

UNIVERSITY OF KING'S COLLEGE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

The University of King's College Board of Governors met by hybrid meeting (Zoom/Boardroom) on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Present	Regrets
ANDERSON	Ellie	(KSU Representative)	X	
BAGNELL	Alexa	(Co-opted Member)		X
BURTON	Kathryn	(Diocesan Representative)	Zoom	
CLELAND-ZARB	Pascal	(KSU Representative)	Zoom (away 1:30-2:30)	
CLIFT	Dr. Sarah	(Vice-President)	X	
DALY	Brian	(Faculty Representative)	X	
DEANE-LITTLE	Debra	(Chancellor)		X
EDWARDS	The Most Reverend David	(Archbishop of Fredericton)		X
FERGUSON	Rhema	(Diocese of Fredericton and PEI)		X
FERNANDO	Carolle	(Co-opted Member)	X	
FISHER	Bruce	(Treasurer)	X	
FLACK	Graham	(Co-opted Member)		X
FRENCH	Nevin	(Alumni Association Representative)	Zoom (1:08)	
FYFE	The Right Reverend Sandra	(Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)		X
LAHEY	Prof. William	(President and Vice-Chancellor)	X	
L'ESPERANCE	Peter	(Board Secretary)	X	
MacLEAN	Chief Don	(Co-opted Member)		X
MacLENNAN	Dale	(Co-opted Member)	X	
MARTIN	Catherine	(Co-opted Member)	X (1:17 p.m.)	
McGRATH	Stephanie	(Alumni Association President) (Vice-Chair)	X	
MORRIS	Dr. Kathryn	(Faculty Representative)	X	
PATTILLO	Stuart	(Co-opted Member)	Zoom (away 2-3pm) Left at 3:44 p.m.	
RUCK, K.C.	Douglas	(Chair)		X
STEWART	Ian	(Faculty Representative)	X	
TAYLOR	Lisa	(Faculty Representative)	X	
THORNHILL VERMA	Jenn	(Alumni Association Representative)	Zoom (left at 3:00)	
WAUGH	Erica	(KSU Representative)		X
WHYTOCK	Ian	(Alumni Association Representative)	Zoom	
WRIGHT	Hugh	(Diocesan Representative)	X (12:45 p.m.)	

By invitation:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Present	Regrets
ABBOTT	Jane	(Architect, Abbott Brown)	X	
ABBOTT	Adriane	(Advancement Director)	X	
DAVIDSON	Martin	(Architect, Diamond Schmitt)	X	
HAZEL	Pamela	(Manager of Governance and University Ceremonies)	X	
SANDS	Bonnie	(Bursar)	X	
ULKUER	Kutay	(Enrolment and Student Life Officer)	Zoom (left at 2:10 p.m. and returned at 3:00 p.m.)	
WAGSCHAL	Ian	(Director of Facilities)	X	
WILSON	Jeff	(Interim Dean of Students)	Zoom (left at 3:15 p.m.)	

At 12:31 p.m., the Vice-Chair called the meeting to order.

(2025:19) INVOCATION

The Vice-Chair began by offering a land acknowledgment as well as recognizing the contributions of the Black Nova Scotian community. She then invited a moment of reflection and gratitude.

(2025:20) NECROLOGY

The Vice-Chair read the Necrology. She welcomed thoughts and comments from the members. The Vice-President spoke of Cindy Littlefair. The VP is working with Ms. Littlefair's mentor to have her MFA novel published. A moment of silence was observed.

(2025:21) VICE-CHAIR REMARKS

The Vice-Chair recognized the members of the Board whose terms are concluding at the end of June 2025.

Pascal Cleland-Zarb noted that he is also attending his last meeting of the Board as he is taking a year off from his studies.

