

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES

of the

FULL BOARD MEETING of the BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the MediaPlex, 275 Victoria Ave., Room #111, Windsor, Ontario

PRESENT:

Mr. T. Berthiaume
Ms. M. Corey
Mr. C. Janisse
Ms. L. Kempe
Ms. M. Lucio
Ms. M. Marcotte
Mr. V. Marcotte, **Chair**
Ms. P. Papadeas
Ms. M. Rogers
Mr. R. Rusich
Mr. R. Seguin
Dr. J. Strasser, **President**
Mr. C. Topliffe
Ms. M. Wickham
Mr. D. Wilson, **Chair-Elect**

REGRETS:

Mr. D. Allen
Mr. D. Moncur

Also Present:

Mr. D. Barsanti, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. E.P. Chant, Editor, SAINT, Student Newspaper
Mr. J. Fairley, Vice President, College & Community Relations
Ms. P. France, Senior Vice President, College Operations
Ms. S. Girard, Secretary, Board of Governors
Dr. P. Tumidajski, Vice President, Strategic Planning

A quorum of the Board of Governors in attendance and Notice of Meeting and the Agenda having been duly sent to all Board members, the meeting was declared regularly constituted. A copy of the Notice of Meeting/Agenda is attached as **Appendix 'A'**.

Mr. Marcotte chaired the meeting and Ms. Girard was the Recording Secretary.

1.0 **Adoption of the Agenda and Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Hearing no declarations of conflict of interest and no changes to the agenda, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors adopt the February 24, 2015 Full Board Agenda as distributed.

2.0 **Approval of the Full Board Minutes of the January 27, 2015 Meeting Held in Windsor, Ontario**

Hearing no changes, errors or omissions to the Minutes, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the Full Board Minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting as distributed.

3.0 **Constituent Reports**

No reports at this time.

4.0 **President's Report**

Dr. Strasser indicated that the Alumni of Distinction event has been rescheduled to April 30, 2015, which was previously scheduled for February 27, 2015.

5.0 **Business Arising**

5.1 KPI Surveys

Ms. France indicated that there was nothing to report at this time but the surveys are complete and this item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

6.0 **New Business**

6.1 By Laws 20 & 21 (1st Reading)

After a brief discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve by-laws 20 & 21 as presented, it was,

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 1st reading of by-laws 20 & 21 as presented.

At this time, Mr. Fairley asked if he could say a few words on a College event. He indicated that the 25th Annual Wine and Food Gala would be taking place on Friday,

April 10, 2015 and stated that the theme for this year would be a "British Invasion" of St. Clair College. Dr. Strasser added that the Fashion Design students will do a short presentation at this event. Dr. Strasser indicated that the Fashion Design students have scheduled their Fashion Show on Friday, May 1, 2015 and it was noted that the theme is "An Evening in Paris".

The Chair asked that administration send the upcoming event dates to the Board.

At this time, Mr. Seguin presented a report on behalf of Mr. Allen as he was unable to attend this meeting. On February 12 and 13, 2015, Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) formerly ACCC held an immigration symposium in Ottawa. It was decided that the College was to be represented there as CICan brokered the Science Without Borders program with Brazil.

At this time, Mr. Seguin read Mr. Allen's report and a copy is attached to the Minutes.

Mr. Seguin noted that Denise Amyot, the Executive Director of CICan called him shortly after the symposium explained that they would be brokering a new program called "Culture Without Borders", which is with the Government of Mexico and she asked if the College could take increased seats.

After Mr. Seguin's report, the Chair asked if the Board could please take a quick break and they would go back In-Camera for a discussion.

Report to the Board of Governors, St Clair College.

The above noted Symposium sponsored by Colleges Institutes Canada (CICan – formerly ACCC) was attended by Ron Seguin and Dan Allen in Ottawa from 11-13 February 2015. Attached you will find the agenda for the conference, including thumbnails relative to each presentation, and a link to information about the social innovation fund sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Denise Amyot, Executive Director of CICan, opened the conference and acknowledged the presence of Dan Allen as a former colleague during her time with the Federal Government – Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. St Clair College was acknowledged during the presentation by Michelle Suchiu of the Windsor-Essex Local Immigration Partnership Community Connector, who spoke about collaboration with municipalities to support immigrant integration.

Overall the conference was well attended, and the presentations highlighted important issues with respect to the recruitment, retention and successful career placement of immigrant students. As noted above, a brief description of each presentation can be found on the agenda, but the following bear particular attention:

- The keynote address, presented by Nick Noorani of the Government of Canada Panel on Employment Challenges of New Canadians focussed on growth opportunities for colleges in the face of the governments' new "Express Entry System".
- Andrew Galley of the Mowat Centre provided perspectives on engaging employers to support immigrant integration, based on a recent study that looks at improving employment outcomes through strengthened government –employer engagement. Of particular note, he acknowledged that there was a serious oversight in the development of the program as community colleges were not included in the consultations as they were not considered at that time as "government" for the purposes of the research being conducted.
- Kelly McGahey of the organization known as "Hire Immigrants Ottawa" shared their model for engaging with employers which includes the role of colleges and institutes as employers of new Canadians.
- Thomas Gulian, Director -- *Institut de recherche sur l'integration professionnelle des immigrants, College de Maisonneuve* – provided examples of specific projects supporting the economic integration of immigrants

Also of note, were presentations updating the work done to benchmark British and Irish trade qualifications with Canadian requirements across nine skill areas, and a panel describing exemplary practices in the delivery of support services for immigrant and international students including counselling, intercultural training and financial assistance.

Many of the issues presented were topical and relevant to the St Clair College experience. The organizers of the conference indicated that conference material and video will be available on their website at <http://www.collegesinstitutes.ca/> should anyone wish to view the actual presentation. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to attend this conference, and would be most willing to follow-up more closely with the principals involved should the Board identify an area requiring further investigation.