



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**PUBLIC SESSION**

MINUTES

Newnham Campus  
Boardroom K4100

Thursday, December 7, 2023  
4 p.m.

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Present: David Agnew  
Shiree Bain  
Chris Bullen  
Nadine Chautilal  
Samantha Craig-Curnow  
John Kucharczuk  
Steven Linthwaite  
Hiten Makim  
Maria May  
Kimberly Moran  
Nancy Naylor  
Bill Pearson  
Alim Remtulla  
Ashif Somani  
Winston Stewart

Staff: Ranjan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Technology  
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, Associate Vice-President, Planning  
Dario Guescini, Dean, Seneca Works  
Nevzat Gurmen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Board Treasurer  
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, Office of the Vice-President, Academic & Students  
Marianne Marando, Vice-President, Academic and Students  
Chris McCracken, Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training  
Kimberley Minott, Executive Assistant to the President; Recorder

Claire Moane, Dean, Academic Initiatives  
Naaz Mohamed, Executive Director, Finance  
Keith Monrose, Executive Director, Seneca International  
Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art & Design  
David Neale, Executive Director, Campus Services  
Caroline Riley, Vice-President, Human Resources  
Ben Rogers, Dean, Applied Research  
Riaz Saloojee, Dean, Faculty of Arts  
Mark Solomon, Associate Vice-President, Reconciliation and Inclusion  
Hannah Sweet, Director, International Academic Initiatives

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The chair called the board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. It was noted that this is the last scheduled board meeting for 2023.

There was no *Conflict of Interest* declared.

1. Acknowledging the land through an Indigenous teaching

The Chair invited Mark Solomon to acknowledge the land. He noted a new National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Cindy Woodhouse, was elected earlier this afternoon. He shared information on the status card and the *Indian Act* which legally defines First Nations peoples who are entitled to registration. He spoke about the details of his status card including the requirement to renew the card and the benefits available.

Nancy Naylor joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

John Kucharczuk moved, seconded by Bill Pearson, “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 – October 19, 2023

3. President’s Report

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

- Siemens’ donation of software and virtual reality technology to the Mechatronics program
- Women’s Soccer team won gold at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) championship; Seneca Polytechnic is the first Ontario school to win the championship in women’s soccer

- enrolment: domestic enrolment looking positive for winter 2024; international enrolment may be a challenge to meet but continuing to work within our diversification targets
- Master’s degree application: no updates to report; continued advocacy efforts with the government
- Auditor General of Ontario report on York University released yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 6

4. Other Business  
None.

5. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2024; Newnham Campus, Boardroom K4100

6. Adjournment

Maria May moved, seconded by Samantha Craig-Curnow, “That the public session adjourn and move in camera.”

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:13 p.m. to move to the in camera session.



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Chair



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Corporate Secretary