

## OPEN SESSION MINTUES

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

4:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Staff Lounge, Castlegar Campus /Zoom

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Sutherland, Chair	Christy Anderson, Vice Chair
Debbie Bird	John Dutton
Danny Bradford	Thompson Hickey
Amed Naqvi	Ken Wyllie
Bronwyn Krause	Abhilash Bhasin
Kim Pham	Sarah Lechthaler
Maggie Matear, President	

### REGRETS:

Mary Austin	Kris Salikin
Darcy Falkenhagen, EdCo Chair	Kamalpreet Singh

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Taya Whitehead, VP Education & Students  
Lareena Rilkoﬀ, Interim VP College Services, CFO  
Stacey Matthews, Executive Director of HR  
Tammie Clarke, Dean  
Andrea Hall, Interim Director Finance  
Marianne Walsh, Manager IT Services Delivery  
Nick Howald, CIO  
Allison Alder, Dean  
Donna Drover, Director Facilities & Business Services  
Marco Biermann, Manager IT Operations & Infrastructure

### GUESTS:

Jessica Adrian, Advisor, Co-op Education and Employment Services  
Jennie Barron, Chair, Mir Centre for Peace, Instructor  
Kayla Tillapaugh, Sustainability Coordinator  
Selkirk Faculty  
Nelson4Palestine members

### OBSERVERS:

Gerald Lightburn, PPWC  
Ken Laing, SCFA

## TOPIC

### BOARD NOMINATIONS

- **Board Chair**  
Bronwyn Krause nominated Margaret Sutherland. No further nominations were received. Margaret Sutherland was re-elected Chair by acclamation.
- **Board Vice Chair**  
Kim Pham nominated Amed Naqvi. No further nominations were received. Amed Naqvi was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

#### 1. MEETING OPENING

One of the Old Ones, Donna Wright opened the meeting in a good way.

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### 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair, Margaret Sutherland, provided a territorial acknowledgement to open the meeting.

### 3. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Introductions: Roundtable introductions were made. The Board welcomed new member, Thompson Hickey.
- Appreciation Gifts: Gifts were presented to board members concluding their terms:
  - Danny Bradford, appointed member (6 years)
  - Sarah Lechthaler, EdCo Chair (3 years)
- Kris Salkin appointed member (6 years) has also concluded her final term and will receive her gift at a later date.

### 4. ADDITIONS TO THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF JUNE 25, 2024

There were no additions to the agenda of June 25, 2024.

### 5. ADOPTION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA OF JUNE 25, 2024

**MOTION:** "To adopt the open session agenda of June 25, 2024, as circulated."

*Carried*

### 6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA OF JUNE 25, 2024

- Draft open Session minutes of May 28, 2024
- Draft Governance Committee Minutes of June 11, 2024
- June Enrolment Dashboard
- EdCo Report – June 2024

**MOTION:** "To adopt the consent agenda of June 25, 2024, as circulated."

*Carried*

### 7. PRESENTATION

- Co-op Education & Employment Services (CEES) by Jessica Adrian
- Topics covered: CEES and the Strategic Plan, Co-op Education and Work Integrated Learning, Employment Services, Work Study, and Challenges, Actions, Opportunities
- Brief Q & A session ensued.