(2025:22) CONSENT AGENDA

A Consent Agenda addressing the following matters was circulated:

- a) Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2025
- b) Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates for the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Board of Governors
- c) Reports from Officers

- i. President's Report
 - ii. Vice-President
 - iii. Advancement Director
- d) Reports from Committee Chairs
 - i. Advancement
- e) Report of the Alumni Association
- f) Annual Reports
 - i. Accessibility Officer
 - ii. Academic Integrity Officer
 - iii. Equity Officer
 - iv. Information Access and Privacy Officer
 - v. Sexual Health and Safety Officer
 - vi. Video Surveillance and Security

MOTION (L'Esperance/Clift): that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(2025:23) BUSINESS/DECISION ITEMS

a) Southeast Corner Project presentation by Martin Davidson

The President reminded the Board that the initiation of this project was approved by the Board several years ago after it was determined that all other options for creating a new space for journalism (now journalism, writing and publishing), in accordance with the Board approved Campus Plan, were inadequate. At this stage, the request is for endorsement of the conceptual design only, not approval of the full project, on the understanding that any further work would require funding currently not available and that further work would be from this conceptual design unless the Board approves a different approach. Final project approval is likely to be the responsibility of a future Board of Governors during the term of another president.

The Director of Facilities delivered a PowerPoint presentation, beginning with an overview of the King's Capital Plan Approval process. He outlined the various sites considered for the project and explained how the King's Gym site was ultimately selected. He also described the RFQ process that led to the selection of Diamond Schmitt as the project architects.

An initial concept was presented to administration in April 2025 and has since undergone review by multiple campus stakeholders, including the projects' steering committee (which recommended its approval to the president) and a recent meeting of faculty (at which the conceptual design was positively received).

At its June 17, 2025, meeting, the Campus Planning Committee voted unanimously in support of the following motion:

The Campus Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Governors endorse the concept design for the Southeast Corner Project, as proposed by architects Diamond Schmitt and Abbott Brown, on the understanding that if funding is secured for further work on the project, it would proceed from and on the basis of this concept design.

The architects, Martin Davidson and Jane Abbott were introduced, and they proceeded with their presentation.

They summarized the engagement process. Mr. Davidson presented six project objectives:

- Consolidate the School of Journalism, Writing and Publishing
- Renew Athletics
- Expand Residence Opportunities
- Embed Mi'kmaq and ANS representation
- Connect to Dalhousie and a wider community
- History and legacy of the King's campus

They also provided a rationale for recommending a site-specific building agreement with HRM, rather than proceeding through an “as-of-right” development process.

The architects walked the Board through the design process and presented the preferred design scheme and its multifaceted rationale. A copy of the slides used by the architects is attached to these minutes.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened to questions. After a thoughtful Q&A session, the architects were thanked for their work, which was noted to have exceeded expectations.

MOTION (Wright/Taylor): The Board of Governors endorses the concept design for the Southeast Corner Project, as proposed by architects Diamond Schmitt and Abbott Brown, on the understanding that if funding is secured for further work on the project, it would proceed from and on the basis of this concept design.

CARRIED

The Chair of the Campus Planning Committee and the President praised the architects and their team for the amazing work. The President also acknowledged the Director of Facilities for his amazing work of managing the project. The Board gave the architects and Ian a round of applause.

BREAK (1:24 p.m.)

The architects and the Director of Facilities left the meeting and there was a five-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 1:33 pm

a) Enrolment and Resident Occupancy Status

The Chief Enrollment and Student Life Officer (CESLO) presented his report, referencing the enrollment goal introduced in 2024 to secure 240 registrations for the Foundation Year Program (FYP). For the current cycle, 195 FYP deposits have been received, along with 46 Undeclared deposits. The CESLO also noted an overall increase in enrolment from a combination of an increase in undeclared undergraduates, an increase in upper year enrolments and an increase in graduate enrolment.

He noted improvements in several operational areas, including a higher rate of completed application files and the implementation of 10 new tools in Slate, the University's customer relationship management platform. These enhancements have strengthened the team's capacity to manage and complete applicant files more effectively.

