



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING – PUBLIC

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Online

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Scott Thon, Chair
Ross, David
Annesley, Janet
Bailey, Cameron
Barry, Stephen
Billington, Susan
Erickson, David
Hodgins, Cameron
Fleming, Tonya
May, Peter
Morstad, Ryan
Murphy, Lara
Park, Melinda
Raju, Rigel
Tetzlaff, Reynold

Resource:

Daykin, Roy, CFO & VP, Corporate Services
Donaldson, Brad, VP Academic
Magotiaux, Heather, VP, External Relations
Tom Bornhorst, VP, Corp Development & Applied Research
Ruptash, Tracy, EA to the Board of Governors

Guests:

PRELIMINARIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed as presented.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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Moved: L. Murphy
Seconded: M. Keshavjee
CARRIED BGP210317-01

REPORTS

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair provided a verbal update.

The Chair commented that meetings with the Board Chair and Minister, Advanced Education continue with a primary focus on the provincial budget and the Alberta 2030 Report.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report received.

The President and CEO provided comments on the provincial budget and the impacts to the institution. The Board were advised that the Alberta 2030 is anticipated to be presented to Cabinet in the next couple of days, more information on the report is expected in the coming months.

It was noted that for the 10th straight years SAIT has been recognized as one of the top employers of Alberta. In addition, the School of Hospitality and Tourism has moved into the top 20 ranked culinary school and number 1 in Canada by the QS World University Rankings. SAIT is the only school in Canada recognized in these ranks.

The recent Infosys announcement has provided the institution additional avenues and access to industry as it continues to build on existing relationships.

The President and CEO took the opportunity to recognize Student representatives to the Board Rigel Raju and Ryan Morstad for their services.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report received.

The Saitsa President advised that the Students' Association is moving forward with a restructure of its governance moving model. It was noted that the Saitsa representatives to the Board of Governors will be elected by its own governing body.

Two new innovative programs have been implemented since the last report to encourage entrepreneurship. Government advocacy continues as Saitsa collaborates with the government on student initiatives. Saitsa is also collaborating with the Vice President, Academic regarding online proctoring.

NEW BUSINESS

8. ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Vice President, Academic, Brad Donaldson provided a summary of activities at Academic Council. Council continues to review and move forward new programming for Board approval. The four initiatives laid out by Academic Council in November are concluding. Council will receive the presentations in May, a summary of findings will be provided the Board of Governors.

The Vice President, Academic Council provided an insight into the student survey. Academic Council is reviewing opportunities to address the value the survey brings, improve the participation rate and promote the initiative through the program and academic chairs.

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Minutes October - December 2020 and January 2021 were received.

NEXT MEETING

The next public meeting of the Board of Governors – November 25, 2021 Online

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.