



BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT:

Board Members:

Lingard, Bill, Chair
Bentham, Gary
Demosky, Bart
Gutor, Colin
Henuset, Wayne
Hildebrand, Steven
Jamieson, Wes
Lewis, Irene
Lougheed, Joe
Protti, Gerry *
Roberts, Amanda
Storwick, Paul
Slogotski, Bernie
Upright, Randy
Wood, Raynie

Resource:

Dyer, Michael, Vice President, Employee & Student Services
Nixon, Gordon, Vice President Academic
Golding, Marilyn, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC GUEST:

Van Apeldoorn, Candace, Instructor, School of Information and
Communications Technologies

** Via conference call*

ABSENT:

Board Members:

Brannan, John

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. At that time, Candace Van Apeldoorn entered the boardroom to attend the Board of Governors Public Meeting as a guest.

2. REVIEW AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented with no adjustments or changes.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Chairman reviewed the protocol for public meetings, stating that members of the public or others in attendance are observers only and are not entitled to speak or ask questions at the meeting.
- Dr. Gord Nixon, Irene Lewis and the Board Chair attended the 2011 AACTI (Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institutes) System Workshop at Mount Royal University. The Workshop began with a dinner, followed the next day with a joint Board Chair and Presidents conference. Points of interest noted:
 - The Honourable Greg Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology provided the opening remarks and acknowledged SAIT's attendance at the conference. Minister Weadick reported that the new Premier, Allison Redford is very committed to post-secondary education. He also spoke about capital projects and treasury, and was not optimistic about new capital projects. The Minister stated that it is his wish to visit all of Alberta's post-secondary institutions.
 - There were several presenters at the conference. Ken Steele spoke about the challenges going forward as Baby Boomers retire. Unskilled unemployment will be high while all the skilled employment positions will be difficult to fill.
 - Ken Steele spoke of an interesting exercise used for a comparison of teaching methods — traditional versus interactive. Students attended a class about Electromagnetism presented by an instructor using traditional teaching methods. Next, the same subject was taught by a grad student using interactive teaching methods. The students in the latter group scored substantially higher.
 - The final day of the workshop was a Council of Presidents Meeting which Irene Lewis will address.
- Chair Bill Lingard was pleased to announce that with the new Premier's Cabinet shuffle, Greg Weadick retained his portfolio as Minister of Advanced Education and Technology. The Minister has named a new Executive Assistant, Natalie Sigalet, formerly Special Assistant to the office of the Minister and whom our office knows quite well.
- Congratulations to John Aldred, who was inducted to the **Calgary Business Hall of Fame** and honoured at a Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, October 19 at the Hyatt Regency. John served on SAIT's Board of Governors as Vice Chair from 2001 – 2007 and presented SAIT with a record-setting \$15 million

personal donation in April 2010. John Aldred continues to serve on SAIT's TTC Committee. It was also noted that Calgary Business Hall of Fame Laureate Jack Donald is a graduate of SAIT.

- This past weekend, Irene Lewis was presented with the **Alberta Congress Board's Distinguished Workplace Leader Award** in Jasper during the Annual Workplace Conference. Michael Dyer was Chair of the Dinner, Speakers and Special Presentation. This is a very prestigious award, with an impressive list of past Award Recipients such as Allan Markin, Robert Blakley, The Hon. Anne McLellan and Jim Carter. Michael Dyer stated that it was an excellent evening and President Lewis did SAIT proud.
- The Chair reminded the Board about the following upcoming events:
 - Thursday, October 27, 2011 -- President's Gala.
 - Wednesday, November 9, 2011 -- SAIT Advisory Council meeting, Highwood.
 - Tuesday, November 22, 2011 -- Holiday Reception & Dinner, 6:00 pm, Highwood.
 - Tuesday, November 29, 2011 -- Board Reception for Employee Constituents, 5:30 pm, Macdonald Hall, immediately following the November Board of Governors Public and In Camera meetings. Invitations will be sent out this week.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Lewis reported on the following items and what she described as "Celebrating SAIT Successes":

- SAIT Polytechnic's Welcome Back Breakfast Show won a Silver Leaf Award of Excellence in the 2011 competition. The Silver Leaf Awards are an annual competition operated by the Canadian arm of IABC whose award competition is open to all public and private institutions, including ad agencies. Entrants must demonstrate strategic planning aligned with business needs.
- SAIT's EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) program has been recognized by the Canadian Forces and is now listed on the Canadian Forces College Opportunities Directory under Accredited Programs. By having this program recognized by the CF Training, it will help to improve SAIT's brand recognition, attract students considering a career in the CF and increase enrolment by giving CF personnel access to CF-recognized college training programs.

