

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors
Thursday, October 26, 2023

Minutes

PRESENT

Governors:

D. Mitchell (Chair)	S. Hynna
J. Brooks	M. Irwin
P. Corbett	T. Katagis
N. Cour	D. Madahbee
B. Delorenzi	A. Smith

President:	D. Orazietti
Secretary Treasurer:	M. Paquette
Recording Secretary:	E. Hebert

Guests: J. Barbet, International Student Relations Specialist
W. Bertaiolli, Regional Manager - Brazil
L. Goulding, Professor, Natural Environment
B. Kelly, Sault Star
P. Orazietti, Director, Athletics and Student Experience
R. MacDonald, Director, Corporate Communications and Stakeholder Relations
R. Peters, Vice President, Strategic Enrolment, Employment and Partnerships
S. Sarroza, Student
S. Smith, Vice President, Academics, Innovation and Student Services
D. Taylor, Soo Today
F. Wang, Manager, International Recruitment, Partnerships and Project Development

REGRETS

J. Boyer-Nolan
M. Faught
S. Hollingsworth
R. Matthew
M. Scott
O. Rosa

The meeting commenced at 4:30 pm

1. Welcome

Chair Mitchell reviewed the college vision and Land Acknowledgement.

Vision:

We will make our society a better place by providing a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive and innovative ways.

Land Acknowledgement:

Located in the Robinson Huron Treaty territory, we are grateful to Mother Earth for providing us the land, water, air, and food needed to sustain all life and we acknowledge Indigenous Peoples as the original stewards of this land who have lived in harmony and in respect with all Creation. As we are all relations, it is important to recognize this interconnected relationship with one another and our obligation to respect the land that has nourished, healed, protected, and embraced us. We honour Obadjiwan (Batchewana First Nation) and Ketegaunseebee (Garden River First Nation) as the original caretakers of the land that Sault College is situated on and acknowledge the contributions of the historical Metis Nation of SSM in the stewardship of this territory.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Mitchell's call for items of conflict of interest went unanswered and the agenda was approved and confirmation of quorum was received.

Moved by: D. Madahbee

Seconded by: S. Hynna

The Board of Governors adopts the agenda and confirms that a quorum is present, and all conflicts are addressed.

Carried

3. Consent Agenda

Chair Mitchell asked the Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023 Board Meeting and adopts them into the official record book of the board.

Moved by: A. Smith

Seconded by: P. Corbett

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of September 28, 2023 Board meeting and adopts them into the official record book of the board.

Carried

4. Brazil Presentation

Vice President Strategic Enrolment, Employment and Community Partnerships introduced Jessica Barbet, International Student Relations Specialist, William Bertaoilli, Regional Manager – Brazil, Lynn Goulding, Professor, Natural Environment, and Shacyne Sarroza, a School of Natural Environment student, to provide an update on a summer exchange to Brazil. As part of this program, three Sault College School of Natural Environment students had the opportunity to visit Brazil for three months in partnership with our institutional partner, IF Sul De Minas Gerais. During their time in Brazil, students were provided with experiential learning opportunities where they benefited from hands-on experience in the biotech, reforestation, coffee culture, butchery, fish culture, K9 handling, equine therapy, and swine production fields.

5. Truth and Reconciliation Initiatives Update

Sherri Smith, Vice President, Academics, Innovation and Student Services provided an update on the College's work in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Actions that are applicable to postsecondary institutions. The College has implemented various initiatives to support these Calls to Action and its work and commitment to supporting truth and reconciliation remains an important priority.

6. Athletics Presentation

Sherri Smith, Vice President, Athletics, Innovation and Student Services was joined by Paul Oraziatti, Director, Athletics and Student Experience, to present on the College's plan to build a multi-sport artificial turf field, track and field house on campus. Paul Oraziatti shared that the benefits of building the facility includes engaging the student experience, expanding opportunities for recreation and varsity sports, supporting student recruitment efforts, and fostering community engagement. Constructing the field on campus allows the College to leverage the facilities that currently exist in the Health and Wellness Center.

Chair Mitchell asked the Board of Governors to approve the request for the College to develop plans to build a multi-sport artificial turf field, track and field house on campus.

Moved by: S. Hynna

Seconded by: J. Brooks

Whereas developing athletics infrastructure at Sault College will enhance the post-secondary education experience for our students and further support their physical and mental health;

Whereas developing athletics infrastructure at Sault College will complement student recruitment efforts and help to ensure we remain competitive with other post-secondary institutions;

Whereas developing athletics infrastructure will allow Sault College to expand its sports programming, improve student satisfaction of campus facilities, as well as build community capacity to host events;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Governors recommends that the Sault College leadership team take the necessary steps to develop a plan to build a Turf Field, Track and Field

House on the Sault College campus. The final proposal for this infrastructure will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors.

Carried.

7. Vice President, Academics, Innovation and Student Services Report

Sherri Smith, Vice President, Academics, Innovation and Student Services provided an update on initiatives in the Academic, Innovation and Student Services division.

The update included information on a recent experience at the National Indigenous Education Symposium hosted by CiCAN and Indigenous Institutes Consortium, an update on Sault College women and men hockey teams, and the development of an Academic Artificial Intelligence Task Force.

8. Vice President Strategic Enrolment, Employment and Community Partnerships Report

Richard Peters, Vice President Strategic Enrolment, Employment and Community Partnerships provided an update on initiatives in the Strategic Enrolment, Employment and Community Partnerships division.

The update included an overview of ongoing marketing campaigns, student recruitment efforts, and attendance at the Ontario Student Counsellors Association Conference. Fang Wang, Manager, International Recruitment, Partnerships and Project Development, joined Richard Peters to provide an update on our current international partnership programs and objectives.

9. President's Report

President Oraziotti provided a report with information on recent donations from Studica Inc., Heliene, Sault College's 2023 Fall Convocation, and a visit from the College Employer Council.

10. Time and Place of Next Meetings

November 9 th	Sub-Committee Meeting
November 30 th	Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm