



BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Lougheed, Joe, Chair
Brannan, John, Vice Chair
Cowley, Ian
Culbert, Heather
Demosky, Bart (phone)
Langlois, Sophia
Leslie, Bruce
MacPhail, Keith
Matheson, Brigitte
Roberts, Amanda
Ross, David
Russell, Thane
Stroobant, Richard
Upright, Randy
Vy, James

Resource:

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

White, Gail, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Read, Rosemary, AUPE
Mullings, Tanya, AUPE

REGRETS:

Ramsay, Doug

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.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.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Board of Governors Public Meeting – Minutes of April 30, 2015

MOTION:

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

Moved: H. Culbert
Seconded: R. Upright
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES – NO BUSINESS ARISING

REPORTS

5. CHAIR’S REPORT

Joe reported to the committee that it is very busy day for Board members and all of the following events will be held in the Heritage Hall Building:

4 – 5:30 pm will be Board of Governors meeting (SMED Board room)

5:30 – 7:30 pm – Board Reception for Constituent Groups (MacDonald Hall)

Joe reminded the Board of the Reception for SAIT Campus Constituent Groups after the meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Macdonald Hall. These sessions are well attended and Joe encouraged as many Board members as possible to attend.

Alex was requested by Joe to share information regarding the recent ASTech Award earned by Glen Kathler. Glen was named the co-winner of the Innovation in Agricultural Science Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc. for his work leading the RADLab in the cattle tag development project. This award recognizes an individual, team, or company that has demonstrated exceptional innovation or has developed a technology of significance to Alberta's agriculture, agrifood, or agrivalue™ industries.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

The recent SAIT Open House was a very strong event with a great turnout.

David asked Brad Donaldson to provide an update on the recruiting activities around the AVP Academic Services position. Brad reported that the announcement of the successful candidate should occur on Nov. 18th.

We have had many visitors to our campus recently with delegates from Australia and China and a large delegation of academic leaders facilitated by the Mexican Embassy. The Peruvian Ambassador also led a group of 15 on Nov. 16th.

Alex reported that a group from Indonesia will be visiting at the end of the month and spending one week with us.

David commented on the recent budget announcements and how it may affect us as well as other institutions. He also addressed the recent memo from the Minister's office regarding the Agencies, Boards and Commissions reviews which will take place in the near future.

David met with the Minister and Deputy Minister recently.

Minister Sigurdson also spoke to students on campus and was here for the announcements around the new Business degree initiatives.

It was noted that we have again been acknowledged as one of the best in the country in regards to innovation and applied research.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brigitte Matheson, SAITSA President reported on the following items as part of her report to the Board:

- SAITSA events
 - Friendsgiving
 - Own your midterms
 - Mental Health events – Wellness Wednesdays, Sheldon Kennedy
- First Year Experience feedback
- Board of Director committees/goal setting retreat
 - Standing – Finance, Governance, Campus Life, Executive Council Review, Strategic Plan
 - Ad-hoc – External Advocacy, Sustainability
- Building Referendum
- ASEC Progress Conference
- SAITSA Executive – Leadership Training



NEW BUSINESS

8. ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14, May 12 and September 22, 2015 meetings were distributed to the committee within the meeting board book.

INFORMATION

9. BOARD EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS

Randy reviewed the survey results with the Board.

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

Chair: _____ President and CEO: _____

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Nov. 18, 2015