

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**APRIL 13, 2022**

**MICROSOFT TEAMS AND IN PERSON**

**5:30 P.M.**

<b>Present:</b>	Kevin Costante Omo Akintan Rob Gilmour Kizzy Bedeau Marnie MacDougall	Andrea Elliott Gervan Fearon Peter Koutsokeris Adrienne Batra Anish Chowdary Kankanala	Bruce Choy Roger Grochmal Nancy Prenevost Julia Deans
<b>Guests:</b>	Michael Herrera Adel Esayed Luigi Ferrara Susan Toews Ian Austin Nasir Kenea	Chris McGrath Ian Wigglesworth Cindy Gouveia Colin Simpson Lorraine Trotter	Leslie Quinlan Shannon Hynes Cory Ross Fay Lim-Lambie
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<b>Board Secretary:</b>	Emily Bain		
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## **1.0 Chair's Report**

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Board Chair Kevin Costante welcomed all members of the board to the meeting. He provided a land acknowledgement. The Chair made a declaration of conflict of interest. No issue arising.

The Chair noted that the Board of Governors meeting for June 8, 2022, will be in person, as permitted. The Chair also advised that the college is moving to an in-person convocation ceremony for the first time in three years and welcomed board members to join the ceremonies as part of the platform party.

The Chair announced that since the college system has averted a strike with an agreement from the College Employer Council (CEC) and the OPSEU CAAT-A union to enter into unconditional interest mediation-arbitration with well-respected arbitrator William Kaplan named to the task. He has imposed a media blackout, so there will not be any further updates from CEC or the union until he has lifted it.

The Chair recognized that this has been a difficult period particularly for our student and families from Ukraine. The College has taken action to provide support and has held a vigil to recognize the challenges faced members of our college community over the past few years.

The Chair advised members, that they would have an opportunity to provide input into the shaping of the College's new strategic plan, during a 2-hour facilitated session being organized for later in April to decide on direction and priorities for Strategy 2026.

The Chair thanked Board members for their ongoing contributions to the college.

## **2.0 Consent Agenda**

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No issues arising.

### **MOTION 03-22-01**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on April 13, 2022, which includes the following items:**

- 2.1 Approval of the Bachelor of Interior Design Degree (Honours), Centre for Construction and Engineering Technologies;
- 2.2 Approval of the Financial Services Investment, Analysis, Graduate Certificate program, Centre for Business;
- 2.3 Approval of the Endowment Disbursement Policy
- 2.4 Approval of the 2022-23 Student Fees;
- 2.5 Approval of the 2022-23 Student Tuition and Material Fees;
- 2.6 Approval of the 2022-23 Day Care Centre Fees;

**Moved: Julia Deans**

**Seconded: Anish Chowdry Kankanala**

**CARRIED**

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

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No issues arising.

### **MOTION 02-22-02**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the draft Board of Governors Minutes for the meeting held on February 9, 2022, with an amendment noted to list Julia Deans as "present" at said meeting.**

**Moved: Peter Koutsokeris**

**Seconded: Nancy Prenevost**

**CARRIED**

## **4.0 President's Report**

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President Fearon's report to the board was distributed in advance of the meeting. President Fearon highlighted the following additional items:

- Joe Cressy will join the college as Senior Vice President, External Relations, Communications and Real Estate Development, effective June 13, 2022. In his new role at George Brown, Joe will serve as a senior advisor, focusing on building partnerships and leading the strategic direction for advancing the college's

commitment to city building and community development. Reporting to Joe will be the Marketing, Communications and Community Partnerships teams. Joe will also build a small team to support George Brown Colleges' real estate development work.

- Recently, the auditor general report for Laurentian University has been released. The report examines if it was a good strategy of Laurentian to undergo restructuring and highlights the due diligence on the part of the board as well as an obligation of management to bring forward timely information for the board for effective decision making. The report will have implications for post-secondary in Ontario and is something for the board to watch.

## **5.0 Standing Committee Reports**

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### **i. Finance and Property Committee**

Committee Chair Bruce Choy advised that the Finance and Property Committee met on March 30, 2022. Management presented an amended Endowment Disbursement Policy which was approved. Management also presented the year-end financial forecast which showed a small deficit.

There being no issues arising, the finance and property committee update was concluded.

### **iii. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Committee Chair Andrea Elliott advised that the Academic and Student Affairs met on March 9th and congratulated Dr. Cory Ross on his appointment as Provost. The Committee reviewed two new programs for approval, the Bachelor of Interior Design Degree (Honours) at the Centre for Construction and Engineering Technologies and The Financial Services Investment Analysis, Ontario Graduate Certificate at the Centre for Business. A motion was passed under the consent agenda for the approval of the programs.

There being no issues arising, the Academic and Student Affairs committee update was concluded.

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