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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING**  
4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2015  
**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

**Board Members:**

Lougheed, Joe, Chair  
Brannan, John, Vice Chair  
Cowley, Ian  
Crossett, Andrew  
Culbert, Heather  
Langlois, Sophia  
Leslie, Bruce  
MacPhail, Keith  
Ramsay, Doug  
Roberts, Amanda  
Ross, David  
Russell, Thane  
Stroobant, Richard  
Upright, Randy

**Resource:**

King, Wayne, CFO, Senior Vice President  
MacDonald, Maureen, Assoc. VP, Communications and Marketing  
Donaldson, Brad VP Academic  
Zahavich, Alex, VP, Corporate Development and Applied Research  
  
Hanley, Melissa Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:**

**REGRETS:**

Demosky, Bart  
Stock, Jared

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m.

**2. REVIEW AGENDA**

There were no additions made and the agenda was approved as presented.

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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

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

- (a) Board of Governors Public Meeting – Minutes of January 28, 2015

#### **MOTION:**

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

**Moved: T. Russell**  
**Seconded: K. MacPhail**  
**CARRIED**

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

#### **REPORTS**

#### **5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- The Chair welcomed Brad Donaldson, VP, Academic, to the Executive Management Committee who will be a regular attendee at all Board and Committee meetings serving as a management resource.
- Joe spoke to the key points of the provincial budget affecting post-secondary institutions.
- Funding for the Access to the Future Fund (AFF) in the amount of \$5,370,000 was revised from Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education.
- Larry Macdonald, SAIT's Chair, Board of Governors from 1996 – 1999 and his wife Gloria received the Alexis de Tocqueville award, the highest recognition given by the United Way worldwide.
- Joe commented on how well the Board department visits have gone and thanked everyone for taking part.
- Events held since January, 2015 board meeting includes: The President's Gala, Student Awards Luncheon, the SAIT Trojan Awards Banquet, SAITSA Student and Instructor Awards and the New Tools for Success Media event.
- Joe congratulated Heather on her first day at Export Development Canada.

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

President Ross reported on the following items:

- Minister Pierre Poilievre visited SAIT for the first time to discuss the new Federal programs.
- Dr. Mario Pinto, the new President and CEO of NSERC will be on campus to present and discuss their new strategic plan.
- There have been four major donation announcements, including an aircraft to the Aero Centre from Wayne Henuset, a digital printer from Xerox, a new teaching simulator from Gordon Dibb and the Lamb families support for the Learner Success Centre.
- The joint Petroleum Degree agreement with U of C is complete with the first intake of students taking place on May 14th; a breakfast with U of C will take place to launch the program.
- Mark Wall, Academic Chair, Student Retention was recognized for winning first place in the, International students success program, sponsored by Ellucian.
- A number of students will be participating at World Skills in Brazil.
- SAIT continues to build relationships with industry partners, including recent visits and meetings with: 3M, Cisco, GE, Xerox and Murphy Oil.
- Collaboration with our post-secondary colleagues, such as NAIT, U of c and Grande Prairie continues to be positive
- A four-season, off-grid bubble greenhouse is up and running next to the John Ware Building.

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

In the absence of President Jared Stock, SAITSA Student rep Andrew Crossett reported on the following items:

- The SAITSA new strategic plan has been approved by council.

- The Student's Legislative Council is now the Board of Directors.
- Final exams are now complete.
- The SAITSA student awards were handed out.
- The new SAITSA President, Brigitte Matheson, will take office on May 15th.
- Dr. Ross was recognized by SAITSA for continued support of the organization and student success at SAIT, with the Marcel Carpenter award for 2015.

Joe thanked Andrew for his enthusiasm and contributions to the Board.

#### 8. ACADEMIC COUNCIL

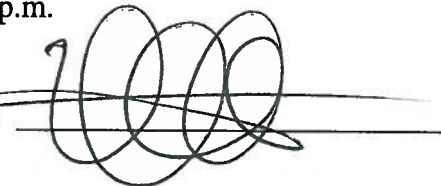
Brad spoke to the Academic Council's four sub-committees, who will provide their report on Academic Council's survey effectiveness at year end.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30p.m.

Chair:



President and CEO:



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May 13, 2015