



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

Newnham Campus
Boardroom K4100

Thursday, April 20, 2023
4 p.m.

Present: David Agnew
Chris Bullen
Nadine Chautilal
Samantha Craig-Curnow
John Kucharczuk
Steven Linthwaite
Ellen Malcolmson
Maria May
Alim Remtulla
Ashif Somani, Chair
Winston Stewart

Regrets: Khushi Gandhi
Kimberly Moran
Alice Thomas

Guests: Anna Ainsworth, OPSEU Local 560 President
Doug Elsey, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Diving Contractors
Kevin Gorman, Unit Commander, Ontario Provincial Police Underwater Search and Recovery Unit
Aaron Griffin, Program Coordinator, Underwater Skills
Janice Hagan, OPSEU Local 561 President
Marek Mika, Technologist, Underwater Skills
David Parkes, CEO, Diver Certification Board of Canada
Erik Stewart, Technologist, Underwater Skills
Riccardo Ronca, Technologist, Underwater Skills
Jason Raymond, Technologist, Underwater Skills

Staff: Hassan Assiri, Director, Enterprise Infrastructure
Ranjan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Technology
Natasha Binns, Associate Director, Campus Experience & Events
Christine Blake, Associate Vice-President, Students
Ivy Chiu-Loke, Dean, Academic Quality
Renata D’Innocenzo, Vice-President, Strategy and Brand and Chief of Staff, President’s Office; Corporate Secretary
Cindy Fong, Registrar

Don Forster, Director, Office of Sustainability
Nevzat Gurmen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Board Treasurer
Matt Hassell, Consultant – Communications
Dean Hughes, Executive Director, Advancement and Alumni
Michelle Hutt, Associate Vice-President, Academic
Umer Kasuji, Director, Capital Projects & Campus Planning
Radha Krishnan, Vice-President, Customer Support and CIO
Abidah Lalani, Director, Government Relations & Engagement
Corey Long, Executive Director, Planning
Cecilia Mak, Director, HR Business Partner
Marianne Marando, Vice-President, Academic and Students
Chris McCracken, Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training
Kimberley Minott, Executive Assistant, Office of the President
Naaz Mohamed, Executive Director, Finance
Keith Monrose, Executive Director, Seneca International
Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art and Design
David Neale, Executive Director, Campus Services
Taslima Rahman, Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors; Recorder
Caroline Riley, Vice-President, Human Resources
Ben Rogers, Dean, Seneca Innovation
Riaz Saloojee, Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts
Jodi Smith, Director, Employer & Labour Relations
Mark Solomon, Senior Adviser to the President on Reconciliation and Inclusion
Maria Wallin, Executive Director, Marketing

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

There was no *Conflict of Interest* declared.

1. Acknowledging the land through an Indigenous teaching

The Chair invited Mark Solomon to speak to the board and noted the recent announcement of his appointment as Associate Vice-President, Reconciliation and Inclusion. Mark Solomon spoke to the board on self governance and sufficiency. He provided a brief overview of the *Circle of Indigenous Knowledge* medallion at Seneca's Centre for Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CITE) building and the Toronto Purchase land deal graphic element at its entrance.

John Kucharczuk joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Chris Bullen joined the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

2. Approval of February 23, 2023 Minutes

Nadine Chautilal moved, seconded by John Kucharczuk, "That the Board of Governors approve the February 23, 2023 public session minutes".

CARRIED

3. Underwater Skills Program

Representatives of the faculty and support staff unions, along with members of the commercial diving sector, presented to the Board on the cancellation of the Underwater Skills program.

4. President's Report

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

- The Blue Ribbon Panel, which was announced by the provincial government, will meet with a few institutions and is currently looking for submissions in response to questions related to the financial sustainability of the postsecondary education sector; a report will be submitted before the end of the summer addressing ways to build a financially strong sector
- The announcement of the Reconciliation and Inclusion Plan, a three-year plan to help guide the Seneca community to continue work to embed reconciliation and inclusion within its culture, governance, spaces and the education it provides, which will take Seneca further into the journey to become equitable
- The pandemic-specific health and safety restrictions on campus will be removed as of May 1, 2023

5. Other Business

None.

6. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023; Newnham Campus, Boardroom K4100

7. Adjournment

Chris Bullen moved, seconded by Ellen Malcolmson, "That the public session adjourn and move in camera".

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:59 p.m. to move to the in camera session.



Chair



Corporate Secretary