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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2014

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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#### **Board Members**

##### **PRESENT:**

Lougheed, Joe (acting Chair)  
Bentham, Gary  
Brannan, John  
Cochrane, Tegan  
Crossett, Andrew  
Fedoruk, Lisa  
Lingard, Bill\*  
Roberts, Amanda\*  
Ross, David  
Storwick, Paul  
Upright, Randy

##### **Resource:**

King, Wayne, CFO, Vice President Admin. & Corporate Services  
Nixon, Gordon, Vice President Academic  
Golding, Marilyn, Executive Assistant

##### **Public Guest:**

Read, Rosemary, Chair, AUPE Local 39

*\* via conference call*

##### **REGRETS:**

Henuset, Wayne  
Demosky, Bart

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC GUESTS**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. and the above-noted guest was welcomed to the Public Meeting of the SAIT Board of Governors.

#### **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 November 21, 2013

**MOTION:**

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

**Moved: R. Upright**  
**Seconded: T. Cochrane**  
**CARRIED**

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

**5. CHAIR’S REPORT**

Board Chair Bill Lingard commented that the recently held Board Strategic Planning Session was a great success with a lot of exciting plans to work with. This year an outside facilitator was retained and comments were very positive.

Acting Chair Joe Lougheed reported on the following items:

- Upcoming events:
  - Tomorrow evening is SAIT’s Cookbook Launch “Seasons” at the Culinary Campus.
  - Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m. in Macdonald Hall is the President’s Gala, further details will be sent out soon.
- There is now a third convocation date: Thursday, October 16 in the afternoon. SAIT is moving to a “True Grad” format that will necessitate both a spring and fall convocation.

**6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Ross reported on the following items:

- The federal budget will be announced on February 11. There may be an increase in applied research funding and an adjustment to the skills training agenda.
- It is expected that a pre-announcement will be made for international education support funding in the amount of \$20 million.
- There was a reshuffling of Cabinet in the Alberta government, with a new Deputy Premier announced, David Hancock, who is also the Minister of Innovation and

Advanced Education. Both Vice Chair Joe Lougheed and the President met with him and with other Calgary post-secondary institution representatives just after his new position was announced.

- There is also a new Deputy Minister, Steve MacDonald, who was formerly the Deputy Minister to David Hancock in his last portfolio.
- Minister Hancock will be visiting SAIT next week, and will be meeting with Executive Management.
- SAIT's Culinary Campus was recognized as one of the Top Ten New Restaurants in Calgary. Also, soon to be announced, SAIT will be named as a Top 65 Employer in Alberta for 2014.
- Applications are open for the Cisco e-learning Chair, fashioned after the Cadmus Teaching chair. Ten applications have been received.
- Since the Board last met, SAIT has received delegations from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Texas, Singapore and students from Venezuela, Angola and Kazakhstan.

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

President Tegan Cochrane reported on the following items:

- The Creative Community Living (CCL) Christmas Dinner was held. SAITSA hosts this organization in the Odyssey.
- A Celebration of Life was held at the Gateway for Chef Ray Gauthier on December 17, with over 400 attendees. In his memory, there has been a scholarship created to be awarded to students who display commitment to the community.
- The Campus Improvement Survey has concluded, with over 450 responses received from students providing comments on how their campus can be improved.
- The SAITSA President partnered with two other student leaders and travelled coast-to-coast to over 45 institutions gathering information for a report on what students are missing when they graduate.
- For the upcoming Pride Day, SAITSA has obtained permission to fly the Pride Flag on campus.
- Elections are coming up for Executive positions in February. There has been a significant increase in the amount of student engagement this year.
- Tegan and Vice President External Ken Taylor will be travelling to Edmonton to meet with the Minister on February 8, 2014.



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## 8. VIDEO PRESENTATIONS OF SAIT'S ROLE IN THE OLYMPIC SKELETON

Dr. Gord Nixon, Vice President Academic introduced Dr. Alex Zahavich, Director of Applied Research and Innovation Services (ARIS), Nicole Dunsdon, Communications Officer and Brian Dorn, Lead Researcher and Journeyman Welder. Alex brought with him an actual skeleton sled and explained the technology utilized by ARIS. It was noted that there will be four SAIT skeleton sleds competing in Sochi.

Two videos were shown: a Globe and Mail piece featuring the SAIT skeleton technology and a second, a video providing a first-hand experience of racing down the track on a sled seen through a camera attached to the rider's helmet.

## 9. ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Chair noted that the Academic Council minutes of November 12, 2013 and December 10, 2013 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 Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

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

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

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

/mg/March 17, 2014