

Board Briefs

From the Board of Governors Meeting of November 24th, 2016

Remembering the Late Dr. Daniel O'Brien, C.M., O.N.B.

Board Secretary, Kim Knoll read into the record a Statement by The Honourable Wilfred P. Moore. The Statement was delivered to Senate on November 16, 2016 and becomes part of the official record of Canada. In addition to the many accomplishments and accolades in the Statement, the following was expressed regarding his involvement at NSCAD:

He was President of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University in Halifax from 2012-2014, guiding it through a challenging financial period and developing its "Framework for Stability" document. Upon Dan's passing, Grant Machum, Immediate Past Chair of NSCAD's Board of Governors, said of him:

"He is the reason that NSCAD remains an independent fine arts university with a worldwide reputation".

In delivering the President's report, President Taylor-Gearing imparted these words to the Board of Governors:

"I am thankful for the dedicated service of Dr. Daniel W. O'Brien for leading NSCAD University from 2012-2014. I was proud and humbled to represent NSCAD at Dan's Funeral Mass on November 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Basilica together with Immediate Past Chair Grant Machum. On behalf of NSCAD University community we send sincere condolences to Dan's wife Valerie and sons Professor Peter and Father Craig."

Alumni Report

The NSCAD Board of Governors received its first report from the Alumni Association. The President of the Alumni Association, Siobhan Cleary submitted the report. A report from the Alumni Association will become a standing agenda item for the Board.

Respect, Pride, Collegiality and Trust

The President reflected upon NSCAD's values of Respect, Pride, Collegiality and Trust being mindful of our collective commitment to being a welcoming inclusive and diverse community.

Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA)

In March 2016, the Board approved the engagement of Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA) to conduct an admissions review, market research and analysis for NSCAD University. The work has been completed and a final report received.

The President introduced Alex Usher who is the President of Higher Education Strategy Associates and Editor-in-Chief of Global Higher Education Strategy Monitor. Mr. Usher is an internationally recognized expert in student financial aid and quality measurement in post-secondary education.

Mr. Usher presented on the HESA report commissioned by NSCAD to look at long-term enrolment trends and provide recommendations specifically in a NSCAD context. Mr. Usher's presentation was entitled "The Path Forwards" confirming a very positive outlook for NSCAD's future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NSCAD Board of Governors is scheduled for **February 16, 2017**.

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