



Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB)

Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Meeting

Location: Virtual

Members: Kathleen McNutt (Chair), Tavia Laliberte (Vice Chair), Barbara Gustafson, Fay Myers, Laurie Rancourt, Asit Sarkar

Regrets: Keith Walker and Jay Notay

Guests: Jesse Bailey and Jill Tzupa, Ministry of Advanced Education, for Item #7

Secretariat: Tammy Jones, Gamal Bin Ghanem and 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 (Myers, Rancourt) as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Meeting

Minutes of June 22, 2021 meeting moved and seconded (Sarkar, Gustafson) to approve the Minutes as presented. CARRIED.

4. Board Appointments to fill the vacancies left by Dr. Asit Sarkar, Jay Notay and Dr. Fay Myers

The Chair indicated that this meeting is the last meeting for Asit, Jay, and Fay and expressed her gratitude to all three for their input on the Board and contribution to quality post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. The Board discussed the competency matrix to identify competency gaps with the departure of the three Board members. Per the SHEQAB Appointments Policy, Chair Dr. Kathleen McNutt will place a Call for Nominations to the post-secondary sector in search of qualified candidates.

A sub-committee, comprised of Tavia Laliberte and Dr. Barbara Gustafson, was selected to vet qualified nominees.

5. Review of Annual Monitoring Reports:

The Board reviewed monitoring reports submitted by:

- a) Briercrest College and Seminary for its Bachelor of Arts (BA) Humanities (Year 8 of delivery), BA English/English Honours (Year 6 of delivery), BA History/History Honours (Year 3 of delivery), BA Psychology (Year 2 of delivery) and an organizational update.
- b) Saskatchewan Polytechnic for its Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (Year 8 of delivery), Bachelor of Construction Management (Year 3 of delivery), Bachelor of Applied Management (Year 2 of delivery) and an organizational update.
- c) Cape Breton University for its Master of Business Administration in Community Economic Development (Year 1 of delivery).

The Chair will convey the SHEQAB's review and recommendations (if applicable) to each institution and the Minister of Advanced Education.

6. Update on Curriculum Mapping

The Secretariat presented an inter-jurisdictional scan on standards related to curriculum mapping. The SHEQAB deliberated the findings and is satisfied that curriculum mapping is adequately captured in Saskatchewan's quality assurance standards.

7. Micro-Credentials Update

In December 2020, the Ministry of Advanced Education and SHEQAB cohosted a virtual learning event on micro-credentials. Following this, participants were invited to join a virtual advisory group to assist in the development of a framework for micro-credentials in Saskatchewan.

Based on the information received from over 20 advisory group submissions, *Saskatchewan's Guide to Micro-credentials* was developed to support learners, post-secondary institutions, employers and industry groups to engage with micro-credential programming. Ministry officials presented a draft of the Guide and the Board provided input for consideration.

8. Next Meeting

The next SHEQAB meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022.

Adjournment