



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING - PUBLIC

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday November 9, 2017
Room AA 318A, 3rd Floor – Heritage Hall

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Culbert, Heather, Chair
Cowley, Ian
Dimopoulos, Alex
Falasinnu, Henrietta (**Regrets**)
Jarvis, Patrick (**Teleconference**)
Langlois, Sophia
Leslie, Bruce
MacPhail, Keith
Papic, Matko
Park, Melinda (**Regrets**)
Pittis, Tanya
Russell, Thane (**Regrets**)
Stroobant, Richard
Upright, Randy
Ross, David, ex-officio

Resource:

Bourassa, Emily, Interim AVP, Finance
Bennett, Jennifer, Acting VP Corporate Services
Donaldson, Brad, VP Academic
Zahavich, Alex, VP, Corp Development & Applied Research
Magotiaux, Heather, VP, External Relations
MacDonald, Maureen, AVP, Communications & Marketing
Yarish, Brandie, AVP Employee Services

Watson, Kailen, EA to the Board of Governors

Guests:

PRELIMINARIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. The Chair welcomed the public visitors and thanked them for attending.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved: K. MacPhail
Seconded: T. Pittis
CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

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Moved: R. Stroobant

Seconded: M. Papic

CARRIED

REPORTS

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair provided an update on board membership and recruitment. Interviews for the four board vacancies were conducted October 24-25, 2017. Ms. Melinda Park was appointed to the Board on October 31, 2017 replacing Mr. Randy Upright. The Chair thanked Mr. Upright for his service and announced that Mr. Bruce Leslie would be assuming the role of Chair of the Governance Committee.

The Chair reported on the Public Post-secondary Board Chair's meeting with the Ministry of Advanced Education. The ministry is currently undertaking an Agency, Boards and Commissions review, a funding model review and a tuition and fees review. They have progressed on the Conflict of Interest Act, which will apply to all members listed in the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act (APAGA) with the potential of specific sector requirements. SAIT's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies are mainly aligned, but will be reviewed to ensure full compliance with the new legislation.

SAIT volunteered to lead a pilot project which will look for collaboration opportunities between post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Ideas will be shared at the next quarterly meeting.

The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee of the board has started planning for the annual Strategic Planning Session scheduled for February 15, 2018.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President and CEO highlighted items from the President's written report:

- At the end of September SAIT launched 5 new facilities:
 - The Career Exploration Centre
 - Gene Haas Foundation CNC Labs
 - Green Building Technologies Lab and Demonstration Centre
 - Crane and Ironworker Facility
 - The Tastemarket by SAIT
- Out of the 31 Canadian students who participated in the World Skills competition in Abu Dhabi, SAIT had 4 competitors, all of which received accolades in their individual fields.
- Hon. Navdeep Singh Bains, Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development was on campus October 12, 2017 to announce shortlisted applicants to the Superclusters Initiative. SAIT is part of 2 out of 3 shortlisted projects in Alberta, one in Green Construction Technology, the other in Tech-Agriculture.
- The first SAIT Giving DAY raised \$70,000 in 24 hours – 130 employees and alumni contributed with RGO matching donations.
- SAIT has hired a new CFO and Vice President of Corporate Services. Roy Daykin, has 30 years of post-secondary experience and will officially be starting on January 1, 2018.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The SAITSA President provided a verbal report on current SAITSA business.

- SAITSA has 75 registered student clubs, many of which will be able to get credit on the new Co-Curricular Record.
- SAITSA has disbursed \$4000 so far this year from its Grant Program for Professional Development to students to attend conference or additional training.
- After SAITSA Board of Directions elections there are 14 new Board members, including new Chair, Joshua Bettle
- SAITSA is continuing to work on student engagement, hosting events that focus on student life on campus.
- SAITSA is also continuing its lobby efforts with the Alberta Government and through its provincial affiliate Alberta Student's Executive Council their priorities include:
 - Easier Transferability to other Post-Secondary Institutions
 - Open course texts and supplies/Open Sources Resources
 - Continual Student Mental Health Funding
 - Funding and aid with Financial barriers for Aboriginal Students



NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to Report

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Governors - Public is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the SMED Boardroom MA317, Heritage Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

THAT the Board of Governors move to adjourn the public meeting of the SAIT Board of Governors.

Moved: B. Leslie
Seconded: K. McPhail
CARRIED

Chair: _____ President and CEO: _____

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