

**THE GEORGE BROWN
COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS
AND TECHNOLOGY**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**April 24, 2025
230 Richmond St. E. &
VIA MS TEAMS
5:30 P.M.**

Present:	Bruce Choy, Chair Omo Akintan Jon Callegher Bhavna Duggal Saeideh Fard	Gervan Fearon Rob Gilmour Roger Grochmal Arjun Jasuja	Lachlan MacQuarrie Millan Mulraine Jimi Rockley Sanya Vatish
Guests:	Paul Armstrong Susan Bowrah Steve Comacho Janene Christiansen	Eileen De Courcy Jennifer Grant Michael Herrera Dave Mazzone	Michelle McCollum Mona Modaresi Susan Toews
Guests via Teams:	Patricia Chorney Rubin Adel Esayed	Rudi Fischbacher Cindy Gouveia	Ian Wigglesworth
Regrets:	Nancy Prenevost	Sanya Vatish	
Board Administrators:	Lisa Lam Julia Hendrik Bowers		
Minutes:	Julia Hendrik Bowers		

1.0 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of 2025. He welcomed back Julia Hendrik Bowers from parental leave and extended a warm welcome to Dave Mazzone, Interim Chief Marketing Officer.

A land territory acknowledgement was then provided.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda (including past minutes)

The governors reviewed the private agenda and Consent Agenda. No issues arose.

MOTION BGPUB-2025-04-01

THAT the Board of Governors approve the agenda for the public meeting held on April 24, 2025; and

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting held April 24, 2025, which includes the following items:

For Approval:

2.2 Approval 2025-26 Student Ancillary Fees (a complete set)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2025-26 Compulsory Ancillary Fees (Institutional) as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2025-26 Compulsory Ancillary Fees (levied by the Student Association) as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2025-26 Compulsory Ancillary Fees (Material Fees) including Cfb E-Text as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee

2.3 Approval of the 2025-26 ECE Lab School Child Care Fees

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2025-26 ECE Lab School Child Care Fees as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee

For Information:

2.4 Board of Governors Meeting – Public – Minutes (DRAFT) – February 5, 2025

2.5 Draft Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Public Minutes of March 12, 2025

2.6 Draft Finance and Property Committee Public Minutes of April 16, 2025

2.7 Briefing Note - Academic and Student Services Update

Moved: R. Grochmal

Seconded: J. Callegher

CARRIED

3.0 Reports by Standing Committees

Finance and Property Committee (F&P)

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bhavna Duggal, gave an update on the approval of the student ancillary fees and the approval of the ECE Lab School Child Care Fees as part of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care funding agreement.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASA)

The Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Roger Grochmal, explained that the last meeting had been divided into a public and a private component. As part of the public meeting, he highlighted updates given by the Research and Innovation Team and the Program Review Process for the 2024-2025 academic year. He also provided a preliminary update on 2025-2026 enrolment taking into consideration the impacts of the IRCC and Provincial Attestation Letter allocations for Ontario.

4.0 Board Chair Extension

Saeideh Fard, speaking on behalf of Governance and Nomination Committee Chair, Nancy Prenevost, gave an update on the policy update regarding the board chair extension. A regulation was passed by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities offering an amendment to the legislation and enabling an extension of the term limit for the Chair of the Board. By resolving that this new regulation is applicable to the College, the extension of the term limit for the Board Chair will be brought forward at the June meeting.

MOTION BGPUB-2025-04-02

THAT the Board of Governors resolve that subsection 3.9 of Board By-Law #1 is not applicable to the Chair of the Board of Governors of George Brown College as per subsection (6.1) of O. Reg. 34/03 under the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2003.

Moved: O. Akintan

Seconded: B. Duggal

CARRIED

5.0 President's Update

President Fearon noted that his written report contains an extensive overview of College updates with a focus on the ongoing response to the policy changes. He discussed the Town Hall meetings held across the College, gave an update on the mitigation strategy for employees and shared insight into the transformation strategy currently underway. He highlighted that George Brown College will be the first college to host the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in early June and extended an invitation to Board members to attend. He also extended an invitation to the Convocation ceremonies, including the installation of the new Chancellor during the week of Convocation.

6.0 Educational Information on the Ministry Operating Procedures

President Fearon, and the Vice President, Academic, Eileen De Courcy provided an overview of the nomenclature procedure to clarify the naming of various program changes according to Ministry operating guidelines. There is confusion around programs that are currently pausing intake and programs being permanently suspended. Only a program that will be suspended or cancelled requires Board approval to do so; such programs will go through the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to the Board for approval.

J. Rockley inquired as to whether the language could be changed to avoid confusion. Registrar and AVP, Strategic Enrolment, Janene Christiansen clarified that the nomenclature being employed is according to ministry guidelines. R. Grochmal commented that based on this language, there is an unfortunate public perception that programs are closing when they are being temporarily paused.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the private session at 6:17pm.