new President will be known in the next day, the AGM is next week and the process is underway to fill vacancies on Council, Senate, Board etc. The Student Union is thankful that they have been able to safely, in accordance with COVID protocols, have some social events such as a Halloween event, and a concert this coming week. The uptake on the Panther Patrol has tripled this year, the bike co-op is finished for this year and the food bank continues to be quite busy.

Mr. Pat Sinnott expressed his gratitude to the Interim President for her dedication towards our students.

6. **SENATE REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Tim Carroll reported that Senate met on November 19, 2021. At the meeting, Senate endorsed the development of a minor and major in Indigenous Studies and approved the dedication of one Senate seat for an Indigenous Faculty Member; and the creation of the Faculty of Indigenous Knowledge, Education, Research and Applied Studies (IKERAS). The Senate also approved the curriculum for the Doctor of Applied Health commencing in the Summer of 2022; and eleven students who applied to graduate before the next normal course convocation.

The Vice-President Academic and Research provided updates on the delivery of Winter 2022 semester and noted direction from the Chief Public Health Office in doing so.

**7. BOARD COMMITTEES' UPDATES**

- a) Property and Asset Committee:** Mr. Peter Hayes informed Governors that the Committee met on November 3, 2021 and received a comprehensive update from the Vice-President Administration and Finance with respect to the new residence, the Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation and the new Faculty of Medicine building. The Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation is on schedule to open the first week of January.
- b) Finance and Audit Committee:** Mr. Alex MacBeath informed Governors that the Committee met on November 8, 2021 and that in addition to the two items circulated in advance of the Board meeting, the Committee, at its meeting received internal audit updates from Ms. Ouma Cuniah. At the Committee meeting, Ms. Jackie Podger provided an update similar to what was provided to the Property and Asset Committee regarding campus infrastructure projects.

Ms. Jackie Podger and Ms. Tara Judson presented the Endowment and Special Funds Policy to the Committee and this was circulated to Board Members in advance of today's meeting. The following motion was proposed:

- 3) MOVED by Mr. Alex MacBeath, SECONDED by Mr. Jim Bradley that the UPEI Board of Governors approves the Endowment and Special Funds Policy – Investment Policy Statement as presented and as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee. CARRIED.**

Mr. MacBeath indicated that Ms. Jackie Podger also provided the Committee with an overview memo she received from Dr. Greg Keefe, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine which outlines the vision of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and enhanced Radiology area at the Atlantic Veterinary College. This memo was circulated to Board Members in advance of today's meeting. The following motion resulted:

- 4) MOVED by Mr. Alex MacBeath, SECONDED by Dr. Geraldine Johnston, that the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Facility at the Atlantic Veterinary College be approved as presented and as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee. CARRIED.**

- c) Development, Fundraising and External Relations Committee:** Ms. Kathy Hambly indicated that the Committee met on September 8, 2021 and received updates from staff in the Development and Alumni Engagement, Communications and University Relations and the Marketing and Production areas. Ms. Hambly referenced the summary of approved awards circulated in advance of today's meeting.
- d) Governance and Appeals Committee:** Ms. Shannon MacDonald reported that although the Committee did not hold their regular meeting in November, the sub-committee did meet on the topic of student appeals. She indicated that the Committee will be working with the Finance and Audit Committee on risk reporting and will report back to the Board.
- e) Executive Committee:** Mr. Sinnott informed Members of expiring terms on the Sponsor

Board and the Trustee Board of the Pension Plan for the Employees of the University of Prince Edward Island. The following motions resulted:

**i. Sponsor Board**

- 5) **MOVED** by Mr. Alex MacBeath **SECONDED** by Mr. Peter Hayes that the UPEI Board of Governors reappoint Mr. Eric Mansour to the Sponsor Board of the Pension Plan for the Employees of the University of Prince Edward Island for the term November 22, 2021 to December 31, 2023. **CARRIED.**
- 6) **MOVED** by Mr. Charles Curley **SECONDED** by Mr. Brian Thompson that the UPEI Board of Governors reappoint Ms. Jennifer Mersereau to the Sponsor Board of the Pension Plan for the Employees of the University of Prince Edward Island for the term November 22, 2021 to December 31, 2023. **CARRIED.**

**ii. Trustee Board**

- 7) **MOVED** by Mr. Tim Carroll **SECONDED** by Mr. Brian Thompson that the UPEI Board of Governors reappoint Mr. Andrew Bartlett to the Board of Trustees Pension Plan for the Employees of the University of Prince Edward Island for the term November 22, 2021 to December 31, 2024. **CARRIED.**
- 8) **MOVED** by Mr. Tim Carroll **SECONDED** by Mr. Brian Thompson that the UPEI Board of Governors reappoint Mr. Peter Hayes to the Board of Trustees of the Pension Plan for the Employees of the University of Prince Edward Island for the term November 22, 2021 to December 31, 2024 and also reappoint Mr. Peter Hayes as Co-Chair. **CARRIED.**

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**f) Human Resources Committee**

**MEETING RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

President Abd-El-Aziz shared the wonderful news that today, USports named UPEI Women's Basketball team number one in the country.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.