Despite these gains, challenges remain, as is the case across the Canadian post-secondary sector. The drop in enrolment by international students is a particularly serious problem facing all universities. The CESLO

team is currently investigating the decline in FYP enrollment, particularly within FYP Science. Surveys are underway to gather insights from prospective students.

Enrollment targets for undeclared students, as well as those for MFA and MJ programs, were successfully met. Looking ahead, the team plans to refine FYP marketing strategies and adjust recruitment efforts accordingly. They are also reviewing financial aid packages to ensure they are competitive and are exploring ways to better communicate these opportunities to students.

The CESLO expressed optimism about the 2026 enrollment cycle.

The floor was then opened to questions.

The Board commended the clarity and quality of the reporting in the CESLO's written submission.

b) Approval of tuition and fees for 2025-26

The Bursar delivered a presentation on student tuition and fees. She began by noting that undergraduate tuition for Nova Scotian students will be frozen for the next two years, in accordance with a directive from the provincial government and that the freeze would be applied to all domestic undergraduate students which is common practice across the sector.

For 2025–26, the University is proposing a 2% tuition increase for the Master of Journalism (MJ) and Master of Fine Arts (MFA) programs.

Regarding international tuition, the Bursar explained the distinction between two models:

Under the tuition guarantee model (which applies to new international undergraduate students), the incoming cohort will see a 6% increase over the amount charged to last year's cohort. This amount will remain flat for up to five years of their program.

Under the non-guaranteed model (which includes graduate students, BJ 1-year students, and international students admitted before 2023), tuition will increase between 6.7% and 6.9% which consists of a 10% increase in the international differential fee and a freeze on general tuition.

She also announced the introduction of a new \$10,000 International Student Mobility Waiver, designed to support eligible international students. This will be applied to all undergraduate international students regardless of year of admission.

All King's incidental student fees will rise by 2%. Regarding Dalhousie-related student fees: the Dalhousie health services fee will increase by 2%, the bus pass fee by 1.5%, while the facility renewal recreation fee and the Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team fee will remain unchanged.

Residence fees, which were increased by 3% annually under a four-year plan approved by the Board in 2022, will remain at that level until the plan concludes in June 2026. Meal plans will see a 3.8% increase for the upcoming year in accordance with the dining services contract.

MOTION (MacLennan/Daly): Be it resolved that the Board of Governors hereby approves the proposed tuition and student fee adjustments for the 2025/26 academic year, as presented.

CARRIED

c) 2025-26 Operating Budget

The Bursar delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the 2025–2026 operating budget.

Originally, a deficit of \$1.7 million had been projected for 2025/26 at this time last year; that figure was improved by more than \$900,000 for a projected deficit as of the March Board meeting of \$750,000. Since then, the financial outlook worsened due to several unexpected factors including a 5% increase in the Dalhousie bill for 2024/25 (which impacts 2025/26), lower enrolment in the Foundation Year Program (FYP), a provincial undergraduate tuition freeze.

These factors negatively impacted the budget by \$900,000. Fortunately, the budget process was able to identify and implement \$900,000 in further expenditure reductions, to offset this impact. Nonetheless, the deficit remains at \$750,000, and further corrective action is needed to ensure the deficit does not exceed \$750,000. Projections indicate ongoing deficits through the 2028/29 fiscal year.

A discussion followed regarding the 7% increase in the Dalhousie bill for 2024/25 and its impact on the budget.

To address the financial challenges ahead, the Bursar concluded the presentation with a list of proposed measures for the coming year:

1. An additional \$250,000 reduction in overall spending with the addition of a \$100,000 fund for departments and programs to access in the event pressing needs arise, for a net reduction of \$150,000
2. Engagement of a cost consultant
3. Formation of a financial sustainability committee
4. Implementation of a hiring freeze and review process
5. Strict oversight of department and program budgets
6. A potential salary freeze

There was discussion on the potential provincial holdbacks if King's misses the performance outcomes, such as percentage of spaces in residence that are filled by a specified date.

