



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

Webex

Thursday, February 18, 2021
4 p.m.

Present: David Agnew
Hamza Baig
Chris Bullen
Shafiq Ebrahim
Steven Linthwaite
Ellen Malcolmson
Kimberly Moran
Peivand Pirouzi
Jerin Raj
Mark Solomon
Ashif Somani, Chair
Winston Stewart
Belinda Tang
Alice Thomas

Regrets: Fareed Amin

Staff: Bernie Beaulieu, Associate Vice-President, Human Resources
Ranjan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Technology
Christine Blake, Dean, Academic Learning Services
Ivy Chiu Loke, Dean, Academic Quality
Renata D’Innocenzo, Chief of Staff/Associate Vice-President, President’s Office;
Corporate Secretary
Tina Di Simone, Associate Vice-President, Academic
Cindy Fong, Director, Seneca Au Large
Nevzat Gurmen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Board Treasurer
Dean Hughes, Executive Director, Advancement and Alumni
Sharon Kinasz, Registrar
Radha Krishnan, Associate Vice-President, Information Services
Corey Long, Executive Director, Communications
Maria May, Dean, Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences
Jeff McCarthy, Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training
Kimberley Minott, Board Assistant; Recorder
Claire Moane, Director, Seneca Au Large
Naaz Mohamed, Director, Financial Services
Keith Monrose, Executive Director, Seneca International
Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art and Design

David Neale, Executive Director, Campus Services
Ben Rogers, Dean, Seneca Innovation
Laurel Schollen, Vice-President, Academic
Camille Soucie, Dean, Faculty of Arts
Mary Vaughan, Dean, Seneca Business
Maria Wallin, Executive Director, Marketing

The chair called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

There was no *Conflict of Interest* declared.

The chair congratulated Hamza Baig on successfully completing the Electronics Engineering Technology program in December 2020.

1. Consent Agenda

Jerin Raj moved, seconded by Peivand Pirouzi, “That the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda business”.

CARRIED

Items approved by consent agenda:

- 1.1 Confirmation of Agenda
- 1.2 Public Session Minutes – November 26, 2020

2. President’s Report

In addition to the written report provided, President Agnew highlighted:

- winter 2021 enrolment: approximately 29,000 students enrolled this semester which is a record high for Seneca; campuses remain closed except for required in-person practical course components
- summer 2021 term: applications continue to be tracking well for domestic and international students
- fall 2021 term: recruitment for students has begun – Seneca had an advertisement run during the Super Bowl with governor Winston Stewart featured alongside other alumni; application numbers are challenging at the moment but still very early in the cycle
- quarantine measures: international students have been arriving in Canada for the winter 2021 term; students will be subject to the new three-day hotel quarantine measures announced by the federal government
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recently announced that, at this time, international students can study abroad for the full duration of their program and still qualify for a postgraduate work permit
- Seneca Au Large
 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: work is underway; focus is on a census, review of policies affecting both students and employees and training/awareness building activities

- Working Remotely Advisory Committee: will be addressing feedback provided in employee survey, more than 50% of employees responded indicating that they would like to continue to work remotely four or five days a week post-pandemic; the committee will be advising on the working remotely policy
- Sustainability: Seneca-wide sustainability plan being created
- Virtual Seneca: meetings being held with cross-section of employees across Seneca to discuss building a more virtual Seneca with academic programs and services being offered online or hybrid
- King Campus: Seneca has partnered with the Township of King to lease 25 acres of land for a community and recreation centre to be built; agreement signed with Peter and Pauls Hospitality Group to turn Eaton Hall into an events space
Action: Links to virtual tours of Seneca’s campuses to be shared with governors following the board meeting.

3. Other Business
None.

4. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021; Webex

5. Adjournment

Mark Solomon moved, seconded by Alice Thomas, “That the public session adjourn and move in camera”.

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:29 p.m. to move to the in camera session.



Chair



Corporate Secretary