

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**April 19, 2023  
230 Richmond St. E &  
VIA MS TEAMS  
5:30 P.M.**

<b>Present:</b>	Kevin Costante, Chair Jon Callegher Bruce Choy	Saeideh Fard Gervan Fearon Roger Grochmal	Shivam Singh
<b>via Teams:</b>	Andrea Elliott Marnie MacDougall	Andy Jasuja Nancy Prenevost	Peter Koutsokeris Kizzy Rodney
<b>Guests:</b>	Giselle Basanta Steve Camacho Janene Christiansen Joe Cressy	Eileen De Courcy Bhavna Duggal Luigi Ferrara Cindy Gouveia	Michael Herrera Michelle McCollum Leslie Quinlan Cory Ross
<b>Guests via Teams:</b>	Fay Lim-Lambie Jennifer Grant	Ian Wigglesworth Adel Esayed	Mona Modaresi Audrey Rochette
<b>Regrets:</b>	Omo Akintan	Adrienne Batra	Rob Gilmour
<b>Secretary of the Board:</b>	Emily Bain		
<b>Minutes:</b>	Julia Hendrik		

## **1.0 Welcome and Chair's Report**

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Chair Kevin Costante welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned two new appointments relevant to the Board:

1. Marketa Evans, new President and CEO of Colleges Ontario
2. Dr. Akrivi Papadaki, Administrative Representative for GBC Board of Governors.

Chair Costante provided a land territory acknowledgement.  
No one declared any conflicts of interest. No issue arising.

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

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### MOTION BGPUB-2023-05-01

THAT the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the meeting held on April 19, 2023.

**Moved: S. Fard      Seconded: B. Choy      CARRIED**

### MOTION BGPUB-2023-05-02

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on April 19, 2023, which includes the following items:

2.2 Approval of ASA recommendation to accept the PAC report;

**THAT the Board of Governors receives and approves the PAC Status Report as presented.** <sup>(08)</sup>

2.3 Approval of F&P recommendation regarding the 2023-24 Student Fees, and 2023-24 Student Tuition and Material Fees;

**That the Board of Governors approves the 2023/2024 Student Tuition Fees as presented; and**

**That the Board of Governors approves the 2023/2024 Compulsory Ancillary Fees (Material Fees) as presented; and**

**That the Board of Governors approves the 2023/2024 Compulsory Ancillary Fees (Institutional) as presented; and**

**That the Board of Governors approves the 2023/2024 Compulsory Ancillary Fees (levied by the Student Association) as presented.**

2.4 Approval of F&P Committee's recommendation regarding the 2023-24 Day Care Centre Fees;

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the 2023-24 ECE Lab School Child Care Fees as presented.**

2.5 Approval of the Governance Committee recommendation to approve the following policies:

- Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Policy; and
- Policy Development and Review Framework.

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Policy as presented; and**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the Policy Development and Review Policy as presented.**

2.6 Approval of Past Minutes of the public Board meeting held on February 8, 2023.

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the public minutes of the Board meeting held on February 8, 2023.**

**Moved: R. Grochmal      Seconded: J. Callegher      CARRIED**

## 3.0 E- Text Fee Refund (recommendation from Executive Committee)

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Governor Jon Callegher declared a conflict of interest in the matter and recused himself from the boardroom, including leaving the meeting, for the duration of the agenda item.

Michael Herrera, SVP – Institutional Planning & Chief Financial Officer, provided an update

on the matter of E-Text Fee Refunds, including the process of administering the refund. Questions raised regarding how and to whom refunds were issued were addressed.

#### **MOTION BGPUB-2023-05-03**

**THAT the Board of Governors ratifies the Executive Committee endorsement to refund e-text fees charged to students charged during the Fall 2022, Winter 2023, and Spring 2023 academic terms as soon as reasonably practicable.**

**Moved: N. Prenevost**

**Seconded: S. Fard**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.0 President's Report**

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The President's Report to the Board was presented during the meeting. President Fearon highlighted the following items:

- Changes taking place in post-secondary education sector, including around public college and private partnerships and code of practice in support of international students as well as the establishment by the Ontario Government of a Blue Ribbon Panel on sector financial sustainability.
- Recent open house held by GBC at the start of April welcomed over 6,000 individuals, and special recognition of Janene Christiansen, Registrar & AVP, Strategic Enrolment for her work in this effort.
- Introduction of Steve Camacho – Vice-President, Digital Transformation & Chief Information Officer to the Board.

#### **5.0 Standing Committee Reports**

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##### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

ASA Committee Chair Roger Grochmal provided an update on the PAC requirements to ensure program currency. There are 94 PACs with over 1300 members. The college has introduced new policies this year. International student enrolment has been growing, and one of the big priorities is market diversity, making sure the college is not dependent on any one global area. Reciprocal global partnerships are thriving, and the college is looking at exchange opportunities for students and staff. There are 11 new programs up for approval in the next meeting.

##### **Finance and Property Committee**

Committee Chair Saeideh Fard acknowledged the work that the Finance team has done during the busiest time of the year. Main topic of meeting was around budgets, both the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget. Included in the Consent Agenda is a requirement that the Committee approves the fees for several student fees.

There being no issues arising, the committee reports were concluded.

## 6.0 Focus on Strategic Priorities

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### **a) Attract and Engage Diverse Learners**

Dr. Cory Ross, Provost, and Janene Christiansen, Registrar & AVP, Strategic Enrolment provided background and context on how the college is attracting and engaging learners. Efforts will be made to promote highly personalized services and support to students, to increase domestic enrolment and to prioritize the diversification of international students.

### **b) Innovative Academic and Research Initiatives**

Dr. Cory Ross, Provost, and Dr. Eileen De Courcy, Vice President, Academic provided an update on the innovative academic and research initiatives underway at the college to lay the foundation for the enablement and success of other 2026 priorities. The current focus is on refining academic processes, policies, and technologies. The future of the college is focused on enhancement of the learning community, innovation in polytechnic education, and in claiming various domains around thought leadership in the industry.

Discussion ensued on the importance of cross-priority consultations with other ongoing initiatives, such as the campus master plan, to support the growth of these academic initiatives. There was also conversation around whether there is a specific area of growth within the college that is imminent. The focus of the discussion was related to staying nimble in an ever-changing and ever-growing landscape and creating opportunities for access points along the continuum.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the private session.**