MOTION (MacLennan/Taylor): Be it resolved that the Board of Governors hereby approves the University of King's College operating budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year as presented. The President shall not exceed an operating cash deficit of \$750,000 without prior board approval. To ensure that the deficit does not exceed \$750,000, the Board mandates an additional overall spending reduction of \$250,000. Furthermore, a \$100,000 contingency shall be set aside from any reduction to address pressing needs within the administrative department and academic program budgets.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Governors hereby authorizes the use of the internally restricted funds to finance the operating cash deficit, up to but not exceeding \$750,000, as outlined in the proposed budget.

The President noted that this motion is unique for King's, as it places a firm cap on the allowable deficit. The administration is not permitted to exceed a \$750,000 deficit. If it appears through the forecasting process that this threshold may be surpassed, the administration must return to the Board to seek further direction and take measures to reduce projected spending above the \$750,000 deficit level until it receives that direction. He also noted that this budget approval motion is different in directing there be a further net reduction if projected expenditure of \$150,000.

CARRIED

d) Resolutions on University's Financial Situation

i. FAR Resolution requesting report on potential salary freeze

The Treasurer introduced the motion, which originated from the Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee. The motion requests a report from the President outlining the possibility of a salary freeze, the process involved, and any additional options or considerations the President wishes to explore. Under this motion, no salary increases would proceed without prior Board approval, except for contractual obligations (e.g., union agreements).

Concerns were raised regarding wage parity with Dalhousie, as well as the impact on faculty and staff at the lower end of the pay scale.

The President acknowledged the validity of these concerns and referred to the memo he sent to faculty and staff the previous week. He emphasized that if the motion were approved, he would not be presenting a simple financial report. Instead, he would also address the broader considerations such as wage parity, the needs of lower-income staff, staff retention, equity, and the overall financial health of the institution. He clarified that he would not be making a specific recommendation but rather would provide a summary of relevant information for the Board to review and use in making its decision.

Resolution 1

MOTION (Fisher/MacLennan): Be it resolved that the Board of Governors hereby directs the President to prepare a report on a potential salary freeze (cost-of-living and other increases, step increases or both) no later than October 1, 2025 that specifies:

- **Its cost and implications for the current and future years;**
- **Its duration (2025/26 and/or future years), including which circumstances would cause a freeze to continue or end;**
- **The process to approve future salary increases and/or freezes, including the role of the Board; and,**
- **Any other options and/or considerations the President considers to be appropriate.**
- **The Board further directs the President not to authorize any salary increases, that are otherwise not confirmed, until such time as the Board receives the report and has provided further direction.**

After considerable discussion, Pascal Cleland-Zarb asked the motion to be amended to remove the salary freeze.

The Treasurer declined to accept this change to the motion as a friendly motion. Mr. Cleland-Zarb moved the following amendment:

MOTION (Cleland-Zarb/Andersen): Request to amend Resolution 1 to remove the salary freeze from the motion.

Vote Called: In favour – 3; opposed – 11; Abstentions - 1

Amendment failed.

Voted Taken on the original Motion.

Vote Called: In favour – 13; opposed – 0; Abstentions – 2

Original Motion CARRIED

ii. FAR Resolution requesting report on potential funding

The Treasurer spoke to the resolution regarding the exploration of additional sources of operating funds. The Executive Committee amended the motion to include a deadline for the report, and this amendment was incorporated into the final motion.

The former Treasurer reminded the Board of the multi-year financial strategy presented a few years ago (refer to page 159 of the meeting package). That strategy included components such as the Investment Committee, reserves, and fundraising. She noted that the core issue lies in a revenue gap, something that was already anticipated in the broader financial plan. The Director of Advancement expressed her support for this work, and the Chair of Advancement also welcomed and fully endorsed the initiative.

