

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
 Staff Lounge, Castlegar Campus / Teams



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:		LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS EXPECTED:
Amed Naqvi, Chair	Thompson Hickey, Vice Chair	Andrea Hall, Executive Director Finance / CFO
Christy Anderson	Mary Austin	Taya Whitehead, VP Education & Students
Satinder Kaur	Roly Russell	Brier Albano, AVP Student Success
Bronwyn Krause	Ken Wyllie	Stacey Matthews, Executive Director HR
Maggie Matear, President	Kim Pham	Tammie Clarke, Dean
		Tracy Punchard, Dean
REGRETS		OBSERVERS:
Darcy Falkenhagen, EdCo Chair	Debbie Bird	Pablo Pastor, SCFA
Gurwinder Singh		Andrew Jupp, PPWC
		GUESTS:
		Students' Union Directors

	TOPIC		
1.	TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided by Maggie Matear to open the meeting 		
2.	ADDITIONS TO THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added item 6, Motion to approve School of Hospitality and Tourism courses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tourism and Destination Management b) Culinary Arts 		
3.	ADOPTION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026 Motion: "To adopt the open session agenda of February 24, 2026 as amended."		<i>Carried</i>
4.	ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft Open Session Minutes of January 27, 2026 b. Enrolment Dashboard – February 2026 c. EdCo Chair Report – February 2026 Motion: "To adopt the consent agenda of February 24, 2026, as circulated."		<i>Carried</i>
5.	PRESENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selkirk College Students' Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction of members and an overview of core services provided. ○ Key concerns, priorities and initiatives were highlighted, which included housing stability and 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o program suspensions. o Presentation on current advocacy and province-wide campaign, <i>Cuts Suck: Fix Education</i>. Link: Cuts Suck Fix Education! 		
6.	<p>Motion: “To approve the proposed Tourism and Destination Management and program, as recommended by Education Council.” adopted</p> <p>Motion: “To approve the proposed Culinary Arts program, as recommended by Education Council.” adopted</p>		Carried Carried
7.	<p>PRESIDENT’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President referenced the circulated report and provided additional updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provincial government Bill 7 (international education standards) had its first reading. This has been in discussion for last two years. There won’t be many implications for public institutions, but we will be watching its progress. o BC Budget was released and there will be modest increases for post-secondary for 26/27 and 28/29. There will also be lifts for apprenticeship programs and a small amount of funding for tools and equipment o An independent KSA steering committee presented their business plan to the City of Nelson Council. They have asked for two years’ rent-free use of the Victoria Street building as they develop a community arts hub. 		
8.	<p>2026-2027 BUDGET PLANNING UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Director of Finance/CFO updated the board on budget planning for the next fiscal year. 		
9.	<p>PROVINCIAL GRANT FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Director of Finance/CFO presented student enrollment numbers. 		
10.	<p>PROGRAM CANCELATION</p> <p>Motion: “To approve the cancelation of the Community Support Worker Program as recommended by the Education Council.” Approved</p>		Carried
11.	<p>BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair attended the college’s annual Donor Tea. 		
12.	<p>MEMBERS’ REPORT-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member noted it is Freedom to Read week • A member referred to the amazing oversight work the Education Council Committee does • A member attended a Sinixt story sharing event and forwarded an invitation to the Kettle Falls Salmon Ceremony in the spring 		
13.	<p>STUDENTS’ REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not provided 		

14.	CLOSED SESSION Motion: "To move into the closed session."			Carried
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