

## **Board Briefs**

*From the meeting of January 15, 2015*

There was great progress on several fronts at the meeting of January 15, as governors completed one long term project and began a new one. The new governance structure was also tested, and has proved to make the Board of Governors more efficient and productive. Here are some highlights:

### **No Risky Business**

The Enterprise Risk Management project was rolled out, promising to identify and streamline risk oversight for the University. This effort by all stakeholders will allow NSCAD to confidently move forward with future plans. Meetings will take place throughout the winter term, and the plan is expected to be initiated this summer.

### **In Committee**

It's been just over a year since the Board of Governors restructured their committees, allowing smaller groups to focus on the research and delving necessary to make good decisions, which in turn allows the Board to consider items with all the information necessary. This framework has been working well, and was exercised when the governors sent the proposed revisions of the Constitution for Academic Council down to the Governance and Human Resource committee for review. A decision on this document has been deferred to the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.

### **Framing the Future**

The ad hoc Strategic Planning committee was very pleased to present the fruits of their labour to the governors. Their six-page foundation document outlines the direction and focus of the University until 2020, including bold Mission and Vision statements. Understanding that a comprehensive implementation plan is being constructed through the president's office, the governors unanimously elected to adopt this document as the Strategic Framework. The ad hoc committee having now completed its mandate, the governors offered their thanks and congratulations with a round of applause, and the committee was dissolved.

### **Recognition of Service**

The governors made a motion of thanks to Dr. Kenn Honeychurch, Provost and Vice President Academic and Research, for his longstanding professionalism and dedication to NSCAD University. They offered congratulations on his retirement (as of January 31, 2015) and best wishes for his future endeavours. The governors applauded Dr. Honeychurch as the motion carried.

The next meeting of the NSCAD Board of Governors is scheduled for March 26, 2015.