# THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2021 MICROSOFT TEAMS 5:30 P.M.

Present: Noor Jehan Kabani

Bruce Choy Julia Deans Nancy Prenevost

Kizzy Bedeau Roger Grochmal

**Kevin Costante** 

Gervan Fearon

Rob Gilmour

Marnie MacDougall Anish Chowdary Kankanala

Guests: Adrienne Galway

Chris McGrath Nasir Kenea

Juanita Wattam-Simeon

Michael Herrera Leslie Quinlan

Jennifer Grant

Regrets: Omo Akintan Pradeep Sood

Minutes: Mona Modaresi

#### 1.0 Chair's Report

Board Chair Kevin Costante welcomed all members of the board to the meeting and the start of 2021/22 board meeting cycle. He provided a land acknowledgement.

The Chair made a declaration of conflict of interest. No issue arising.

The Chair welcomed the college's new President, Dr. Gervan Fearon, who was named as the President of George Brown College in August 2021 and provided a brief introduction.

The Chair also welcomed four other new board members, Rob Gilmour as LGIC member, Peter Koutsokeris as support staff rep., Dr. Noor Kabani as Faculty rep., and Anish Chowdary Kankanala, as student rep.

The Chair advised the board that a mandatory vaccination policy is in effect at the college and is applicable to anyone on premises.

Andrea Elliott

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Peter Koutsokeris

Adrienne Batra

Rick Huijbregts

Cory Ross

### 2.0 Consent Agenda

No issues arising.

MOTION 2021-09-01

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on October 13, 2021.

Moved: Bruce Choy Seconded: Andrea Elliott CARRIED

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

No issues arising.

MOTION 2021-09-02

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Draft Board of Governors Minutes for the meeting held on June 9, 2021.

Moved: Julia Deans Seconded: Rogers Grochmal CARRIED

## 4.0 President's Report

President Gervan Fearon provided a President's report to the board highlighting significant considerations at the college, including Fall Start Initiatives and notable events; Student Success initiatives; Covid health and safety measures; and IT and facilities impact; and, a Sector environmental scan.

President Fearon expressed that it is an honour and dedication to serve the college community and he expressed his gratitude for his colleagues and board members.

#### 5.0 Standing Committee Reports

I. Governance Committee

Julia Deans provided a brief introduction for Rob Gilmour, Peter Koutsokeris, Noor Kabani and Anish Chowdary Kankanala and welcomed them to the board.

The Chair invited the new members to connect with him in the next few weeks to address questions, concerns, to share idea and thoughts and to make an introduction.

II. Audit and Finance and Property Committee

Materials were circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Bruce Choy gave a high-level overview of the documents.

III. Academic and Student Affairs

Materials were circulated in advance of the meeting. Andrea Elliott advised that a meeting was held on September 15 to start off the year in advance of the board meeting. The agenda included a discussion regarding academic quality. There are no program approvals coming forward at this time.

Andrea introduced Dr. Adrienne Galway and Juanita Wattam-Simeon to provide an overview of the Office of Academic Excellence portfolio. Juanita provided a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting current and future academic quality initiatives and a College Quality Assurance Audit Process Update and information regarding the 2021 Audit process and timeline.

### 6.0 Policy and Reports

Business Plan 2021-22

President Fearon provided a high-level review of the 2021-22 Business Plan and major commitments. Adrienne advised that the draft business plan was submitted to MCU on September 30, 2021, and requires board approval. Gervan thanked Shannon Hynes, Director, Strategy and Planning for her work on the business plan.

#### MOTION 2021-09-03

THAT the Board of Governors approves the submitted 2021-2022 Business Plan.

Moved: Andrea Elliott Seconded: Julia Deans CARRIED

II. Report on the Prevention of Sexual Violence

Leslie Quinlan introduced Jennifer Grant to provide a presentation regarding sexual violence prevention. Leslie explained that the government has placed a lot of emphasis on this topic and that it is important topic for the College as well.

Jennifer informed the board that part of the mandate of the work is to ensure that it is trauma informed, and that there is an intersection between transparency and due process.

It was suggested by board members that the college may want to put into place mandatory courses related to this topic for students. Jennifer will discuss this with her team and determine timing and cadence.

#### 7.0 Strategy Update:

I. Program approval

- Dr. Cory Ross thanked the executive committee for providing program approvals outside of the regular board cycle in order to assist the speed to market some courses and programs.
- II. Dr. Rick Huijbregts provided an overview of the Balanced Scorecard and informed new board members it is a tool used to provide an update regarding progress against strategy initiatives.

#### 8.0 President's Presentation:

Gervan provided a President's Presentation to the board regarding Vision 2030 and Strategy 2022. Gervan provided a framework for strategic planning involving an emphasis on Strategic Profile, Strategic Position and Strategic Prominence and provided a planning timeline.

The board expressed an interest in understanding the colleges' international strategy. Gervan advised that this information will be embedded in the environmental scan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a Private Session.