



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

Newnham Campus
Boardroom K4100

Thursday, October 19, 2023
4 p.m.

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

Regrets: Steven Linthwaite

Staff: Hassan Assiri, Director, Enterprise Infrastructure
Ranjan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Technology
Christine Blake, Associate Vice-President, Students
Steven Budinszky, Acting Registrar
Ivy Chiu-Loke, Dean, Academic Quality
Cory Coletta, Director, Student Support
Renata D’Innocenzo, Vice-President, Strategy and Brand and Chief of Staff,
President’s Office; Corporate Secretary
Cindy Fong, Associate Vice-President, Planning
Don Forster, Director, Office of Sustainability
Dario Guescini, Dean, Seneca Works
Nevzat Gurmen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Board Treasurer
Mandy Hadenko-Hodgkinson, Director, Student Conduct
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
Cecilia Mak, Director, HR Business Partner
Marianne Marando, Vice-President, Academic and Students
Jeff McCarthy, Dean, Seneca Business
Chris McCracken, Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training
Kimberley Minott, Executive Assistant, Office of the President
Claire Moane, Dean, Academic Initiatives
Naaz Mohamed, Executive Director, Finance
Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art & Design
David Neale, Executive Director, Campus Services
Tasnima Rahman, Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors; Recorder
Caroline Riley, Vice-President, Human Resources
Ben Rogers, Dean, Seneca Innovation
Alvin Shum, Director, Enterprise Service Delivery
Jodi Smith, Director, Employee and Labour Relations
Mark Solomon, Associate Vice-President, Reconciliation and Inclusion
Hannah Sweet, Director, International Academic Initiatives
Maria Wallin, Associate Vice-President, Marketing and Communications

The chair called the board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. It was noted that this is the first scheduled board meeting for the 2023-24 year.

The Chair introduced new members and congratulated Kimberly Moran on her new position as Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Medical Association and Marianne Marando on her recent graduation from the Doctorate of Education EdD program at Western University.

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 spoke of the vibrancy of the Indigenous art community highlighting the Indigenous Film Festival, workshops and cultural events. He shared a short film from the festival portraying the experience of Indigenous colonization.

2. Consent Agenda

Kimberly Moran moved, seconded by John Kucharczuk, “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 8, 2023

- 1.3 Academic Planning and Student Affairs (APSA)
 - 1.3.1 APSA Terms of Reference 2023-24
 - 1.3.2 APSA Work Plan 2023-24
- 1.4 Finance and Administration (FAC)
 - 1.4.1 FAC Terms of Reference 2023-24
 - 1.4.2 FAC Work Plan 2023-24
- 1.5 Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC)
 - 1.5.1 GNC Terms of Reference 2023-24
 - 1.5.2 GNC Work Plan 2023-24

3. President's Report

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

- Ontario College Fair, which was held from Wednesday, October 18 to Thursday, October 19 at the Enercare Centre with strong representation from Seneca Polytechnic, colleges and some affiliate organizations; Seneca's exhibit featured a popular hologram capsule to engage prospective students; photographed visit in the hologram from Minister Jill Dunlop will be shared across social media
- Social media post of singer Nick Jonas in Seneca-branded attire has been re-shared across other channels
- New television commercial featuring successful graduates shown to governors; part of marketing campaign
- Blue Ribbon Panel report currently being translated in French; as wage restraint legislation was found unconstitutional, public sector has moved ahead with settling with unionized academic and support staff employees
- Opened new state-of-the-art skills lab, Seneca Centre for Innovation in Life Sciences, at Seneca@ York with focus on applied research in biotechnology, cosmetic science and life sciences diagnostics
- Health & Wellness Centre awaiting Section 28 approval; video of conceptual construction plan shown; will replace all athletics/recreation facilities and relocate student government space; will incorporate Indigenous design features

4. Other Business

- Upcoming events: The chair invited governors to advise if interested in participating in the:
 - Fall 2023 Convocation Ceremonies scheduled for Friday, October 27 to Sunday, October 29 at Meridian Hall
 - 2023 Higher Education Summit scheduled for Saturday, November 25 to Monday, November 27 and the 2023 Premier's Awards Gala at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel

Shiree Bain joined at 4:31pm.

5. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023; Newnham Campus, Boardroom K4100

Followed by the board holiday party

6. Adjournment

Winston Stewart moved, seconded by Nadine Chautilal, “That the public session adjourn and move in camera.”

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:31 p.m. to move to the in camera session.



Chair



Corporate Secretary