



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

Webex

Thursday, October 21, 2021
4 p.m.

Present: David Agnew
Fareed Amin
Chris Bullen
Justin Chu
Shafiq Ebrahim
Steven Linthwaite
Ellen Malcolmson
Maria May
Kimberly Moran
Peivand Pirouzi
Jerin Raj
Ashif Somani, Chair
Winston Stewart
Belinda Tang
Alice Thomas

Staff: Bernie Beaulieu, 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, Vice-President, Students and Strategy and Chief of Staff,
President’s Office; Corporate Secretary
Tina Di Simone, Associate Vice-President, Academic
Cindy Fong, Registrar
Nevzat Gurmen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Board Treasurer
Dean Hughes, Executive Director, Advancement and Alumni
Sharon Kinasz, Service Delivery Special Projects
Radha Krishnan, Vice-President, Information Services
Marianne Marando, Vice-President, Academic
Jeff McCarthy, Dean, Seneca Business
Danielle Mercier, Acting Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training
Kimberley Minott, Assistant to the Vice-President, Students and Strategy and
Assistant to the Board of Governors; Recorder
Claire Moane, Director, Seneca Au Large
Naaz Mohamed, Director, Financial Services
Rachel Morris-Ohm, Director, Personal Support and Intervention
Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art and Design

David Neale, Executive Director, Campus Services
Ben Rogers, Dean, Seneca Innovation
Mark Solomon, Dean of Students and Indigenous Education
Camille Soucie, Dean, Faculty of Arts
Maria Wallin, Executive Director, Marketing

The chair called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and provided welcome remarks.

Justin Chu, the newly elected student governor and third-year Honours Bachelor of Commerce – Business Management student, and Maria May, administrative staff governor and Dean, Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences, were introduced. The chair also welcomed Marianne Marando, the new Vice-President, Academic.

There was no *Conflict of Interest* declared.

1. Consent Agenda

Chris Bullen moved, seconded by Ellen Malcolmson, “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 – June 10, 2021
- 1.3 Academic Planning and Student Affairs Committee (APSA)
 - 1.3.1 Terms of Reference 2021-22
 - 1.3.2 Work Plan 2021-22
- 1.4 Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)
 - 1.4.1 Terms of Reference 2021-22
 - 1.4.2 Work Plan 2021-22
- 1.5 Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC)
 - 1.5.1 Terms of Reference 2021-22
 - 1.5.2 Work Plan 2021-22

Winston Stewart joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

2. President’s Report

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

- fall 2021 term: strong enrolment numbers with 7.6% growth in full-time enrolment in comparison to fall 2020
- winter 2022 term: domestic applications are down but international enrolment continues to be strong

- reopening campuses: slow, gradual, cautious approach with the number of students on campus; ongoing discussions to reopen more spaces for students to use when on campus
- vaccination policy: all individuals coming on campus must be fully vaccinated by Saturday, Oct. 30 as grace period for partial vaccination with rapid testing will end; policy will continue for winter 2022 term; individuals who have received exemptions have not been permitted to come on campus and have been accommodated in other ways
- planning for 2022-23: planning underway for transition to post-pandemic operations; focus will be on equitable Seneca, sustainable Seneca and a more virtual Seneca in the post-pandemic academic delivery and service delivery modes and continuing to improve digital strategy
- capital planning: construction of new health and wellness centre at Newnham Campus and replacement of Garriock Hall at the King Campus
- Seneca Au Large:
 - work continues with equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) committee with the student census being launched this fall and the review of policies and training programs
 - Seneca’s sustainability plan is now in place and the Office of Sustainability is being established
 - flexible work – meetings being held at the department level to confirm details of remote work approach

3. Other Business

None.

4. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021; Details to be confirmed

5. Adjournment

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

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to move to the in camera session.



Chair



Corporate Secretary