Resolution 2

MOTION (Fisher/Daly): Be it resolved that the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee recommends that the Board of Governors hereby directs the President to prepare a report no later than October 1, 2025 on fundraising that identifies a strategy and an action plan to achieve at least an additional \$2 million in unrestricted fundraising proceeds (net of any required resources) that specifies:

- **A potential strategy and business case, including the risks and potential for success;**
- **The resources required and any potential funding source(s);**
- **Potential timeframes and targets;**
- **The roles of the Board and the Advancement Committee; and,**
- **Any other options and/or considerations the President considers to be appropriate.**

CARRIED

e) Mental Health Strategy

The Acting Dean of Students delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the newly developed Campus Mental Health Strategy, which was included in the meeting materials. The strategy has received approval from both the senior administration and the King's Students' Union Executive.

This initiative represents the culmination of a year-long collaborative process led by a committee composed of students, staff, and faculty, with students comprising the majority (50% +1). The strategy is deeply student-centered in its approach.

Key Components of the Strategy:

- Alignment with the standards and principles of the National Standard for Mental Health and Well-being for Post-Secondary Students, the Okanagan Charter, and the Scarborough Charter
- A clear statement of our guiding values
- Comparative statistics between King's and the rest of Canada
- Six strategic focus areas
- Government reporting requirements and a data collection plan

Next Steps:

- Implement the strategy, including a detailed communication plan
- Further develop the six strategic focus areas, including the promotion of existing services at both King's and Dalhousie
- Collect data and report as needed
- Address staff and faculty readiness to support student mental health through training and evaluation

MOTION (Lahey/Martin): That the Mental Health Strategy be approved.

CARRIED

f) Undergraduate Journalism Curriculum Proposal

The Vice-President referenced the curriculum changes in the School of Journalism as presented, describing it as a full "reboot" of the program. There was a strong sense of pride and optimism expressed about what this transformation means for the future of the J-School and for upcoming generations of journalism students at King's. The curriculum changes have been formally approved through the Planning and Priorities Committee and Faculty.

Special recognition was given to the Director of the School of Journalism, Fred Vallance-Jones, as well as Board members Brian Daly and Lisa Taylor, for their leadership and contributions to this important renewal.

MOTION (Clift/Daly): That the Board of Governors approve the submission of the Undergraduate Journalism Curriculum Proposal to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) for "Major Modification" approval and recommendations.

CARRIED

g) 2024-25 Financial Statements

The Bursar delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the financial statements, noting that the audit was clean and we would be receiving an unqualified audit opinion.

She reported an internal operating cash deficit of \$949,000 and provided an explanation of the reconciliation of the internal operating cash deficit to the deficit reflected in the audited financial statements.

The Bursar also highlighted a prior period correction regarding an accounting issue dating back to 2012. While this correction does not affect revenue or expenses, it involves a reclassification between two balance sheet funds: the Capital Fund and the Unrestricted Operating Fund. Specifically, \$11.6 million, which had previously been recorded in the Unrestricted Operating Fund, should have been allocated to the Capital Fund. This correction has now been completed and formally acknowledged by the auditors.

i. Audited financial statements 2024-25 and management discussion & analysis.

MOTION (Fisher/Clift): Be it resolved that the Board of Governors hereby approves the audited financial statements of the University of King's College for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

CARRIED

BREAK: At 3:30 p.m. the meeting took a 5-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 3:35 p.m.

ii. Accountability framework for investing internally restricted funds.

h) Update to the Pink Book re Changing Home Program Status

MOTION (Clift/ Taylor): That the Board of Governors approve the more formalized process of changing home program status, found in Pink Book Appendix 5 & Appendix 7 as circulated.

i) Update to the Green Book re Journalism Curriculum Changes

MOTION (Clift/ Taylor): That the Board of Governors approve the changes to the administrative structure of the Journalism programs outlined in the relevant sections of the Green Book as circulated.

MOTIONS CARRIED

(2025:24) PRESIDENT’S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION (Lahey/Clift): that the Board approve the appointments and reappointments as set out in the President’s Personnel Recommendations.

CARRIED.

