



BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING
4:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Culbert, Heather, Chair
(phone)
Cowley, Ian
Gar, Gar
Langlois, Sophia
Leslie, Bruce
MacPhail, Keith
Morales, David
Ramsay, Doug
Roberts, Amanda
Ross, David
Russell, Thane
Stroobant, Richard
Upright, Randy

Resource:

Sutherland, Laurie Interim VP, Finance & Corp. Services
Donaldson, Brad, VP Academic
MacDonald, Maureen, AVP, Communication & Marketing
Magotiaux, Heather, VP External
Yarish, Brandie, AVP Employee Services
Zahavich, Alex, VP, Corporate Dev., & Applied Research

White, Gail, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Ager, Jessica – SAIT AUPE
Barefoot, Stacey – AUPE
Olsen, Teri Lynn – SAIT Learner Services

Regrets:

Demosky, Bart

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Heather joined the meeting by teleconference and welcomed the group to the meeting. She also thanked Keith for chairing the meeting.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

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

Keith welcomed the Public visitors and invited them to address the group stating which SAIT department they work in. He also introduced and welcomed Heather Magotiaux, SAIT's new VP External.



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 Dec. 6, 2016

MOTION:

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

Moved: A. Roberts
Seconded: R. Stroobant
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES – NO BUSINESS ARISING

REPORTS

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the special guests for attending the public portion of the meeting. She reported on the following items in addition to her Chair's report attached to the board book.

- Heather reported that there is a lot of activity at this time.
- A successful Board Strategic Planning Session was held in January.
- Recruiting activities for new SAIT board members is ongoing.

Keith mentioned that meetings have been held recently to discuss the oversight role of the Board with regard to SAIT's Cyber Security policies. After a high level review of SAIT's approach to the threat of Cyber Security, it was determined that SAIT is prepared.



6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Ross reported on the following items in addition to his report attached to the meeting board book.

- Welcomed Heather Magotiaux to the SAIT Executive team.
- Reported that we had a successful start to the semester.
- Covered a lot of material at the Jan. 20 strategy session.
- Another visit from our PM – Justin Trudeau – great coverage and good for SAIT.
- Attended a meeting in Toronto this week, 150 largest companies in the country, a hot topic was the activities occurring south of the border.
- Our “Shout Out for Mental Health” program is spreading nationally and is going very well.
- SAIT has been nominated for an award from the United Way – Lynne Allan, Mary Resch and Brian Moukperian lead the campaign and a lot of work was done with other SAIT people helping.
- Government update – late March, early April for budget, Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC) review to occur.
- We’ll see an innovation strategy coming down from Federal Government along with the budget.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- SAITSA's VP External is focussed on the tuition freeze situation.
- Advocating on a provincial level for the new SAITSA Headquarters building – need to get the Order in Council through.
- SAITSA is currently looking at trying to reduce student fees again.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

Academic Council – The minutes from the November 16, 2016 and the December 13, 2016 meetings were included in the board book.

Brad Donaldson, VP Academic gave an overview of the business discussed at Academic Council meetings.



INFORMATION

There being no further business the Public Board meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Keith asked for a motion to close the public portion of the Board meeting.

MOTION:

That the Public portion of the Board of Governors meeting be closed.

Moved: T. Russell
Seconded: G. Gar
CARRIED

Chair: _____

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President and CEO: _____