

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

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

Present:	Bruce Choy, Chair Omo Akintan (online) Jon Callegher (online) Bhavna Duggal Rob Gilmour (online)	Roger Grochmal Arjun Jasuja Lachlan MacQuarrie Millan Mulraine	Akrivi Papadaki Nancy Prenevost Jimi Rockley Sanya Vatish
Guests:	Paul Armstrong Susan Bowrah Steve Comacho Janene Christiansen	Eileen De Courcy Cindy Gouveia Michael Herrera Michelle McCollum	Mona Modaresi Sumi Shan Michael Thomas Ian Wigglesworth
Guests via Teams:	Adel Esayed Rudi Fischbacher	Ana Rita Morais	Susan Toews
Regrets:	Saeideh Fard	Gervan Fearon	
Secretary of the Board:	Scott Berry		
Minutes:	Lisa Lam		

1.0 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of 2025 and gave a warm introduction to the new Board Secretary, Scott Berry.

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. An amendment was made to switch sections 3.0 "Reports by Standing Committees" and 4.0 "President's Update".

MOTION BGPUB-2025-02-01

THAT the Board of Governors approve the agenda for the public meeting held on February 5, 2025 and

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting held February 5, 2025 which includes the following items:

For Approval:

2.2 Approval of ASA recommendation to approve new programs:

1. Data Warehousing and Analytics Graduate Certificate
2. Leadership in Retirement Communities Graduate Certificate

2.3 Approval of the 2025-26 Student Tuition Fees (Motion)

For Information:

2.4 Board of Governors Meeting – Public – Minutes (DRAFT) - December 4, 2024

2.5 Draft Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Minutes of January 15, 2025

2.6 Draft Finance and Property Committee Public Minutes of January 29, 2025

2.7 Draft Public People and Technology Minutes of January 16, 2025

2.8 Micro-credentials for review from ASA:

1. Entrepreneurship for Contractors Micro-credential
2. Infectious Disease Micro-credential
3. Housing Construction and Maintenance Micro-credential
4. Mass Timber Micro-credential

2.9 Interim Human Rights Discrimination and Harassment Policy

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: R. Grochmal

CARRIED

3.0 President's Update

President Fearon noted that his written report contains an extensive overview of the updates from around the college with a focus on the financial, enrolment and institutional implications of the policy changes that were announced from this past year. He also wanted to address the importance of the important contributions that we make for our students despite the nature of the content in his report not being the most pleasant. He also went over a set of five guiding principles that were implemented in the development of the mitigation and transformation strategies that were developed by the college.

4.0 Reports by Standing Committees

Finance and Property Committee (F&P)

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bhavna Duggal, gave an update of the financial implications based on the updated enrolment forecasts based on the policy announcements that have been made in the last year. She also thanked the senior leadership team that worked quickly to update all the projections.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASA)

The Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Roger Grochmal, gave an update from their last meeting highlighting that they're working on finalizing their terms of reference, and gave an overview on the two new programs being brought forward for approval.

People and Technology Committee (P&T)

An update was provided by the Chair of the People and Technology Committee, Millan Mulraine. He gave an overview of a new partnership that has brought licenses from ChatGPT to GBC for use by students and staff. There was also an update on the development of a new interim Human Rights Discrimination and Harassment policy.

5.0 CQAAP – Quality Assurance Audit Process Update

The Vice President, Academic, Eileen De Courcy and Associate Vice President, Academic – Program Quality, Development & Integration, Juanita Wattam-Simeon, presented information on the Quality Assurance Audit Process. The overview included background information on the College Quality Assurance Accreditation Process (CQAAP), the six CQAAP quality standards and the major milestones for 2025-2026.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the private session at 5:59 p.m.