



Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB)

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting Held January 19, 2021 Video/Teleconference

Members: Kathleen McNutt (Chair), Tavia Laliberte (Vice Chair), Barbara Gustafson, Fay Myers, Jay Notay, Laurie Rancourt, Asit Sarkar, Keith Walker
Regrets: None
Secretariat: Tammy Jones, Gamal Bin Ghanem, Evan Holmes, Priyanka Roy

1. Opening Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Kathleen McNutt, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome to all and an acknowledgement of Treaty 6 (Saskatoon) and Treaty 4 (Regina) lands, traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Lakota, Nakota, and the homeland of Métis.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda moved and seconded (Walker, Gustafson) as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Meeting

Minutes of December 1, 2020 meeting moved and seconded (Rancourt, Laliberte) to approve the minutes as presented. CARRIED.

4. Review of Annual Monitoring Reports:

- a. The Board reviewed monitoring reports submitted by Briercrest for its Bachelor of Arts (BA) Humanities (Year 7 of delivery), BA English/English Honours (Year 5 of delivery), BA History/History Honours (Year 2 of delivery), and BA Psychology (Year 1 of delivery). The Board was satisfied that Briercrest is continuing to meet the terms and conditions of the authorizations. The Chair will convey the Board's findings to the Minister and will follow up with Briercrest on a few matters requiring clarification.
- b. The Board reviewed monitoring reports submitted by Saskatchewan Polytechnic for its BA of Psychiatric Nursing (Year 7 of delivery), BA of Construction Management (Year 2 of delivery), and BA of Applied Management (Year 1 of delivery). The Board was satisfied that Saskatchewan Polytechnic is continuing to meet the terms and conditions of the authorizations. The Chair will convey the Board's findings to the Minister and will follow up with Sask Polytech on a few questions that arose during discussion.

5. Virtual Site Visit

The Board reviewed the updated Expert Panel Review Guide presented by the Secretariat. The Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB) provided further clarification with respect to virtual site visits. The new guide will be used to orient expert panel reviewers who participate in quality assurance reviews commissioned by the SHEQAB.

6. Minister & Deputy Minister Attendance

The Board was pleased to welcome Gene Makowsky, Minister of Advanced Education and Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education. The Minister brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan and welcomed new members to the Board. The Minister talked about the Government of Saskatchewan's growth plan priorities and the importance of the post-secondary sector. He also expressed appreciation to the SHEQAB for its work, including its role in hosting the micro-credentials event that was held in December 2020.

7. Current Applications for Quality Assurance Reviews

The SHEQAB received a referral from Cabinet to conduct quality assurance reviews for Briercrest College and Seminary's three proposed degree programs including Bachelor of Arts Biblical Studies/Biblical Studies (Honours), Bachelor of Arts Business Administration, and Bachelor of General Studies. The Board agreed to proceed with a program review for the Bachelor of Arts Biblical Studies/Biblical Studies (Honours) and the Bachelor of General Studies. The Board decided on a hybrid review (program review and elements of organization review) for the Bachelor of Arts Business Administration. The Board will identify candidates to serve on the external program and organization review panels.

8. Next Meeting

The next SHEQAB meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2021.

Adjournment