



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Approved Minutes of the Meeting (Open Session) held on
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Videoconference

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cassandra Dorrington (Meeting Chair), Paul Beesley, Scott Brison, Level Chan, Glen Dexter, Jonathon Frontain, Angeline Gillis, Ahsan Habib, Frank Harvey, Kristan Hines, Joyce Hoeven, Shona Kinley, Jay MacIsaac, Merle MacIsaac, Catherine MacPherson, Aparna Mohan, Arvin Ramlakhan, Devarsh Sood, Louise Spiteri, Caroline Zayid

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Anne Campbell, Cheryl Fraser, Murray Lyu, Arvin Ramlakhan

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alice Aiken (VP Research & Innovation), Sheila Blair-Reid (Acting VP Advancement), Kim Brooks (Provost & VP Academic), Matt Hebb (VP Government & Global Relations), John Hope (General Counsel & University Secretary), Gitta Kulczycki (VP Finance & Administration), Cheryl MacDonald (Associate Secretary, Board of Governors), Judith Ng'ethe (Associate Secretary of Senate)

GUESTS:

Adam Robertson (University Registrar and Assistant Vice-President, Enrolment Management), Laurel Munroe (Director of Communications and Public Relations), Matt Proctor (Assistant Vice-President Communications, Marketing and Creative Services), David Westwood (DFA Observer)

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Consent Agenda

All items were adopted by consent.

2.1 Board of Governors Appointments

MOTION 1:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, approve the nomination of Angeline Gillis for recommendation to the Governor in Council for reappointment to the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a three-year term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

MOTION 2:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, approve the appointment of Dr. Angela Siegel as a Senate-appointed faculty representative on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a term from the date of Board approval to June 30, 2024.

AND THAT Dr. Angela Siegel be appointed to the Capital Projects and Facilities Committee for a term to run from the date of Board approval to June 30, 2023.

MOTION 3:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, approve the appointment of Mariam Knakriah as a student Board member on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a one-year term from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

AND THAT Mariam Knakriah be appointed to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for a term to run from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

MOTION 4:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, approve the appointment of Eshan Arora as a student Board member on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a one-year term from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

AND THAT Eshan Arora be appointed to the Capital Projects & Facilities Committee for a term to run from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

MOTION 5:

THAT the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, approve the appointment of Ryan Dee as a student Board member on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a two-year term from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025.

AND THAT Ryan Dee be appointed to the Community Affairs Committee for a term to run from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Approved by CONSENT.

2.2 Matters from Senate

2.2.1 New Research Centre: Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP), Faculty of Medicine

THAT the Board of Governors approve the creation of Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP) as a Dalhousie research centre, as presented.

Approved by CONSENT.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business noted.

4. Chair's Report

C. Dorrington presented the Chair's Report on behalf of C. Fraser. She began her report by congratulating Dalhousie's student athletes, noting the recent success of several teams at national championships.

C. Dorrington noted that the annual Impact Awards gala was held in March and extended her congratulations to the three students who were awarded a Governors' Award: Sowon Suh, Mohamed Nashnoush, and Murray Lyu. She thanked Board members L. Chan, L. Spiteri and J. Frontain for their service on the selection committee.

In closing, C. Dorrington thanked Board members S. Brison, M. Lyu, A. Mohan and J. Frontain for their significant contributions to the Board and Dalhousie during their respective terms; the terms of these members will end prior to the annual general meeting in June.

5. President's Report

F. Harvey expressed his gratitude to the Board of Governors and members of the senior leadership team for their support during his tenure as acting President, and acknowledged K. Brooks, Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic, and S. Blair-Reid, Acting Vice-President Advancement, for their contributions in their respective acting

appointments. He also extended his thanks to retiring Board members S. Brison, J. Frontain, M. Lyu, and A. Mohan for their contributions during their respective terms.

F. Harvey referred members to the report contained within the meeting materials and spoke to both current enrolment numbers and preliminary admissions figures for 2023-24. He noted that while undergraduate applications and admissions offers are down, confirmations continue to see healthy growth, and are a strong predictor for enrolment. Graduate confirmations have also increased relative to the previous cycle. Undergraduate applications, offers and confirmations from international markets are down relative to last year, and F. Harvey reported on multiple systemic pressures that account for the decline in international enrolments from China and India. He spoke to current mitigation strategies which include prioritizing the admission of students and managing offers in programs that have reached capacity to address possible attrition.

Following the report, discussion surrounded federal immigration laws that create barriers for international students to remain in the country following graduation and the work being done at both the provincial and federal levels to address these issues.

6. Dalhousie Student Union President's Report

A. Mohan began her report by expressing her gratitude to Board members and emphasized her positive experience serving as a Board member and as president of the Dalhousie Student Union.

A. Mohan reported on work of the DSU executive this term, which has focussed on addressing gaps within its policies and governance frameworks; these include addressing changes to the management structure of the DSU that were instituted in 2019. A. Mohan spoke to the development of a transition engagement framework that will inform a more cohesive transition for new DSU executive members, and highlighted key advocacy issues including international student support, housing, and accessibility.

7. Items for Information

7.1 Board Standing Committee Reports

C. Dorrington referred members to the reports included in the meeting materials. There were no comments on the reports.

8. In Camera Session

The Board moved to the *in camera* session.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.