

**Cape Breton University
Board of Governors
Public Meeting**

**Friday, December 3, 2021
Following Prologue**

Board of Governors Conference Room – CE339

Mr. Sampson began with the acknowledgement that Cape Breton University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

1 – 5 Opening Information/Discussion

1. Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Robert Sampson (Chair), Ms. Denise Allen (Vice Chair), Mr. David Dingwall (President), Mr. Gordon MacInnis (Treasurer), Dr. Richard MacKinnon (Secretary), Mr. Bill Burke, Ms. Carol Beaton, Ms. Valerie Bobyk, Mr. Simon Chen, Mr. Logan Collins, Ms. Melissa Deane, Mr. Calvin Howley, Mr. Terry Kelly, Mr. Keith MacDonald, Mr. Bernie MacLennan, Mr. Keith Maher, Ms. Tara Milburn, Ms. Amanda Mombourquette, Mr. Jim Mustard, Ms. Mandy Nguyen, Ms. Madlyn O'Brien, Ms. Amanda Mombourquette, Mr. Darryl Poirier, Ms. Dena Richardson, Dr. Scott Rodney, Mr. Michael Sandalis, Ms. Harman Singh, Mr. Steve Wadden, Ms. Ann Sylliboy

Regrets:

Mr. Michael Claener, Dr. Ann Frances D'Intino, Dr. Donnie Holland, Ms. Angela Houston, Mr. Kirk MacRae, Ms. Kate Oland

2 Minutes

2.1 - It was moved by Mr. MacLennan, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to approve the Public minutes of October 22, 2021. **Motion carried.**

3 Business Arising – N/A

4 Reports

4.1 Report of Senate

Dr. Rodney reported that a take note session with the University Registrar, Belinda Whiting, took place with regard revising convocation practices, policies and procedures, and she advocated for changes due to our increased student volumes and staffing complements.

Also, unanimous support was expressed with tasking administration to include faculty in the hiring policies and procedures and providing regular updates to Senate. Dr. Rodney noted this is his last meeting as he begins sabbatical on January 1st and that he looks forward to seeing how all of the important initiatives like the enrollment plan, and hiring, policies and procedures evolve and develop.

4.2 Report of the Students' Union

On behalf of the Student's Union, Ms. O'Brien referred to her circulated report and highlighted the following:

- The Union continues to press the issue of MSI coverage for international students
- Conversations are continuing with regard to the CBUSU's removal from the Canadian Federation of Students
- A successful audit of the CBUSU financial accounts and with that, the Union is investigation ways to support students who will be traveling between the CBU campus and Cineplex.

4.3 Special Announcements, Question – N/A

4.4 President's Report

President Dingwall reported on the following in addition to his circulated report:

- Nova Scotia's Minister of Labor Skills and Immigration and her Deputy Associate visited campus to discuss, among other things, the challenges with regard to immigration the VISA process,
- CBU hosted very successful men's and women's Atlantic University Sport (AUS) soccer championships in November,
- Under the direction of Ms. Sarah Burke, Vice President of Development, approximately \$7,000 was raised during the recent Eagles hockey game and her team raised a \$30,000 for Giving Tuesday,
- As noted by the report from Senate, the Registrar's Office will be executing a deep-dive on the practices and procedures with regard to Convocation with the expectation of changes being suggested,
- Members were reminded to provide names of those CBU could outreach to for the purposes of the fundraising campaign,
- Thanks were offered to the Students' Union for their continued effort with regard to MSI efforts for international students and he encouraged advocacy from all stakeholders,
- CBU and the CBUSU ought to impress, on the Sydney Airport, the importance of the service for, not only the students of CBU, but the entire Cape Breton island community.

Ms. Beaton commended President Dingwall on the announcement of tuition and fees being waived for 20 individuals who are part of the foster care program and for the call of expression of interest for artists on campus program. She also requested that the Board be provided with a progress report on the creative arts strategy, to which the President agreed.

5 Treasurer's Report

5.1 Financial Statements

Mr. MacInnis referred to the Financial Statements circulated with the meeting package and the following key items were highlighted and discussed:

- CBU's cash position remains healthy and is influenced by the pre-payment of tuition fees by international students, pre-payment of the 2021-22 operating grant, and the practice of not segregating cash related to funded reserve and special purpose fund.
- Operations continue to be impacted by COVID-19 regulations with a much higher than normal on-line learning offerings, and additional expenditures due to the winter 2022 enrolment.
- The book value of investments held by CBU for endowment purposes totals \$43.2 million (market value: \$51.5 million).
- The fall 2021 term enrolment has settled at approximately 4400 students.
- Expenditures are materially in line with what would be expected as part of normal business cycle.

6 Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee

Mr. Sampson, reported that the Executive Committee met on December 2nd when the Committee approved the agenda items for the meetings today. All items discussed have been covered by other agenda items.

7 Items Requiring Action \ Decision – N/A

8 New Business – N/A

9 Presentations – N/A

10 Open Session – N/A

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday, March 4, 2022.

12 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Poirier to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am. **Motion carried.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard MacKinnon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Richard MacKinnon, Secretary to the Board