



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING – PUBLIC

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 25, 2021
Online

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Scott Thon, Chair
Ross, David
Annesley, Janet
Bailey, Cameron
Barry, Stephen
Billington, Susan
Erickson, David
Fleming, Tonya (*Regrets*)
Hunter, Liam
Karns, Matt
Keshavjee, Mo
May, Peter
Murphy, Lara
Park, Melinda
Tetzlaff, Reynold
Thomas, Dawson

Resource:

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

Guests:

Adrienne Jones, Instructor, MacPhail School of Energy
David Zajdlik, Director, Safety and Community Services

PRELIMINARIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 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: J. Annesley
CARRIED BGP211125-01

REPORTS

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair provided a verbal update.

The Chair acknowledged managements change in leadership and welcomed Tom Bornhorst in the role as Acting Vice President, Academic and Mark Butler as Acting Vice President, Corporate Development, Applied Research and International. The Chair further acknowledged Janet Annesley's appointment to serve a second term on the Board of Governors starting December 2021.

The Chair advised the Board that a new Deputy Minister, Lori Pillipow has been appointed to Advanced Education.

The Minister, Advanced Education met with Board Chairs and Presidents to provide a summary of Bill 74 and the changes to the Post-secondary Learning Act. Highlights of the changes include: Updates to the preamble to reflect changes to the post-secondary system principles, authorizes the Minister to establish an Advisory Council, the council will be responsible for advising the minister on strategic goals and direction for post-secondary institutions and, metrics for measuring performance. A decrease in categories for post-secondary institutions from six to two (Universities and Polytechnics & Colleges) and, revising the term limits set out for board appointments.

The Chair advised the Board of two outstanding items for members completion. Vaccine verification as part of the restricted exemption program to be uploaded into the SAIT Alert application and completion of the board evaluation survey.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report received.

The President and CEO provided comments on the implementation of the restricted exemption program and appealed the efforts of all employees and staff involved in the implementing the program.

The President and CEO reported a continuing change in government for Advanced Education with a new deputy minister and chief of staff. The President and CEO advised that meetings with the deputy minister have concluded with positive outcomes.

Investment Management Agreements are under development, this is the second year of consultation with the government. There are initially five KPI's under review however, details and benchmarks are uncertain at the time of the report. It is anticipated that the agreements will be in place for the next fiscal year.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Report received.

The President, Saita provided a summary of the report. Saita has received a number of concerns related to restricted access to campus and the implications of disability access through Senator Burns and the plus 15, it was reported that both these issues have been resolved. Saita continues to advocate the government joining students across the province meeting with Ministers and government officials. This year’s focus include increased funding and establishing efficiencies within the Alberta Immigration Nomination Program for international graduates. Saita continues to advocate with City Council on the Upass file.

The Board invited the President, Saita to speak well-being of students and navigating the new term. The President, Saita advised that overwhelmingly students are keen to return to campus and to take full advantage of the services, social aspects and interactions of campus life. While it was reported that student operations and clubs have been impacted by campus closures there is a strong level of optimism that interactions will increase as student move back onto campus.

NEW BUSINESS

8. ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The acting Vice President, Academic, provided a summary of activities to date.

It was reported that Council have continued with robust discussions throughout the year, in particular to the activities related to the four sub-committees, Affordability, Academic Integrity, Program Modalities and Standards of Online Delivery.

The four committee for 2021/2-22 academic year are: Career Transition Supports, Integrative Learning Development, Curriculum Development/Curriculum Review Process and Pathways to Gender Representation and Equality.

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Minutes February – October 2021 were received.

NEXT MEETING

The next public meeting of the Board of Governors – March 15, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.