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### 8. PRESENTATION

- Divestment and Sustainable Investments by Kayla Tillapaugh and Jennie Barron
- Requests made of the board:
  1. Publish an annual report disclosing the holdings in Selkirk College's investment pool, that details the amount or percentage allocated to specific funds, companies, and institutions, and that is inclusive of all investments of the institution, whether held directly by the College or by other entities that manage investments on its behalf.
  2. Collaborate with knowledge-holders within Selkirk College to examine these investments to identify and potentially divest from companies that may be implicated in the Israel-Gaza war, including but not restricted to:
    - Companies producing weapons systems, components, related technologies (e.g., surveillance)
    - Companies significantly invested in, contributing to, or supporting Israel's assault on Gaza and/or the continued illegal occupation of Palestinian territories.
    - Companies in the illegal settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem
  3. Establish a multi-stakeholder Committee on Investor Responsibility at Selkirk College that includes the Sustainability Coordinator and the Chair of the Mir Centre for Peace, to:
    - Develop a sustainable investment policy.
    - Commit to annual reviews of holdings, disclosure, and transparency with an eye to ensuring that the College maintains its commitment to positive sustainability investments, where 'sustainability' includes peace as per the Sustainable Development Goals, which Selkirk College has committed to advancing via the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) Accord.
- Following the presentation a brief Q & A ensued and community member Madelaine McLean presented the board chair with an open letter asking the board to:
  - Review existing investments and develop best practices for future investments including divesting from arms manufacturing and companies linked to Israel and operating in occupied Palestinian territory.
  - Publicly post a report outlining Selkirk College's investments and financial holdings.
  - Suspend exchange agreements with Israeli universities
  - Cut academic ties with any Israeli academic institutions
  - Commit to funding undergraduate scholarships for Palestinians displaced by war, beginning in the fall semester.
- The board will take some time to discuss and consider the requests prior to responding.

### 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No questions were raised on the circulated report.
- The President noted a Métis Learners Protocol was signed today with the Kootenay & Boundary Region Métis Society, and the Kootenay South Métis Society following lunch and a signing ceremony at Gathering Place.
- The President shared a video of Naomi Bourque's work on display at the Toronto fashion week. [Naomi](#) is a Selkirk College Textile program alum and an Indigenous fashion artist.

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### 10. DRAFT INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT & PLAN

- The VP Education & Students stated the Institutional Accountability Report & Plan (IAPR) illustrates how we are achieving Ministry mandates, institutional commitments to the strategic plan, and other Ministry reporting obligations.
- Information still to be added:
  - 2023/24 Ministry Performance Measures, Targets & Results – final data to come along with accompanying Discussion - “TBD”
  - 2024/25–2026/27 Ministry Accountability Framework Performance Measure Targets – data to be provided by Ministry - “TBD”
  - Link to Financial Information – Financial reporting will be posted to Selkirk website once approved.
- New this year:
  - In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care
  - Expanded WIL section.
  - Formatting has changed as we transition to a more accessible, concise document.

**Motion:** “To approve the draft 2024 Institutional Accountability Report & Plan.”

*Carried*

### 11. CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN DASHBOARD

- The President noted there has been little change since the last quarterly update and if an item is coloured yellow it is mainly due to technical issues or circumstances beyond our control and will continue in an operational plan as this strategic plan will end in December 2024.
- With the new draft strategic plan nearing completion, the board is on track to approve the new plan in November 2024.

### 12. DRAFT 2024/25 BOARD CALENDAR

**Motion:** “To approve the draft 2024/25 Board Planning Calendar as circulated.”

*Carried*

### 13. PROGRAM CANCELLATION

- Advanced Interprofessional Diploma in Gerontology
- The Dean of the program reviewed the circulated briefing note which included the history of the program.
- No questions were raised.

**Motion:** To approve the cancellation of the of Advanced Interprofessional Diploma Program in Gerontology program as recommended by the Education Council.

*Carried*

### 14. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

- The Board Chair provided a verbal report on the meetings and activities she attended over the last month:
  - Two convocation ceremonies.
  - BOG strategic plan focused retreat in Kaslo
  - President’s annual evaluation meeting
  - HR committee meeting
  - Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting
  - Metis protocol signing lunch and ceremony

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### 15. MEMBERS' REPORT

- Members provided verbal reports:
  - Three board members attended the Ministry's Governance Workshop in Vancouver
  - The suggestion of a group board meeting with Selkirk College, College of the Rockies, and Okanagan College was raised.
  - Four board members awarded scholarships at regional high school graduation ceremonies in the last month.

### 16. CLOSED SESSION

**Motion:** "To move into the closed session."

*Carried*