

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**June 5, 2024
230 Richmond St. E. &
VIA MS TEAMS
4:00 P.M.**

Present:	Bruce Choy, Chair Omo Akintan (online) Jon Callegher Bhavna Duggal Andrea Elliott Saeideh Fard	Gervan Fearon Roger Grochmal (online) Arjun Jasuja (online) Peter Koutsokeris Akrivi Papadaki Nancy Prenevost (online)	
Guests:	Paul Armstrong Giselle Basanta Susan Bowrah Steve Comacho Janene Christiansen Eileen De Courcy	Luigi Ferrara Rudi Fischbacher Cindy Gouveia Jennifer Grant Laura Jamer Michael Herrera	Michelle McCollum Terry McQuaid Mona Modaresi Leslie Quinlan
Guests via Teams:	Ian Austin	Adel Esayed	Sumi Shan
Regrets:	Rob Gilmour	Millan Mulraine	
Secretary of the Board:	Emily Bain		
Minutes:	Lisa Lam		

1.0 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the last meeting of this year and reminded everyone of upcoming college events including GBC pride and convocation. The Chair acknowledged Roger Grochmal had completed the Advanced Good Governance Certificate, as well, made note of it being the last meeting for Peter Koutsokeris and Andrea Elliott as governors. It was also noted that the board effectiveness survey had been sent out and all governors were strongly encouraged to participate.

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 agenda and consent agenda were reviewed. No issues arose.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-06-01

THAT the Board of Governors approve the agenda for the public meeting held on June 5, 2024

Moved: J. Callegher

Seconded: A. Papadaki

CARRIED

MOTION BGPUB-2024-06-02

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on June 5, 2024, which includes the following items:

2.2 Approval of Past Public Minutes of the Board meeting held on April 10, 2024;

2.3 Approval of Past Public Minutes of the special Board meeting on May 8, 2024;

2.4 Approval of ASA recommendation to approve 2 new programs:

1. Honours Bachelor of Science – Food Science

2. Honours Bachelor of Science - Nursing

2.5 Approval of ASA recommendation to receive and approve the PAC Status Report.

2.6 Approval of the Governance and Nomination Committee recommendation to approve the following policy:

- Nomination and Appointment of External Governors Policy

2.7 Approval of 2023-24 GBC Annual Report;

2.8 Approval of 2024-25 GBC Business Plan.

Moved: A. Elliott

Seconded: P. Koutsokeris

CARRIED

3.0 Standing Committee Report

Governance and Nomination Committee (GNC)

Governance and Nomination Committee Chair, Nancy Prenevost provided the update on appointments, committee membership and the Board and committees' calendar for 2024-25. It was unanimously agreed that the motions related to these matters be combined into one motion.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-06-03

Approval of New Board Members and Appointment to Committees:

1. LGIC Appointment

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors support the re-appointment of Rob Gilmour as an LGIC appointed governor and authorize the Secretary of the Board to communicate the Board's endorsement of Rob Gilmour's reappointment to the Government of Ontario.

2. College Appointment

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Lachlan MacQuarrie to the George Brown College Board of Governors for a three-year term effective September 1, 2024.

3. Appointment of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors re-appoint Bruce Choy as Board Chair and Nancy Prenevost as Vice-Chair for 2024-25.

4. Committee Assignments

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors extend the People and Technology Committee for 1 year.

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors approve the following committee membership for 2024-25:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Jon Callegher
Terrie-Lynne Devonish (community member)
Roger Grochmal (Chair)
Akrivi Papadaki
Jimi Rockley
Sanya Vatish

Finance and Property & Audit Committees

Jon Callegher
Bhavna Duggal (Chair)
Rob Gilmour
Arjun (Andy) Jasuja
Lachlan MacQuarrie

Governance and Nomination Committee

Bruce Choy
Kevin Costante (past Chair of the Board)
Saeideh Fard
Gervan Fearon
Nancy Prenevost (Chair)

People and Technology Committee

Omo Akintan
Millan Mulraine (Chair)
Nancy Prenevost
Soussan Tabari (community member); and

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors appoint the following governors to the Executive Committee for 2024-25:

Chair, Board of Governors: Bruce Choy
Vice Chair, Board of Governors & Chair, Governance and Nomination Committee:
Nancy Prenevost
President, Gervan Fearon
Chair, Academic & Student Affairs Committee: Roger Grochmal
Chair, Finance + Property Committee/Audit Committee: Bhavna Duggal
Chair, People and Technology: Millan Mulrairie.

