

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT**

Governors:

J. Boyer-Nolan  
P. Corbett  
B. Delorenzi  
M. Faught  
S. Hollingsworth  
S. Hynna  
M. Irwin  
T. Katagis  
D. Madahbee  
R. Matthew

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

Guests: B. Kelly, Sault Star  
B. Chapman, Dean, Health Programs  
A. Collins, Student  
R. MacDonald, Director, Corporate Communications and Stakeholder Relations  
K. Morin, Counsellor  
L. O'Brien, Manager, Student Services and Conduct  
K. Paquette, Interim Registrar  
R. Peters, Vice President, Strategic Enrolment, Employment and Partnerships  
S. Smith, Vice President, Academics, Innovation and Student Services  
D. Taylor, Soo Today

**REGRETS**

J. Brooks  
N. Court  
D. Mitchell

O. Rosa  
M. Scott

*The meeting commenced at 4:30 pm*

## **1. Welcome**

Vice Chair Boyer-Nolan reviewed the college vision and President Oraziotti presented the 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**

Vice Chair Boyer-Nolan's call for conflict of interest went unanswered and the agenda was approved and confirmation of quorum was received.

**Moved by:** S. Hynna

**Seconded by:** S. Hollingsworth

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and confirms that no governors are in a conflict of interest with any of the agenda items.

**Carried**

### **3. Consent Agenda**

Vice Chair Boyer-Nolan asked the Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting and adopt them into the official record book of the board.

**Moved by:** S. Hollingsworth

**Seconded by:** S. Hynna

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors approves the following minutes and adopts them into the official record book of the board:

- Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Carried**

### **4. New Program Proposal: Registered Nurse – Prescribing Program**

Bob Chapman, Dean, Health Programs, provided an overview of the proposed new Registered Nurse – Prescribing Program. This program provides current nurses with the training required to expand their scope of practice to meet the health needs of Ontarians by assessing patients and prescribing medication. This expands opportunities for graduates of Sault College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and for practicing Registered Nurses. The program is comprised of 42-hour online, self-paced courses and one 150-hour clinical and will be offered in collaboration with a consortium of seven colleges.

**Moved by:** S. Hollingsworth

**Seconded by:** S. Hynna

Whereas, the proposed Registered Nurse – Prescribing program aims to address the critical need for trained healthcare professionals in Ontario by providing current registered nurses with the necessary training to expand their scope of practice and prescribe medications;

Whereas, the proposed program has received approval from the Colleges of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) and aligns with the Ministry of Health's initiative to enhance the scope of practice for Registered Nurses to address the growing skills demand;

Whereas, Sault College, in collaboration with a seven-college consortium, is well-positioned to deliver this program, further supported by the Ontario government's commitment to provide free tuition to the first 1,000 nurses enrolled in the program, recognizing the importance of expanding the scope of practice for Registered Nurses;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sault College Board of Governors approves the Registered Nurse – Prescribing program as recommended by the Programs and Services Committee.

**Carried.**

## **5. Student Supports Presentation**

Luke O'Brien, Manager, Student Services and Conduct, Kim Miron, Counsellor, and Alexxa Collins, Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Committee student committee lead, provided an informative presentation focused on the important services available for students with documented disabilities and student mental health support. These included counselling, accessibility services, accessibility testing, both on and off campus mental health supports, and the student-led Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Committee. Other services offered, such as Indigenous student services and student success coaching, were also briefly highlighted.

## **6. 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 an update on the annual Sault College Pow Wow, a Guidance Counsellor Dinner hosted by the recruitment team, and an update on the Sault College curling teams.

## **7. 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 information on domestic and international recruitment initiatives, international partnerships, and international student services.

## **8. President's Report**

President Oraziotti provided a report with information on the College's initiatives for Bell Let's Talk and Black History Month, a recap on various speaking engagements over the previous month, and an update on the January 22<sup>nd</sup> International Student Announcement.

## **9. Time and Place of Next Meetings**

March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Sub-Committee Meeting
March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Board Meeting

*The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm*