



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

Webex

Thursday, November 26, 2020
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
Brian Bell, Principal, Seneca International Academy
Ranjan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Technology
Christine Blake, Dean, Academic Learning Services
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
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
Rachel Morris-Ohm, Director, Student Conduct
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 4:03 p.m.

There was no *Conflict of Interest* declared.

1. Consent Agenda

Peivand Pirouzi moved, seconded by Jerin Raj, “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 22, 2020

2. President’s Report

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

- winter 2021 enrolment: tracking well despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic
- summer 2021 term: likely to be continuing in the hybrid format with mostly online courses and services and limited in-person activity for students to complete practical components of their program
- virtual open house: event held on Saturday, November 21 with 3000+ visitors; increase in applications and confirmations for both domestic and international seen after event
- student town hall: event held on Tuesday, November 24 with Seneca Student Federation President Krisha Amin
- Seneca Au Large
 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee has been struck and will be holding its inaugural meeting shortly
 - Working Remotely Committee members will be announced soon
 - Employee stipend announced recently – \$350 will be provided to all active full-time employees and \$175 to all active part-time employees
 - Extended the holiday break by two days – Seneca will close on Wednesday, December 23 and reopen on Tuesday, January 5
 - Pulse Survey issued yesterday, Wednesday, November 25, to all employees to receive feedback on working remotely during the pandemic and how they see themselves working post-pandemic
 - Sustainability: Seneca-wide sustainability plan being created

- Virtual Seneca: Work continues on building a more virtual Seneca with more academic activities online or in a hybrid mode and more transactional services online
- CITE building: construction has significantly progressed on the boardroom that will be used for future board meetings post-pandemic; pictures of the boardroom were shown

3. Other Business
None.

4. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021; Webex

5. Adjournment

Ellen Malcolmson moved, seconded by Hamza Baig, “That the public session adjourn and move in camera”.

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:14 p.m. to move to the in camera session.



Chair



Corporate Secretary