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Subject: Board Notes - Highlights of the Board of Governors Meeting held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012

BOARD NOTES

Highlights of the Board of Governors Meeting (Open Session)
Held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012

The Board of Governors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, with Ms. Nancy MacCready-Williams serving as Chair in the absence of Dr. Jim Spatz.

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

Nancy MacCready-Williams, on behalf of the Board Chair, reported on two resolutions approved by the Board Executive Committee in the interval since the last meeting of the Board in November. The first resolution approved an increase in the project budget for the Oceans Excellence Centre Budget, while the second approved the borrowing of money to fund two capital projects - the Mixed Use Facility and the Oceans Excellence Centre.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tom Traves reported on several items, including an update on continuing collaboration with the Nova Scotia government on initiatives mandated by the new three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the province. He noted that the Change Mandate described in the MOU includes reviews of several areas, including the formula for allocation of the provincial grant among universities and tuition-related policies, as well as the development of plans to achieve ongoing cost reductions across the university system. Dr. Traves also reported on a recent meeting with Dalhousie neighbours concerning the future relocation of the Dalhousie arena. The Board expects to hear further updates on these matters later in the spring.

3. DSU PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Saulnier reported on a voter registration drive the DSU has initiated in advance of the fall 2012 municipal election, the DSU elections currently underway and the concerns of students regarding the potential for a strike by Dalhousie faculty. He also noted his support for the implementation of clear procedures regarding student consultation in relation to tuition and fees matters and suggested that, moving forward, it would be useful to begin a review of fees currently assessed to students to ensure that these are continuing to meet the purposes identified when the fees were implemented.

4. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

The Board approved the following items:

- A Tuition and Fee Consultation Procedures document which is intended to set out a clear process for student consultation in relation to tuition and fees approved by the Board, consistent with the Board of Governors Tuition Policy.
- A Naming Policy that provides a framework for granting named recognition with respect to University assets and University-sponsored initiatives or activities. This policy updates the previous University Naming Policy approved by the Board in 2001.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Board received the following items for information and discussion:

- A verbal report from Dr. Carolyn Watters, Vice-President Academic and Provost, on the work of the Budget Advisory Committee and its Report XLVII, Discussion Paper on the Operating Budget Plan for 2012-13. This report lays out the context within which decisions on balancing the 2012-13 budget will be made; the Committee's second report, expected in early March, will make recommendations for addressing the currently anticipated shortfall of \$6.9 million.
- Reports from the following Board standing committees: Academic Affairs and Research, Audit, Executive, Governance and Nominating, Human Resources, Operations and Student Experience.

Submitted by:

Susan Brousseau, University Secretary

Date: February 23, 2012

