

**SAIT POLYTECHNIC**

**PUBLIC MEETING - BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008**

**SMED Board Room MA317, Heritage Hall**

**MINUTES**

**CHAIR:** Mike Begin

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

**GOVERNORS EXCUSED:** David Jones  
Bill Lingard  
Bob Pierce

**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  
Gail Pearce, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Bev Longstaff and **SECONDED** by Lyndal Turner that the agenda for the March 18, 2008 public meeting of the Board be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**Carried**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**4. CHAIR’S REPORT**

Mike Begin acknowledged Irene Lewis as a 2008 Woman of Vision. She was one of the 12 extraordinary women who were honoured at the 2008 Global Television Woman of Vision Awards Ceremony on March 6, 2008. Global’s Woman of Vision celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding Calgary women who have implemented their passion and whose personal dedication and actions inspire others to new levels of success. Nominations are received by the Advisory Board year-round, and an Annual Awards Luncheon pays tribute to the women featured over the 12-month period. Irene was featured in April 2007.

The Chair also reported on Chairman’s Circle held March 12, 2008 with WorldSkills Calgary 2009 as the topic for discussion. He expressed appreciation to the Vice-President, External and the team at WorldSkills Calgary 2009 for their contributions. The next breakfast meeting will be held June 11, 2008 – 7:15 a.m. – Highwood Dining Room.

**5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Irene Lewis, President and CEO, reported on the following:

- Sobeys Store Opening – official opening was February 28, 2008 – it is the first store of its kind in western Canada (about 3,000 square feet) and is a unique combination of basic needs, fresh meat, produce and bakery items. It will use SAIT’s Meat Operations and Management Program to train employees for careers in store meat departments, and students in the program will also supply fresh-cut meat for sale in the store.

Beth Reimer-Heck joined the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

- The Chief Executive Office of WorldSkills International visited the campus on March 4, 2008 and was very pleased with the progress on the residence and the parkade;
- Transportation Industry Breakfast – March 11, 2008 - approximately 260 VIP’s, SAIT Board members, staff, students and friends of SAIT were in attendance – the speaker this year was the President and CEO of WorldSkills Calgary 2009;
- Exxon Mobil - about 45 Angolan students will be on campus for about 13 months to study English language and other classes as part of a custom energy program for Exxon Mobil - their arrival received excellent media coverage;
- HOSPO Career Day – March 12, 2008 – HOSPO is an event management class in the Hotel and Restaurant Management Program – 18 students worked for two

semesters planning and organizing the many events of HOSPO – 54 booths were sold, with over 80 employers represented – a morning conference was also held with 434 students and 26 speakers in 28 sessions which featured many renowned chefs and suppliers;

- RC-2000 Inc. – a group of a maximum of 30 Presidents and Chancellors of large urban community colleges throughout the world meet twice a year to exchange ideas and create new visions for the colleges to better serve their diverse students and communities. The most recent meetings were held March 13-16, 2008 at Miami Dade College. SAIT Polytechnic and Seneca College are the only Canadian institutions who are members.

## 6. SAITSA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Chair noted that the SAITSA President’s report is included in the Agenda package. He noted that David Jones has been re-elected as President of SAITSA for the next academic year.

## 7. UPDATE ON MARCH 11, 2008 MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

- **Approved Minutes – February 12, 2008 Academic Council Meeting**

Gord Nixon stated that the approved Minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting of Academic Council were included in the Agenda package. He provided information on three Sub-committees which have been very active this year: Apprenticeship Engagement, Impact of Non-Academic Issues, and Articulation Strategies. The Communications Sub-committee held its first meeting on February 12, 2008.

## DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

To be determined - 2008/09 Board/Committee Schedule not yet approved

**ADJOURNMENT** - 4:23 p.m.

**MOVED** by Morgan Chetty and **SECONDED** by Clare Rhyasen that there being no **MOTION** other business, on the motion duly moved and seconded, the March 18, 2008 public meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned.

**Carried**

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Chair

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President and CEO