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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING**  
4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016  
**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

**Board Members:**

Culbert, Heather, Chair  
Cowley, Ian  
Demosky, Bart (phone)  
Gar, Gar  
Langlois, Sophia  
Leslie, Bruce  
MacPhail, Keith  
Roberts, Amanda  
Ross, David  
Russell, Thane (phone)  
Upright, Randy

**Resource:**

Sutherland, Laurie Interim, VP Finance & Corp. Services  
Donaldson, Brad, VP Academic  
MacDonald, Maureen, AVP, Communications & Marketing  
Yarish, Brandie, AVP, Employee Services  
  
White, Gail, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

McWilliams, James – SAFA  
Ager, Jessica – AUPE  
Barefoot, Stacey – AUPE  
Thunstrom, Sheldon  
Woodward, Kathleen; McMillan, Danielle; Li, Sharron; Mullings,  
Tanya & Wood, Lauren – AUPE  
Olson, Teri Lynn

**REGRETS:**

Morales, David; Stroobant, Richard; Ramsay, Doug  
Zahavich, Alex

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**2. REVIEW AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:**

That the Board of Governors approves the Agenda as submitted.

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**Moved: K. MacPhail**  
**Seconded: R. Upright**  
**CARRIED**

**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:

- (a) Board of Governors Public Meeting – Minutes of April 14, 2016

**MOTION:**

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

**Moved: A. Roberts**  
**Seconded: G. Gar**  
**CARRIED**

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

**REPORTS**

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Heather welcomed the Board members to the meeting as well as all guests and reported on the following items in addition to her report attached to this document.

- Heather gave a Centennial Events update and congratulated Brian Bowman and his team on executing a world class event.
- Heather apprised the attendees of highlights from a meeting that she attended with 25 other Post Secondary Board Chairs and the Minister of Advanced Education, Marlin Schmidt.
- [Please see the attached Board Chair report of December 6, 2017 for more details.](#)



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## 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Ross reported on the following items in addition to his report sent separately.

- Announced the new VP External, Heather Magotiaux and new Dean of Health & Public Safety, Harold Waldner.
- David recognized the amazing Centennial celebrations held recently.
- Highlights – \$20 million in infrastructure was given to us from the Government in the form of a Strategic Investment Fund (SIF).
- Crane Operator Program \$5.3 million commitment – no capital cost to us.
- Canadian Petroleum Hall of Fame event was held at SAIT – David was the key note speaker.
- Fall Convocation – close to 500 students walked the stage.
- Kudos to Maureen and her group for creating a great new website for our students.
- Maintaining and encouraging research funding with government partners
- eCampus Alberta – wrapping up now.
- Top 40 Under 40 – Jim Sznauter, SAIT Dean of Manufacturing and Automation.

Heather reported that she was very pleased with SAIT's contribution to the 2016 United Way Campaign and congratulated SAIT on a great campaign.

## 7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gar Gar, SAITSA President reported on the following items as part of his report to the Board:

- Recent Elections - 7 out of 22 applicants were selected.
- Student Wellness, Student Finances – focussed topics.
- Christmas Party – over 30 people – Odessey on Campus.
- CASA Conference was really good.
- Student Employment was a topic discussed – intern program.
- Red Dress Campaign underway – very good stories.
- Meeting MLA's in the area.
- Thirty local families were adopted by SAITSA for Christmas.
- Hired 2 staff members to work on policies and to act as an advocate to help with tuition fees, etc.



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Heather commented on the Alberta Post Secondary Funding Review which was discussed with Minister Schmidt and his request for increased participation to ensure that our perspectives are considered in the decision making for tuition fees.


**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business at this time.

**INFORMATION**

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

Chair:  \_\_\_\_\_  
/gw/January 27, 2017

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