5. 2024-25 Meeting Calendar

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors approve the meeting schedule of the Board of Governors and its committees for 2024-25, as presented.

Moved: R. Grochmal

Seconded: A. Jasuja

CARRIED

Finance and Property Committee (F&P)

An update provided by the Chair of the Finance and Property Committee (F&P), Saeideh Fard presented. There was unanimous agreement to combine the two recommended motions from the committee into one.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-06-04

1. Approval of Reserves

THAT the Board of Governors approves the transfer of \$35.5M from internally restricted reserves to unrestricted reserves, and

THAT the Board of Governors approves the college reserves as at March 31, 2024, as follows:

General contingency \$18.0M

Capital projects \$15.1M

Transformational initiatives \$8.5M Total \$41.6M

2. Approval of Audited Financial Statements

THAT the Board of Governors approves the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2024.

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: A. Jasuja

CARRIED

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASA)

An update was provided by the Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Roger Grochmal, with highlights including:

- The review of two new degree programs (Honours Bachelor of Science – Nursing and

Honours Bachelor of Science – Food Science)

- Approval of the PAC Status Report, mention of a PAC appreciation event in October 2024 to recognize over 2000 members for their invaluable time and continuous contributions
- Various updates having to do with research and innovation, Indigenous education, student success and the international student panel.

People and Technology Committee (P&T)

An update was provided by the Chair of the People and Technology Committee, Andrea Elliot. The committee chair commended management on the work done on the Acceptable Use Policy and tabled the policy for approval.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-06-05

THAT the Board of Governors approve the new Acceptable Use Policy as presented on the recommendation of the People and Technology Committee; and,

THAT the Board of Governors approve the rescindment of the current Information Technology Policy and Student Acceptable Use Policy.

Moved: A. Papadaki

Seconded: J. Callegher

CARRIED

4.0 Vision 2040 Update

President Fearon provided an introduction. The AVP, Strategic Planning and Institutional Analysis, Dr. Paul Armstrong, presented an update on the work undertaken to date on the development of Vision 2040 and provided context related to the postsecondary sector. Highlights include an overview of the research done to predict trends in enrolment, and the impacts different governance structures may have on a postsecondary institution in Canada.

Vice-President, Global Partnerships, Dr. Cindy Gouveia, also presented on how the plans related to the international partnerships will impact and support the college's long-term vision.

Discussions arose on the three areas that were presented: the declining competitiveness of Canada as a primary post-secondary destination; confusion around the postsecondary options available within Canada (public colleges vs private colleges vs universities) and the value of a college credential vs a university credential.

George Brown College International (GBCI) is looking to expand internationally under three pillars: satellite campus partnerships, mega recruiters (aggregators) and agile alliances.

President Fearon concluded the presentation by noting that these were the current findings and work would continue over the summer. Additional research and consultations will be conducted to inform the finalization of Vision 2040 in the Fall.

5.0 Launch of Chancellor Search

The Chair reminded the Board of Chancellor Noella Milne's second term ending in 2025 and the need to begin the search for a new chancellor. It was noted that the related policy, which was passed by the Board in February, was attached in the meeting book for reference.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-06-06

THAT the Board of Governors authorize the establishment of the Chancellor Search Committee, effective June 17, 2024, with the purpose of identifying and recommending qualified candidates for the position of Chancellor in accordance with the Chancellor Selection and Appointment Policy and its accompanying procedures and Terms of Reference.

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: A. Papadaki

CARRIED

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the private session at 5:00 p.m.