**(2025:25) GOVERNANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS AND CHAIR’S REPORT**

The Chair of the Governance, Human Resources and Nominating Committee presented the annual motion from the Committee

MOTION (L’Esperance/ MacLennan): Be it resolved that:

1. Officers

Bruce Fisher is reappointed as Treasurer until the next Annual Meeting of the Board;

Stephanie McGrath is reappointed as a Co-opted member of the Board and Chair of the Board until the next Annual Meeting of the Board; and

Peter L’Esperance is reappointed as Secretary of the Board and of the Executive Committee and confirmed as Chair of the Governance, Human Resources and Nominating Committee until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

2. Other Matters

a) Appointment of Auditors of the University

KPMG LLP are appointed as auditors to the University until the next Annual Meeting of the Board.

b) Confirmation of Committees of the Board and Membership (where required)

Until the next Annual Meeting of the Board, the following Committees are confirmed and as applicable, membership of that committee is hereby confirmed as presented:

- *Advancement (Chair Kathryn Burton and committee);*
- *Board of Appeal and Discipline (committee);*
- *Campus Planning (Chair Hugh Wright, committee and membership);*
- *Equity (committee)*
- *Executive (committee and membership);*
- *Finance, Audit and Risk (committee and membership);*
- *Governance, Human Resources and Nominating (committee);*
- *Honorary Degrees (committee); and*
- *Investment (committee)*

University of King's College Membership for Committees of the Board of Governors to be approved by Annual Resolution 2025-2026

Campus Planning Committee

Chair of the Committee (not BOG Chair)	Hugh Wright (Chair)
Faculty Rep (not necessarily from BOG)	Fred Vallance-Jones (2025 – 2026)
Student Rep (not necessarily from BOG)	Anna Carsley-Jones
BOG Member	Vacant
Other with Expertise	Aubrey Palmeter (2020 -current)
Other with Expertise	George Cotaras (2023 – current)
Other with Expertise	Heidi Leslie
Other with Expertise	Andy Lynch
Chair of the BOG (ex officio; does not count for quorum)	Stephanie McGrath
Non-Voting	
Chair of P G & S (ex officio - non-voting)	Ian Wagschal
Director of Advancement (non-voting)	Adriane Abbott
President (non-voting)	Bill Lahey
VP (non-voting)	Tim Currie
Dean of Students (non-voting)	Jeff Wilson
Bursar (non-voting)	Bonnie Sands

Accessibility Officer (ex officio non-voting)	Michelle Mahoney
Staff Support (non-voting)	Allison Roswell

Executive Committee

BOG Chair (Chair of Executive Committee)	Stephanie McGrath
BOG Vice-Chair	Vacant
President	Bill Lahey
Vice-President	Tim Currie
BOG Treasurer	Bruce Fisher
BOG Secretary	Peter L'Esperance
President of Alumni Association	TBD
President of the Students' Union	Ellie Anderson
Diocesan Representative	Hugh Wright
Faculty Representative	Lisa Taylor
Other BOG members	Kathryn Burton
Other BOG members	Vacant
Non-Voting	
Director of Advancement (non-voting)	Adriane Abbott
Bursar (non-voting)	Bonnie Sands
Chief Enrolment Officer (non-voting)	Kutay Ulkuer
Dean of Students (non-voting)	Jeff Wilson

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Treasurer (Chair)	Bruce Fisher (Chair)
Other BOG Member	Ian Whytock
Other BOG Member	Hugh Wright
Student (normally BOG Member)	Olivia Chaput
Faculty (normally BOG Member)	Fred Vallance-Jones (25 - 26)
Other with Expertise	Maria Medioli (2023 – current)
Other with Expertise	Dale MacLennan

Board Chair (ex officio - Voting)	Stephanie McGrath
Non-Voting	
President (non-voting)	Bill Lahey
Bursar (non-voting)	Bonnie Sands
Controller (non-voting)	Aaron Sullivan
Vice-President (non-voting)	Tim Currie
Staff Support (non-voting)	Tami Kendell

MOTION CARRIED

(2025:26) INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Investment Committee referred to the report and the letter from the Investment Committee to the President which has been distributed to the Board which addresses the challenges of divesting holdings that are inconsistent with the Responsible Investing provisions of the Board approved Investment Policy. He noted that the funds are not invested in individual companies but in pooled investment funds. He took questions on the issue.

