

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Staff Lounge, Castlegar Campus / Zoom

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BOARD MEMBERS:

Margaret Sutherland, Chair	Christy Anderson, Vice Chair
Scott Weatherford, Past Chair	Kris Salikin
Ken Wyllie	Bronwyn Krause
Liam Richardson	Abhilash Bhasin
Maggie Matear, President	

REGRETS:

Debbie Bird	John Dutton
Danny Bradford	Audrey Repin
Dave Briggeman	Sarah Lechthaler, EdCo Chair

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS:

Kerry Clarke, VP College Services/CFO
Lareena Rilkoff, Executive Director Finance & Risk
Taya Whitehead, VP Education & Students
Stacey Matthews, Executive Director HR
Brier Albano, Registrar /Assoc. VP Student Success
Donna Drover, Director Facilities & Business Serv.

GUESTS:

Selkirk College Students' Union Directors

OBSERVERS:

Gerald Lightburn, PPWC

TOPIC

1. MEETING OPENING

Elder Gerry Rempel opened the meeting in a good way.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Margaret Sutherland provided the territorial acknowledgment.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

There were no additions to the open session agenda of February 28, 2023.

4. ADOPTION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Motion: "To adopt the open session agenda of February 28, 2023 as circulated."

Carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

- Draft Open Session Board Minutes of Jan. 24, 2023
- Draft Finance Committee Minutes of Jan. 19, 2023
- Draft Policy Committee Minutes of Jan. 31, 2023
- Revised Policy Committee Term of Reference
- February Dashboard
- EdCo Report – February 2023

Motion: "To adopt the consent agenda of February 28, 2023 as circulated."

Carried

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The President reviewed the circulated report. No questions were raised.

TOPIC

7. PRESENTATION:

- Post-Secondary Student Issues
- Presenters:
 - Payton Maffioli, Selkirk College Students' Union Chairperson;
 - Gagan Deep Singh, Selkirk College Students' Union External Director; and
 - Mahendra Pratap Singh Tomar, Selkirk College Students' Union Treasurer.
- Presentation topics included:
 - Students' Union Update: Staff changes, governance restructure, back to campus;
 - Transit Campaign: Of the students providing feedback 78% mentioned scheduling issues, 25% requested service on Sundays and evenings, 30% mentioned over crowding. Next steps: Promote survey, engage with college, engage with labour, engage with government;
 - Tuition Increase: 2022 High inflation, need for post secondary funding, lack of financial commitment from government. Feel a reasonable increase to tuition is needed. Feel a higher increase to international tuition than domestic is unfair.
- Discussion ensued:
 - Vice President College Services/CFO continues to met with local and provincial transit authorities. Next meeting scheduled for May. Scheduling and adjustments to schedules is complex, planning now for 2024. A new bus request can take up to 3 years;
 - The college is looking to see what internal scheduling can be adjusted to better align with transit schedules;
 - New student housing will be available on the Castlegar and Tenth Street campuses in 2024.

8. TUITION FEE BYLAW

- The Registrar confirmed the Tuition Fee Bylaw applies to domestic tuition only and the circulated fee schedule represented a 2% increase over last year's fees.

Motion: "To approve the 2023/2024 Tuition and Supplementary Fee Bylaw/Schedule as provided."

Carried

9. 2023/2024 PRELIMINARY ENROLMENT PLAN

- The Vice President Education and Students reviewed the circulated report noting:
 - The college is expecting a modest increase in student FTE's over the next three years. Focus of growth will remain on programs that are in key sectors of need in the labour market forecast and that are regionally relevant;
 - Travel restrictions, reduced visa approval rates, and longer visa wait times have meant a greater number of international students have deferred their start or withdrawn from their studies. The college anticipates this will be resolved for the 2023/2024 academic year, bringing international student numbers closer to pre-pandemic levels.
- Selkirk Innovates reports local high school graduation rates will increase by 20% by 2030 which supports the Enrolment Plan projection.

10. 2023/2024 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

- The Executive Director Finance and Risk provided a verbal update stating:
 - The Provincial budget was presented today in the Legislature;
 - Hopeful to receive deficit approval for 2023 and 2024 from the Province soon;
 - The college has seen a small increase in domestic and international FTEs since January but is also experiencing a drop in some grants (ex. Industry Trades Authority);
 - Work is underway to present the Board with a draft deficit budget in March for approval;
 - The deficit for 2023 is currently trending under \$2M which is better than expected.

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11. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Board Chair, the President and four Board members traveled to Cranbrook to meet with the Ktunaxa Education and Employment Sector Council. The visit included:
 - A presentation by Dr. Christopher Horsethief on the history of the Ktunaxa Nation;
 - Lunch and conversation,
 - Sharing the Strategic Plans of both organizations.
- Attended a wonderful Bursary Tea event.

12. MEMBERS' REPORT

- No reports were provided.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: "To move into the closed session."

Carried