

PUBLIC MEETING/BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Tuesday, November 27, 2007
SMED Board Room MA317, Heritage Hall

CHAIR: Mike Begin

GOVERNORS PRESENT: Ivan Bernardo
Al Browne
Morgan Chetty
Frank Duffin
David Jones
Irene Lewis
Bev Longstaff
Beth Reimer-Heck
Clare Rhyasen
Cisley Robinson
Bernie Slogotski
Lyndal Turner

GOVERNORS EXCUSED: Bill Lingard
Bob Pierce
Matthew Solberg

RESOURCE PERSONS: Michael Dyer, Vice President Employee and Student Services
Wayne King, Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Guy Mallabone, Vice President External Relations
Gord Nixon, Vice President Academic
Keith Pedersen, Vice President Administration

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: Gail Pearce

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the public meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

MOVED by Morgan Chetty and **SECONDED** by Clare Rhyasen that the Agenda for the November 27, 2007 public meeting of the Board of Governors be approved, as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2007 PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MOVED by Bev Longstaff and **SECONDED** by Bernie SLogotski that the Board of Governors approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2007 public meeting of the Board of Governors, as circulated.

MOTION

Carried

REPORTS

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported on the following:

- **2007 WorldSkills Competition – Shizuoka, Japan – November 13-18, 2007 –**
A brochure and other materials were circulated to those present. There were 850 competitors from 48 countries in 47 skill categories. The VIP Experience was enjoyed by 150 participants from 15 different countries, 21 of whom were from Calgary. The experience included VIP luncheons, evening events, guided tours of the competition site, etc. The purpose of the trip was to prepare for the WorldSkills event in Calgary in 2009 and to make notes on possible improvements for the Canadian experience. Travel logistics for the Calgary event will be much less onerous. Attempts will also be made to offer more reasonable costs, especially for food, and to improve the quality of IT and information systems.
- **Career Fair – November 14, 2007 –** 108 organizations attended (largest event to date), 32 companies were on a waitlist with dozens of others inquiring, 13 companies were interested in hiring students, and 3 companies returned to conduct on-campus interviews later. It is important that this is a bi-annual event to allow students to look at employment opportunities and meet face-to-face with employers. The companies were very complimentary about the student volunteers who exceeded expectations and made the event run smoothly and about the culinary students who provided lunches for them. Feedback from students was positive with one student indicating that she was energized by taking part in the event. The next Career Fair will be held February 21, 2008.

6. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Jones reviewed his report as distributed with the Agenda and provided additional information. He noted that he has been engaged in rigorous interviews for Operations Manager which recently became vacant. He reported on the very successful trip to Ottawa where 60 members of the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA) met with about 170 Members of Parliament, Senators and party representatives. He felt it was a very worthwhile experience and that a great deal was accomplished.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

7. POLICY HR.4.5, DISCRIMINATION – EDUCATION, AND HR.4.6, DISCRIMINATION – EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT RECOURSE

The Board Chair summarized the report in the Agenda package and noted that both policies were reviewed by the Standing Committee on Discrimination and that there were no changes to the content of the policies.

MOVED by Frank Duffin and **SECONDED** by Beth Reimer-Heck that the Board of Governors reconfirm *Policy HR.4.5, Discrimination - Education*, and *Policy HR.4.6, Discrimination - Employee and Student Recourse*.

MOTION

Carried

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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

Approved Minutes for the October 9, 2007 Academic Council meeting were included in the agenda package.

Gord Nixon highlighted the following:

- There are three subcommittees of Academic Council; i.e. Apprenticeship Engagement, Impact of Non Academic Issues, and Articulation Strategies.
- The '88 Legacy Membership appointments were approved.
- The current policy on accommodation for students with disabilities is outdated and requires revision. The Policy Subcommittee reviewed best practices and similar policies across Canada and will be making recommendations to a future meeting of the Board of Governors.

Wayne King reported that, as part of the legacy from the 1988 Olympics, SAIT was allocated a block of funds. The return realized from the investment of those funds is allocated annually by the '88 Legacy Committee. The Committee met recently to hear submissions for requests for funding from 14 groups. Subsequent to the presentations, the Committee deliberated and made decisions on the allocation of the \$190,000 available.

INFORMATION

The Board Chair drew attention to the press clipping in the Agenda package with respect to the award of the rank of Officer of the Order of Canada to Robert L. Pierce, one of our Board members.

DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Public Meeting - 4:00 pm - Tuesday, March 25, 2008 - SMED Board Room MA317, Heritage Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Lyndal Turner and **SECONDED** by Clare Rhyasen that, there being no other business, on the motions duly moved and seconded, the November 27, 2007 public meeting of the Board adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

MOTION

Carried

Chair

President and CEO