MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (Atlantic)
Via MS Teams

Attendees: Cheryl Hodder (Chair), Gita Anand, Sarah Crawford, Michael Gibbens, Dr. Lisa Dawn Hamilton, Brent Hawks (leaving at 10:56), Paul Henry (Vice-Chair), Zac McIsaac, Dr. Robert MacKinnon, Dale Noseworthy (joining at 10:56), Daniel Nowlan, Martine Savoie, Spencer Scott, Mark Sevestre, Dave Shastri, Brent Spencer, Phil Tibbo, Christina Vroom, Alivia Warr, Andrew Wilson, and Lisa Yarmoshuk.

Guests: Anne Comfort (Vice-President, International and Student Affairs), Robert Inglis (Vice-President, Finance and Administration), Courtney Pringle-Carver (Vice President University Advancement), and Dr. Vicki St. Pierre (Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research), John Gillis (Director of Information Technologies), Heather Bembridge, Brittany Trafford (secretariat support).

Item	Topic	Summary of Discussion	Decision
1.	**Call to Order**	Quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.	
	Territorial Acknowledgement	The Chair acknowledged that Mount Allison is located within the traditional territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded ancestral homelands of the Mi'Kmaq.	
	Approval of the Agenda	The agenda was approved as circulated.	**Motion Carried**
2.	In-Camera Session	An in-camera session was held. The Board passed the following motion: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chair of the Board or Regents with consultation of the Human Resources Committee to enter into negotiations with Dr. Ian Sutherland as the next President and Vice Chancellor of Mount Allison University and to appoint him as President and Chancellor of Mount Allison University subject to successful negotiations.	**Motion Carried**

3.	**Consent Agenda**		
		The Consent agenda was approved.	**Motion Carried**
	a. Minutes of the meetings of 20 October 2023	That the Board of Regents approve the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2023 as presented	Approved by CONSENT
	b. Reports from Board Committees	i. Academic Affairs ii. Audit – Appointment of Auditors iii. Finance and Administration - Results as of 31 Oct 2023 iv. Executive v. Investment vi. Nominating and Governance vii. Property & Facilities viii. Student Affairs ix. University Advancement	
4.	**Issues Agenda**		
	Strategy / planning		
5	Hub for Innovation and Learning (HIL) Project	The Board was given an update on the HIL project. The motion before the Board does not include construction but allows the design of the project to move forward. The Board discussed the HIL Project, including scheduling and funding. There has been a meeting with the Athletic Department with regard to the field house which will be known as a multi-use complex. The critical path involves the two projects, the library and the multi-use complex. An independent consultant is assisting with the scheduling of the project and various elements. Funding is at various stages with some “in the funnel.” The Board discussed the importance of change-management and additional communications to address gaps in understanding. The steering committee includes a communications resource to work collaboratively to plan for community engagement over time. Having discussed the project, on motion by Jeff Paikin and seconded by Paul Henry the following motions were passed:	

		BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents, on the recommendation of Property and Facilities Committee, approve the concept design of the HIL project. **BE IT RESOLVED that** the Board of Regents, on the recommendation of the Property and Facilities Committee, approve completion of all design work of the HIL project up to the tender phase, including work on the interim library, subject to a financial recommendation from the Finance and Administration Committee. **BE IT RESOLVED that** the Board of Regents, on the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, approve spending up to $6 million to complete design work to prepare for the HIL project.	**Motion Carried** **Motion Carried** **Motion Carried**
6.	Use of Unrestricted Fund – ERP Modules	The Board was provided an overview of the need for funding for ERP Modules by John Gillis, Director of IT. Having discussed the update and improvements to ERP, on motion by Dave Shastri and seconded by Christina Vroom, the Board passed the following motion: **BE IT RESOLVED that:** The Board of Regents, on the recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, approves the use of $100,000 of unrestricted funds to support the purchase of modules for the University's ERP.	**Motion Carried**
	Oversight		
7.	Report from the President	The President provided a report to the Board. The Board discussed the IRCC Student Visa Cap, highlighting the following: • This is a key challenge.	

		• The Board asked about the enrolment forecast. This number will need to be set in the coming weeks. The number may be impacted by IRCC's announcement on international students. • The Board discussed the allocation of international students in New Brunswick, the domestic market for students, and the impact of Quebec's announcement on out of province students. • The Board asked about the duties of the Acting Registrar and ensuring all responsibilities are being covered. The Board discussed a letter of concern from a group of students addressed to the Chair of the Executive. • The letter expressed concerns with the Student Affairs department. This is being taken seriously by the Board. • The Board will be considering areas of oversight in relation to the concerns raised. • It was acknowledged that the students have created a dialogue with this letter. The Board was appreciative of the MASU meeting with the students.	
8.	Other Business	No other Business was raised.	
9.	In-camera	An in-camera session was held.	
10.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.	

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