

Date: November 23-24, 2023
From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy
Subject: After Meeting Report from November 24, 2023 Board Meeting

The report summarizes discussions, decisions and information presented at the **Board of Governors Meeting for NOSM University** in November 2023. Meeting information and Open Meeting documents/presentations can be found on the website [Board Sessions and Open Meeting](#).

NOSM University respectfully acknowledges that the entirety of the University's wider campus of Northern Ontario is on the homelands of First Nations and Métis Peoples. The University buildings in Thunder Bay and Sudbury are located on the territory of the Anishinabek Nation, specifically Atikameksheng and Wahnapiitae First Nations and Fort William First Nation.

On November 23, 2023, the Board of Governors and invited guests held an orientation day - **Governance Strategies for Leadership and Transparency**. "Governance is a path to organizational effectiveness. Universities are amazing places of discovery and learning. They make huge contributions to Canadian society and are more important than ever. The governance environment is complex." [Cheryl Foy – Strategic Governance](#)

The November 23, 2023, session topics during the day included:

- Interactive Governance Session – Lessons Learned (Susan Soldan, Governance Committee Chair and Sue Lebeau, Governance Committee Vice Chair)
- Cyber Security - Daniel Michaluk, BLG and Steve Kelly, Director, Information Technology and Facilities
- Essentials of Financial Governance (Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee Chair John Stenger, Ray Hunt, VP Administration and COO and Lance Dyll, Associate VP, Finance and Administration.)
- NOSM U MD Program Updates (Dr. Lee Toner, Associate Dean UME and Dr. Jeff Bachiu, UME Administrative Director, Curriculum and Learning Environment)
- No Learner Left Alone – Well-Being at NOSM University (Dr. Sherry Mongeau, Director Learner Support Services)
- Public Statements and Policy – Can we talk? (Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, Associate Dean Equity and Inclusion)

Regular Agenda

A) Minutes of the Meeting –September 20, 2023, were approved as presented.

B) Items for Approval

- Approval of the 2024 Board Committee List ([hyperlined](#)) – **Approved**.
- Approval of Financial Report for the five-month period ending September 30, 2023 – **Approved**

At the closed meeting and subsequently noted in the Open meeting - the Board of Governors approved the formation of a Task Force to develop a policy for NOSM University about the issuance of any public political statements by the institution. This group will include learners alongside NOSM University Board of Governor representatives and will be co-chaired by Sue LeBeau, incoming Board Chair, and Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, Associate Dean, Equity and Inclusion. Updates on the progress, the membership and the Terms of Reference of the Task Force are [shared here](#).

President's Report - Dr. Sarita Verma provided a detailed overview of her latest report [Momentum](#)
Past reports can be found [online \(hyperlinked\)](#)

- [Northern Routes](#)

A Closed Session was held in the morning - to discuss items of a personnel, legal, or real estate nature, and other sensitive or confidential matters, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present.

Other News:

[NOSM University Board of Governors and OPSEU/SEFPO Local 677 \(Unit 1\) Ratify Three-Year Collective Agreement](#)

Blue Ribbon Report (distributed for information) [MCU ensuring-financial-sustainability-for-ontarios-postsecondary-sector-en-2023-11-14.pdf](#)

For Information: Standing Committee Membership [Committee Membership](#)

For Information: Meeting Schedules [Online Meeting Schedule](#)

Next Meeting: February 21, 2024 (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm) –Board of Governors Meeting *a portion of this meeting will be designated closed.

Interested in attending a meeting but not a Governor? – As of June 2023, the University Secretary will send Calendar Invites with specific information to Governors, Official Observers, and the President's Cabinet.

A general invite is in the NOSM U Internal Master Calendar. As a guest you can find information for attending in the general calendar invite, on the [Board of Governors website](#) or by emailing governance@nosm.ca

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All documents are located in the [Board Portal](#) and posted on the [Board Public Webpage](#).

Questions regarding this report or for official documents can be directed to the Gina Kennedy, University Secretary at [governance@nosm.ca](mailto:governance@nosm.ca)

## VISION

Innovative education and research for a healthier North.

## MISSION

To improve the health of Northern Ontarians by being socially accountable in our education and research programs and advocating for health equity.

[The NOSM University Challenge – Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#)