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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING

4:30 p.m. Friday, April 25 2014

### MINUTES

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#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Board Members:**

Lingard, Bill, Chair  
Bentham, Gary  
Brannan, John  
Crossett, Andrew  
Demosky, Bart  
Fedoruk, Lisa  
Henuset, Wayne  
Lougheed, Joe, Vice Chair\*  
Roberts, Amanda  
Ross, David  
Storwick, Paul\*  
Upright, Randy

##### **Resource:**

Haldeman, Lee, Interim Vice President, Academic  
King, Wayne, CFO, Senior Vice President  
MacDonald, Maureen, Assoc. VP, Communications and Marketing  
Zahavich, Alex, VP, Corporate Development and Applied Research  
  
Golding, Marilyn, Executive Assistant

\* *via conference call*

#### **REGRETS:**

Cochrane, Tegan  
Langlois, Sophia  
Ramsay, Doug

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

#### **2. REVIEW AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented with no adjustments or changes.

#### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

That the Board approves the following items within the Consent Agenda:

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(a) Board of Governors Public Meeting – Minutes of January 28, 2014

**MOTION:**

That the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda as submitted.

**Moved: B. Demosky**  
**Seconded: J. Brannan**  
**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES – NO BUSINESS ARISING**

**5. CHAIR’S REPORT**

- The Chair welcomed the following members to the Executive Management Committee who will be regular attendees at all Board and Committee meetings serving as Management Resources:
  - Lee Haldeman, Interim Vice President, Academic
  - Dr. Alex Zahavich, Interim Vice President, Corporate Development and Applied Research
  - Maureen MacDonald, Associate Vice President, Communications and Marketing
- The Chair also announced that three new members will be joining the Board and will be introduced at the Board meeting in May: Richard Stroobant (SAFA representative who will replace Wes Jamieson), and public members Sophia Langlois and Doug Ramsay. At the March meeting, the Executive Committee approached four individuals who have agreed to let their names stand as nominees for the Board.
- Deputy Premier and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education Dave Hancock was sworn in as Alberta’s 15th Premier on March 23, 2014.
- The federal and provincial budgets were recently announced. David will provide highlights.
- Events held since the January Board meeting included the School of Transportation’s Industry Breakfast, and the President’s Gala. Thanks to all those Board members who were able to attend.
- It was a year ago this month that the Board of Governors conducted its first paperless meeting using the Web Portal BoardVantage. It’s hard to imagine conducting meetings now with endless amounts of paper.

- It was also a year ago last month that our President attended his first Board of Governors meeting on March 19, 2013.
- David and I will be attending the Quarterly meeting for the Council of Presidents and Board Chairs in Calgary next Wednesday, April 30 at McDougall Centre. Following the meeting at 3 p.m. Premier Hancock, several MLAs as well as Post-secondary Presidents and Board Chairs will attend a memorial at the University of Calgary to pay respects to the five students who were tragically slain in a Brentwood home last week. The post-secondary world can be very small and connected at a time like this and this tragic event and has had a huge impact on students, parents, instructors and the general public.

## **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ross reported on the following items:

- Adding to the comments of the Board Chair regarding the recent tragedy, many post-secondary institutions' thoughts and prayers are with the students and the SAIT community. Here on campus, there was a moment of silence organized by SAITSA, and the flags were lowered.
- On March 19, 2014, The Hon. Ed Holder was appointed Minister of State (Science and Technology).
- Provincially, there has been a lot happening with the resignation of Premier Allison Redford and the swearing in of Dave Hancock. Juggling two portfolios will be a challenge, and the Institute is hoping there will be no impact in obtaining Cabinet approval for new Board members.
- SAIT's base grant from the provincial government is the same as the prior year. SAIT did receive an increase in the EPE funding for apprentice seats of 6 percent to just over 8,900 seats. In addition, SAIT's submission to increase funding for 16 programs was successful, with 13 of the 16 requests being approved. This provides for an increase in funding of \$4.1M to support an additional 434 FLEs. He noted this is higher than all other post-secondary institutions, with the exception of U of A.
- Premier Hancock is focused on developing Campus Alberta. The Board Chair and I are expecting to learn more about this initiative on April 30 when we attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Business Integration and Consultation Committee.
- SAIT was recognized as one of the top Employers in Alberta for 2014.
- Business leader David Bissett donated \$5 million to SAIT to create the Bissett Scholar Program that will allocate entrance bursaries to graduating high school students coming to SAIT. This is the largest endowment ever established by an individual for a college or polytechnic program in Canada.

- In the Applied Research area, SAIT recently received over \$2.5M in grants from NSERC including a five-year grant for green-building technologies in residential home construction and \$800 K in equipment grants. The SAIT-AIM Manufacturing Centre was opened in Airdre and valued at over \$15M in a private/public project with support from WED. It will specialize in assisting companies in the development and commercialization of composite-based products.
- Showcase '14: Make it Real: Reflect, Engage, Aspire, Lead (formerly the Faculty Showcase of Excellence) will take place May 5 to May 8. This is the seventh annual, four-day, in-house conference featuring faculty and staff presenting the best of their teaching and learning initiatives. International and Canadian speakers will be featured along with special sessions.
- Celebrate SAIT day is coming on May 29 with lots of exciting sessions and events.
- One of the best events of the year will be on June 10 and 11 when Spring convocation will take place at the Jubilee Auditorium.

#### **7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In the absence of SAITSA President Tegan Cochrane, SAITSA student rep. Andrew Crossett was asked if he would like to provide a report. He agreed to do so in the In-Camera meeting immediately following this meeting.

#### **8. ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Lee Haldeman, Interim Vice President, Academic reviewed the minutes of Academic Council meetings that took place February 11, 2014 and March 11, 2014. These documents were included in the meeting package forwarded prior to the meeting.

The next Public meeting of the Board of Governors will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ President and CEO: \_\_\_\_\_

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May 8, 2014