

PUBLIC MEETING/BOARD OF GOVERNORS
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2007
SMED Boardroom MA317, Heritage Hall

CHAIR: Doug Mitchell

GOVERNORS PRESENT: Mike Begin
Ivan Bernardo
Al Browne
Doug Chudleigh
Julie Dormer
Frank Duffin
Irene Lewis
Jessica Powless
Beth Reimer-Heck
Clare Rhyasen
Cisley Robinson
Lyndal Turner

GOVERNORS EXCUSED: John Aldred
Bev Longstaff
Bob Pierce

RESOURCE PERSONS: Michael Dyer, Vice President Employee and Student Services
Keith Pedersen, Vice President Finance and CFO

INVITED GUESTS: Don Martin, Apprenticeship Coordinator (*Item 4*)
Larry Rosia, Dean, Construction Department (*Item 4*)

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: Marg McKelvey

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

MOVED by Doug Chudleigh and **SECONDED** by Al Browne that the agenda for the March 27, 2007 public meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair asked the Board members if any member had a direct or indirect conflict on any agenda matter and no member advised they had a conflict.

4. APPRENTICESHIP IN ALBERTA

Don Martin provided an overview of Alberta's apprenticeship system. He circulated the "*Apprenticeship Handbook 2006-07*" which provided detailed information.

Apprenticeship is an education and training system that teaches trade knowledge and skills through on-the-job training, work experience and technical training. A person who decides to pursue trades as a career choice applies to work in a business that hires apprentices. All qualification must be met and a contract is signed between the employee and Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT). The contract to provide on-the-job training and to allow the apprentice to attend technical training is managed and maintained by AIT. The contract is between the apprentice and AIT – the employer is the facilitator. Both the apprentice and the employer agree to adhere to the AIT Act. The apprentice is responsible for fulfilling the four-year contract and being successful in each year of technical training.

Don highlighted the following:

- What it takes to be successful for each year of the apprenticeship program
- What the apprentice is able to do
- The connection between industry, government and training facilities
- Responsibility of industry, government and institutions/colleges
- Share of total apprentices being trained by employers 2005/by site
- Compulsory trades/optional certification trades
- Additional information i.e., individual learning modules, provincial-wide test banking, red seal program, blue seal program, etc.

There are over 53 trades in Alberta and each trade has its own provincial apprenticeship committee and many have at least one local apprenticeship committee. All committee members are journeymen. The following website provides more information on apprenticeship training www.tradesecrets.go.ab.ca.

Jessica Powless left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked Don Martin and Larry Rosia for an excellent presentation.

REPORTS

5. CHAIR’S REPORT

The Board Chair reported on the following:

- He will be attending the meeting of the Council of Board Chairs scheduled for Thursday, April 5 here at SAIT.
- John Aldred’s term as Board member has expired/currently doing automatic three-month extension until his replacement is selected. The Minister has begun the recruitment process which expires April 6. Board members interested in providing names to be included in the Minister’s process should contact the Board Chair as soon as possible.

Action: All

Beth Reimer-Heck joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President reported on the following:

- Update on gold and silver medals won by our Women’s and Men’s hockey and cross-country running teams.
- Ken Baby, ACA coach of the year.
- Congratulations to Doug Mitchell on receiving the Booster Club Award “Sportsman of the Year”
- Michael Dyer announced that our President is one of the recipients of the “Woman of Vision” Awards – celebrating the accomplishments of outstanding women in Calgary. She will be profiled on Global TV April 2 and 3 and in the Calgary Herald on April 2.

7. SAITSA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No report

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

8. UPDATE ON MARCH 13, 2007 MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

No discussion on March 13th meeting. Approved minutes for the February 13, 2007 Academic Council meeting were included in the agenda package.

INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

In-Camera Meeting 5:00 pm, Tuesday, April 24, SMED Boardroom MA317.

TERMINATION

MOVED by Ivan Bernardo and **SECONDED** by Beth Reimer-Heck that there being no other business on the motions duly moved and seconded, the March 27, 2007 public meeting of the Board adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION

Carried

Chair

President and CEO