The President advised that he would communicate the Investment Committee's letter to the community with a covering letter of his own.

It was clarified that the Investment Committee does not directly manage the investments but is responsible for ensuring that the investment manager does so appropriately.

(2025:27) ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Advancement Committee provided an update on the Advancement Committee's recent work, noting ongoing efforts to strengthen the fundraising infrastructure. She reported that the Annual Fund campaign had achieved 96% Board participation and expressed deep gratitude to all who contributed.

She reviewed the funds raised, as outlined in the distributed report, and encouraged Board members to contact the committee with any donor leads or if they would like a committee member to speak with potential supporters.

The Director of Advancement reiterated her enthusiasm for the upcoming work this summer related to the additional fundraising initiative.

(2025:28) UPDATEES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were none

(2025:29) KSU UPDATE

The President of the KSU referred to her written report included in the meeting package. She shared that planning is underway for Orientation Week and noted ongoing efforts to build external relationships,

including engagement with the Minister of Advanced Education to advocate for increased funding and support for universities.

She also highlighted key student concerns, such as affordable housing and opposition to Bill 12.

The most significant update was that, following a vote at the KSU Annual General Meeting, students chose to change their health care provider. The new provider will be Campus Trust.

(2025:30) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

He referred to his written report and then indicated that he would be yielding his time to the Vice-President whose term is concluding in a few days. He took a moment to acknowledge the wonderful reception held in honor of Sarah Clift the previous evening, with her family in attendance.

He praised her instrumental role in many significant initiatives, both academic and beyond, that are vital to the university's future. He highlighted her profound contributions to the health and well-being of the community and recognized her as a fierce and highly effective advocate for the university's academic mission.

(2025:31) VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Vice President referred to her written report and acknowledged that it is her last meeting of the Board of Governors as Vice-President. She expressed her gratitude to the Board for their support as she learned the ropes of the role. She offered special thanks to the President, from whom she has learned a great deal over the past four years.

She shared that she is looking forward to returning to the classroom, emphasizing that all the Board's work ultimately centers on students and their experiences in the classroom. She described it as a privilege to serve on the Board of Governors alongside individuals who share that common purpose and expressed her excitement about rejoining her faculty colleagues on the front lines of teaching.

(2025:32) UPDATES FROM OFFICERS

There were none.

(2025:33) OTHER BUSINESS

Catherine Martin shared the sad news of the sudden passing of Tammy Williams, who worked closely with the Friendship Centre and made significant contributions to education and to students. She asked everyone to keep Tammy and her family in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

(2025:34) *IN CAMERA*

The meeting moved to an *in camera* discussion at 3:47 p.m.

MOTION (McGrath/Stewart): that the Board of Governors enters an in-camera discussion. CARRIED.

The meeting moved out of *in camera* at 4:15 p.m.

MOTION (McGrath/Stewart): that the Board of Governors move out of the in-camera discussion. CARRIED.

(2025:35) PRESIDENTIAL TERM EXTENSION

MOTION: (McGrath/Martin) The Board of Governors of the University of King's College hereby authorizes and endorses provisionally extending the term of President William Lahey for up to one year, effective immediately, or until such time as his successor assumes office, whichever occurs first;

Be it further resolved that this measure shall ensure continuity of leadership and institutional stability while the Presidential Search Committee completes its work; and

Be it further resolved, that the Chair of the Board of Governors, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors, be authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver an amendment to the employment agreement of President William Lahey provisionally extending the term of employment for an additional one-year period up to July 1, 2027, or until such time as his successor assumes office, whichever occurs first.

CARRIED

(2025:36) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Wright/McGrath) To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McGrath

Peter L'Esperance