- SAIT will enter into a Strategic Collaboration Agreement with PetroFac Training Services (PTS). The partnership will explore new opportunities to collaborate and share information and expertise in technical training, workforce development and nationalization programs. By partnering, SAIT can more effectively leverage its technical curriculum through the network of training centres within PTS. This will allow SAIT to expand and exploit the marketplace.
- SAIT just recently held a very successful two-day Open House. Some interesting facts:
 - Final count of applications submitted through Apply Alberta between 9 a.m. Friday October 21 through 4 p.m. Saturday, October 22 was 2,165, an increase of 28 percent compared to the 2010 fall Open House event.
 - More than 800 individuals volunteered at School/Department booths, led tours, welcomed guests.
 - Chinook Lodge played host to approximately 100 prospective students and 15 chaperones from T'suu T'ina, Hobbema and Morley.
 - More than 140 high school students tried a School of Construction trade on Friday.
 - There were 340 prospective students that signed up for upcoming MacPhail School of Energy information session, and 90 individuals toured the MacPhail School of Energy labs.
- In the most recent Academic Division Update, it was reported that the bobsleigh team of the Sports and Wellness Engineering Technology group pushed its first full bobsleigh out the door and is fabricating a second sled with adaptive capability for testing in the Paralympics.

All of the above points highlighted are examples of the diversity of SAIT.

- There has been much discussion around apprenticeship. In 2010-11 AET provided over \$2 million in support for on-line development of Welder and Electrician programs; bridging programs for over \$1 million; and blended Learning Support Programs for \$600,000. Cudos to faculty for identifying and realizing those ideas.
- In adding to the Chair's report regarding the AACTI Workshop, the President addressed the third day when the Council of Presidents met. Advanced Education and Technology Deputy Minister Annette Trimbee was guest speaker and reported there is still no word regarding funding, so it is status quo -- no new funding. Also, the Deputy Minister confirmed that the Access to the Future

Funding program matching up to \$3 million, continues to be suspended until 2013.

6. SAITSA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Steven Hildebrand provided a recap of the last six months of SAITSA activities:

May – Attended the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA) Transition Retreat and it was a great way to get to know the team. Outgoing President Courtney Garlough provided assistance in familiarization of the day-to-day operations. There was a meeting with the provincial lobby group, and a board of directors was elected in Edmonton. The following week we met with the federal lobby group to transition and learn about the organization. The Skip Program is an internship program for students looking for loan relief, whereby if the student volunteers in their area of study they receive a reduction in tuition by \$1,000. This was a great success and they are hoping to be able to expand the program this year.

June -- Met with three provincial lobby groups consisting of traditional universities, colleges/polytechnics and new universities such as Mount Royal and Grant MacEwan, as well as the graduate students associations from University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge and University of Athabasca. All three groups came together to work on their combined goals, which is especially relevant now that government funding is not available. U of C and SAIT will be hosting the “Leaders All” conference and the SAITSA President is looking forward to “showing SAIT off” to others.

July – Attended a SAITSA staff retreat aimed at setting goals. Attended the CASA conference where policies are set for the year. Attended another conference for the CASA national group in Hamilton.

August – SAITSA office ramping back up with constant meetings. Steven Hildebrand helped out with new students moving into residence, helping carry bags in, speaking to students about the various programs offered on campus. Participated in Trojans golf tournament -- while it was extremely rainy, it was also extremely a lot of fun. Student Orientation was lots of fun, and the SAITSA President spoke to the entire class of incoming students for MacPhail Energy Program. Welcome Week was enjoyed by all and involved barbeques, SAITSA Service Expo Days, Club Days, and lots of information regarding extra-curricular activities that are available. The Free Breakfast Program operates twice a month offering coffee, muffins, etc. welcoming apprentices to SAIT.

September -- The SAITSA office hired three senior managers. Steven was involved in the interviews, stating that it was most enlightening to sit on the other side of the interview.

October -- Last week, elections were held for the SAITSA Board. The SAITSA President was pleased to see that the elections produced an excited, motivated and energetic group. The first meeting of the SAITSA Board will be held tomorrow, with the Orientation and Goal Setting Retreat this week.

The SAITSA President was very encouraged to see the level of student involvement in business competitions and extra-curricular academic activities.

7. ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Dr. Gord Nixon, Vice President, Academic provided general information regarding the membership composition of the Academic Council and reviewed the Academic Council meeting minutes. A question was raised regarding SAIT's recognition of Phi Beta Kappa and why SAIT is undertaking this with the reply that SAIT is the first to initiate many programs. It was noted that in addition to universities, only two other colleges in Canada and one polytechnic have this program in place. As there were no other questions, the minutes were accepted as presented.

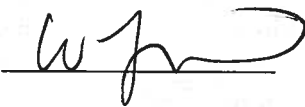
- a) Minutes of the May 10, 2011 Meeting
- b) Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Meeting

8. THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

The next Public meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Chair: _____



President and CEO: _____



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November 8, 2011