



## **Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB)**

### **Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting held February 9, 2016 T.C. Douglas Building, Regina, SK**

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Members: Ronald Bond (Chair), Karen Barnes (Vice-Chair), Marie Battiste, Thomas Chase, Robin Fisher, Bill McLaughlin, Fay Myers, Asit Sarkar

Guests at the Invitation of the Chair: Dr. Louise Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education (for greetings)

Secretariat: Patti Bateman; Philip Cameron; Tammy Jones-Bonk

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#### **1. Interim Chair's Opening Remarks**

Ronald Bond welcomed new members Tom Chase, Fay Myers and Asit Sarkar and guest, Louise Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education.

#### **2. Greetings from the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education**

Dr. Louise Greenberg brought greetings from the Ministry of Advanced Education, provided an overview of current Ministry activities and answered questions.

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**It was moved and seconded (Chase/McLaughlin) to approve the Agenda as presented. CARRIED.**

#### **4. Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Meeting**

**It was moved and seconded (McLaughlin/Battiste) to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting as presented. CARRIED.**

#### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the November 17, 2015 Meeting**

##### **a) Follow-up to 2015 Public Review of Quality Assurance Standards**

As a result of the 2015 public review of the SHEQAB quality assurance standards, the Board entertained minor changes to the organizational standards. The revised standards will be reviewed at the June 2016 meeting.

#### **6. Alumna Concern**

Karen Barnes and Robin Fisher provided a report to the Board, in response to a request from the Minister of Advanced Education, for the Board to look into a concern that came from a former student of a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution. After hearing the report, the Board was

satisfied that the institution is taking steps to address the concern. The Board will inform the Minister of its findings and recommendations.

## **7. Applications under review**

### **a) Briercrest College and Seminary – BA Psychology**

An organizational review of Briercrest will be conducted in April 2016. The Board reviewed the organizational self-study submitted by Briercrest in January 2016 and provided directions for the review panel. The panel's findings will be considered at the Board's June 15, 2016, meeting.

### **b) Saskatchewan Polytechnic - Bachelor of Construction Management**

The Board reviewed an update submitted by Saskatchewan Polytechnic regarding further development of the proposed Bachelor of Construction Management degree. Saskatchewan Polytechnic confirmed that, due to the time required for additional development work, the start date of the program will be deferred from the date originally proposed, September 2016.

Pending receipt of additional information from Saskatchewan Polytechnic within the next two months, the Board will further consider the application at its June 15, 2016 meeting.

## **8. Ministry Updates**

Philip Cameron provided an update from the Ministry and solicited feedback from the Board regarding minor changes to the Ministry's process and guidelines for institutions applying for degree-granting authorization.

Mr. Cameron informed the Board of a prospective partnership between the Universities of Saskatchewan and Victoria that will require the University of Victoria to seek an exemption from *The Degree Authorization Act* pursuant to section 5 of *The Degree Authorization Regulations*.

## **9. The Year Ahead**

The Board reviewed and provided feedback on the SHEQAB's 2015 year-in-review letter from Chair, Ronald Bond, addressed to the Saskatchewan post-secondary sector and other stakeholders.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding a retreat in conjunction with a future Board meeting. Tom Chase and Asit Sarkar will form a sub-committee to consider potential topic areas and will present their recommendations to the Board at the June meeting.

## **10. Board Succession 2016**

A call for nominations will take place in the spring 2016 to fill one pending vacancy on the Board. The last call for nominations (fall 2015) identified some candidates who expressed an interest in letting their names stand for future nominations to the Board. Accordingly, these individuals will be contacted as part of the call for nominations process.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2016 in Saskatoon.

### **Adjournment**

**It was moved and seconded (Fisher/Battiste) to adjourn the Meeting. CARRIED.**