

Board of Governors – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nova Scotia Community College's Board of Governors, held remotely on April 21, 2022 at the Ivany Campus in Dartmouth.

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Howie Doiron (Chair)
Karen Churchill (Vice Chair) (virtually)
Mike Buist
Trevor Capern
Mary Durant
Lee Erickson
Jim King (virtually)
Krista Jangaard
Shawnee LaPorte
Brandi Jean Lind
John Lindsay (virtually)
Diane MacConnell Cameron
Sara Napier
Jackie Poirier
Gerry Post
Quentrel Provo (virtually)
Chief Sidney Peters

Also Present:

Don Bureaux, President
Monica Foster, CFO & VP College Services
Jill Provoe, Acting Vice President, Academic
Lynn Hartwell, Vice President, Campuses & Communities
Christabell Pinchin, Secretary, Board of Governors
Erin Elliott, Executive Assistant to the President

Chris Daly, Director, Planning, Policy & Research
Kathleen Allen, Principal, Ivany Campus
Michelle Bussey, Executive Director, NSCC Foundation

Board Members Regrets:

Jeff Ransome

1. Call to Order

Quorum being present, Howie Doiron, the Chair, called the meeting to order. He reminded Governors there are some members joining virtually and indicated there are microphones on the table to turn on when speaking. He thanked Kevin Cowper for providing technical support. The Chair thanked the Applied Research team for tours of the applied research labs and of COVE. He welcomed Dr. Krista Jangaard and Gerry Post who each took a few minutes to introduce themselves. The Chair also welcomed Kathleen Allen, Principal for Ivany Campus who welcomed Governors and provided a brief overview of Ivany Campus.

The Chair acknowledged that we are in traditional Mi'kmaq unceded territory and ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our relationship is based on a series of Peace and Friendship treaties between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown, dating back to 1725. In Nova Scotia we recognize that we are all Treaty people.

He reminded Governors that we act in the best interest of the College, we demonstrate good judgement and act in an ethical manner, maintain confidentiality and comply with the Board's By-Laws and policies. He noted we encourage diverse conversation but leave with one voice.

2. Affirmation of Absence of Conflict

Governors affirmed the absence of conflict of interest in the business coming before the Board.

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3. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved.

It was moved by John Lindsay / Jim King

That the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda for the April 21, 2022 meeting as presented. (Agenda and Minutes, February 24, 2022)

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

4. Move to In-Camera

<<See In-camera Minutes>>

It was moved by Trevor Capern / Jackie Poirier

That the NSCC Board of Governors Meeting of April 21, 2022 move to In-Camera.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

5. President's Report/Update

A President's Report was included with the meeting materials. Don Bureaux provided a verbal update noted that CIGan is hosting their national conference here in Nova Scotia next week. NSCC is co-hosting with Université Sainte-Anne and it will include upwards of 500 attendees. Convocations are coming up and planning is underway and will be held in person. He encouraged Governors to attend if possible.

6. Committee Updates

Executive Committee:

Foundation Update

John Lindsay provided an update on the Foundation and referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. Building a culture of philanthropy within NSCC remains a crucial ongoing piece of work for the Foundation. John talked about the College and the Foundation being separate entities.

Finance, Audit & Risk Committee:

Jackie Poirier provided an update for the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting. She noted that several items were already reviewed during in-camera. The committee met privately with the internal auditor which is a good governance practice to have that time for conversation. There was an update on the 3rd quarter financial report for the Foundation. The College's insurance coverage was also reviewed. The stat liabilities as of March 31st were reviewed and are up to date and in place.

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Downtown Sydney Campus Update

Monica Foster noted that the Downtown Sydney Campus report was included with the meeting materials and that 85% are locked-in costs. All tendering will be done by the end of the fourth quarter this year. 15% of contingency remains and contingency plans have started. The project is moving along at an excellent pace for opening in 2024.

Lynn Hartwell, Vice President, Campuses and Communities and Carla Arsenault, Principal, Marconi Campus presented. Lynn and Carla talked about the new campus beyond the build, touching on the programming mix and community engagement. Lynn noted that NSCC can act as a 'social infrastructure' by mobilizing knowledge, talent, assets and resources in applied and impactful ways. They stressed that the new campus must be connected to community, business, non-profits and others. It should offer vibrant programming, including non-academic programming that welcomes and supports community. The campus must have spaces that welcome community, including those from equity-seeking communities. They spoke about the internal and external engagement taking place and provided an overview of the programming work underway for the new campus.

Programs Committee Update:

Sara Napier, Chair, of Programs Committee provided an update on the recent Programs Committee meeting. She noted that Kate Snyder, Director, Teaching & Learning presented on Equity-Centered Teaching. Most of the meeting was in-camera for programming changes.

7. Student Governors' Comments

Mary Durant provided an update. She noted that students are on work placements. She commented on the positive feedback about student housing and the locations in proximity to the campuses. She shared some details about her personal experience on clinical and how well respected the NSCC students are. Brandi Jean Durant spoke about the Student Life Appreciation Awards and shared that she proudly received the Loran Foran Award. She indicated that the new Student Association Executive begin in May. She was pleased to share that Peace by Chocolate are participating with the campus to create a grad gift.

8. Other Business

No other business was discussed at this time.

9. Adjourn

The Chair called to adjourn the meeting of April 21, 2022 and move to Governors' Forum.

It was moved by Brandi Jean Lind / Mary Durant

That the NSCC Board of Governors regular meeting of April 21, 2022 adjourn and move to Governors' Forum.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.