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CNC Board of Governors hold regular meeting

PRINCE GEORGE – The College of New Caledonia's (CNC) Board of Governors held its last regular meeting of 2019 at CNC's Prince George campus on Dec. 6, 2019.

At the meeting, CNC's Board of Governors approved a two per cent domestic tuition and mandatory fees increase for the 2020/2021 academic year.

A report from the provincial government, found at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/post-secondary-education/data-research/cost-of-post-secondary-education, shows a two per cent annual increase for domestic tuition is standard for colleges in British Columbia.

CNC's Board of Governors also approved a three per cent increase to international tuition and mandatory fees for the 2020/2021 academic year. CNC has not increased international tuition fees since August 2016.

"Tuition fee increases are a direct response to continued cost pressures and are necessary to cover fixed costs," said Tara Szerencsi, CNC Vice President Finance and Corporate Services. "CNC is mindful of costs for students with tuition fees that remain among the lowest in the province."

The Board also approved a motion directing revenues generated from both the domestic and international tuition increases be noted in the 2020/21 budget and invested directly into services supporting students.

CNC's current five-year strategic plan is scheduled to complete in 2020. The Board has approved plans for CNC President Dr. Dennis Johnson to lead the planning and development of a new five-year strategic plan starting in the new year.

"The development of a new strategic plan will include broad research and stakeholder consultation to ensure the priorities of CNC reflect the changing realities of the region," Johnson said. "We are committed to sharing more information about the development of the plan as the process unfolds."

CNC's Board of Governors also announced two new student representatives who joined the Board in November. Kyndra Farrell and Navjot Singh Brar were elected by students to represent the CNC student body on the Board and will serve a one-year term.

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