

SAIT POLYTECHNIC

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – PUBLIC MEETING

November 24, 2009

**SMED Board Room MA317, Heritage Hall
1301 16 Avenue NW - Calgary, Alberta**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHAIR: Mike Begin

GOVERNORS: Gary Bentham
Ivan Bernardo
Morgan Chetty
Courtney Garlough
Wayne Henuset
Irene Lewis
Bill Lingard
Bev Longstaff
Joe Lougheed
Steve Olson
Clare Rhyasen
Cisley Robinson
Colin Rose
Bernie Slogotski
Paul Storwick

RESOURCE: Michael Dyer, Vice President Employee and Student Services
Wayne King, CFO and Vice President Capital and Corporate Services
Guy Mallabone, Vice President External Relations
Gord Nixon, Vice President Academic
Clint Berg, Director Internal Audit
Gail Pearce, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED – CHETTY/LINGARD:

THAT the Agenda for the November 24, 2009 in camera meeting of the Board be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mike Begin acknowledged the recent donation of a Challenger aircraft by Imperial Oil and expressed appreciation to Imperial Oil for their generous contribution. He reminded those present about the November 27, 2009 Board Holiday Reception and Dinner to acknowledge retiring Board members and the December 1, 2009 Wine and Cheese Reception with employee constituent groups.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Irene Lewis reported on the following:

- The selection of SAIT as one of Alberta's top 50 employers;
- An innovative pilot project for welding and electrician apprenticeship programs, approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology for implementation in 2010;
- The demolition of the Murdoch Parkade which allows visual access to the campus from 16th Avenue.

6. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Colin Rose reviewed his report as distributed with the Agenda and highlighted areas of interest; i.e. the increased role of the campus radio station, participation by RTBN students in the upcoming executive election, the efforts to bring the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honors society to campus, and tuition fee issues.

7. ACADEMIC COUNCIL – MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2009

Gord Nixon noted that the Minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting of Academic Council were distributed with the Agenda.

8. PRESENTATION – GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK (GEN) EXPERIENCE

Gord Nixon provided introductory remarks and information on the initiation of the Global Education Network (GEN) seven years ago and noted that the network has grown to four peer institutions including SAIT and three others located in Australia, Singapore, and Iowa.

Haley L. and Karina D., GEN students, were in attendance to make a presentation on their experiences in the GEN exchange program. They showcased a video entitled “Australia Semester Exchange, January to June 2009”. Board members asked questions to clarify specific aspects of the exchange program, including selection criteria and costs.

9. NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. – SMED Board Room MA317, Heritage Hall

10. ADJOURNMENT – 4:32 p.m.

Chair

President and CEO