



BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING
4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2017
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Culbert, Heather, Chair
Cowley, Ian
Falasinnu, Henrietta
Gar, Gar
Jarvis, Patrick (phone)
Langlois, Sophia
Leslie, Bruce
MacPhail, Keith
Morales, David
Papic, Matko
Ross, David
Russell, Thane
Stroobant, Richard
Todesco, Joanne
Upright, Randy

Regrets:

Roberts, Amanda

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

White, Gail, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Ager, Jessica – SAIT AUPE
Nguyen, Ha Phong - SAIT Student
Pittis, Tanya – SAITSA Student Representative

Zahavich, Alex, VP Corporate Dev., & Applied Research

1. CALL TO ORDER

Heather called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

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

Heather welcomed the public visitors and invited them to address the group stating which SAIT department they work in.



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 February 2, 2017.

MOTION:

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

Moved: K. MacPhail
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 asked the meeting attendees to introduce themselves and she welcomed four new public Board members to the meeting; Henrietta Falasinnu, Patrick Jarvis (teleconference), Matko Papic and Dr. Joanne Todesco.
- Sophia Langlois was also welcomed back to the Board as she was reappointed for another 3 year term.
- Heather shared information regarding the ongoing Government ABC reviews, changes to the Post-Secondary Learning Act and the budget.
- She also thanked Randy Upright for participating in a conference call as well as a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education and Board Chairs on her behalf due to scheduling conflicts.



6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- David highlighted the current Link magazine which everyone received.
- He also commented on the new Culinary Entrepreneurship Post-Diploma Program and how it will assist credentialed students to learn more about culinary entrepreneurship.
- The Crane Operator Program site construction is on schedule.
- The Green Building Technology lab is set to open soon.
- The Centennial Mosaic was unveiled and was created using eleven thousand photographs of SAIT staff and students.
- June 5 is the date set for the installation of the Centennial time capsule to be opened 100 years from now. The capsule will be buried just down below the front doors of Heritage Hall.
- Alex Zahavich recently returned from a visit to China where a memorandum of understanding was signed with BYD to train technicians for electric vehicles.
- This will be the year for the first graduates from the Joint Engineering Design program with UofC with just under 40 students.
- Dr. Vicky Roy of SAIT has spearheaded the first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) through Canvas website with over 700 participants enrolled. The course began on April 17, 2017.
- David thanked Doug Ramsay, Gar Gar and David Morales for their time and contribution to the Board.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- Elections were held and the new SAITSA President is Alex Dimopoulos and the SAITSA Student Representative elected is Tanya Pittis.
- Gar visited the offices of the City of Calgary recently and saw a display in the foyer featuring a t-shirt with the SAIT logo on it.
- He also thanked the Board for their support this past year in his term as SAITSA President.



NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

Academic Council – The minutes from the January, February and March 2017 meetings were included in the board book.

Brad Donaldson, VP Academic gave an overview of the business discussed at Academic Council meetings. He expressed his appreciation of how well the Council performed and moved forward over the year.

INFORMATION

There being no further business the Public Board meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Heather 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: B. Leslie
Seconded: G. Gar
CARRIED**

Chair

/gw/May 23, 2017

President and CEO:

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are written over horizontal lines. The signature on the left is for the Chair, and the signature on the right is for the President and CEO.