



## Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB)

### Minutes of the October 19, 2022 Meeting

Location: Luther College (University of Regina), Regina, SK

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Members: Tavia Laliberte (Interim Chair), Barbara Gustafson, Laurie Rancourt, Keith Walker, Brad Donaldson, Lori Kidney and Marc Jerry

Regrets: None

Guests: For Item #8:

- Don Taylor, Provost and Dean of Briercrest College and Seminary
- Dr. Mike Gillespie, Associate VP & Learning & Teaching, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
- Shari Furniss, Director, Learner Pathways, Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Secretariat: Tammy Jones, Gamal Bin Ghanem, Damilola Fadeyi and Lanre Adelegan

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#### 1. Opening Welcome & Introductions

Tavia Laliberte, Interim 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, Ojibwe, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, and the homeland of Métis Nation.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**It was moved and seconded (Walker, Rancourt) to approve the Agenda as presented. CARRIED.**

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2022, meeting

**It was moved and seconded (Kidney/Gustafson) to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2022, meeting. CARRIED.**

#### 4. Business arising from June 13, 2022, meeting

- a) The Interim Chair provided an update of the annual meeting with the Minister held on October 5, 2022.
- b) The Board discussed its recommendation to the Minister regarding the continued authorization of Briercrest's Bachelor of Arts (BA) English/English (Honours) program. On July 20, 2022, the Minister authorized the BA English/English (Honours) with an effective date of July 1, 2015.

#### 5. Review of Annual Monitoring Reports

The Board reviewed monitoring reports submitted by:

- a) Briercrest College and Seminary for its BA English/English Honours (Year 7 of delivery); BA Humanities (Year 9 of delivery); BA History/History Honours (Year 4 of delivery); BA Psychology (Year 3 of delivery); BA Biblical Studies/Biblical Studies Honours (Year 1 of delivery); BA Business Administration (Year 1 of delivery); BA General Studies (Year 1 of delivery); and an organizational update.

- b) Saskatchewan Polytechnic for its Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (Year 9 of delivery); Bachelor of Construction Management (Year 4 of delivery); Bachelor of Applied Management (Year 4 of delivery); and an organizational update.
- c) Cape Breton University for its Master of Business Administration in Community Economic Development (Year 2 of delivery).

Accordingly, the Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB) determined its response to the institutions as well as the Minister of Advanced Education regarding the monitoring reports.

#### **6. Briercrest New Degree - Bachelor of Arts Applied Linguistics: TESOL (Honours)**

The SHEQAB discussed the referral it received from the Minister of Advanced Education to conduct a quality assurance review of Briercrest's Bachelor of Arts Applied Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The SHEQAB determined that a partial quality assurance review (program review) is required. The SHEQAB will commission a three-person external review panel to take place in February 2023.

#### **7. SHEQAB Appointments Policy**

The SHEQAB discussed the Appointments Policy based on the subcommittee's review and recommendations for changes.

**It was moved and seconded (Gustafson/Rancourt) to submit the proposed amendments for the Minister's approval of the SHEQAB Appointments Policy as presented. CARRIED.**

The Board decided that a "Call for Nominations" to the post-secondary sector would be released in early 2023.

#### **8. Institutional Engagement:**

The SHEQAB discussed separately with officials from Briercrest College and Seminary and Saskatchewan Polytechnic about their respective authorized degrees, future degree-granting plans and experiences with Saskatchewan's degree authorization framework.

#### **9. Fall Retreat**

- a) The SHEQAB held its third retreat on October 18, 2022, hosting other quality assurance boards and their Secretariats across Canada.
- b) The Minister of Advanced Education brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, acknowledged the presence of invited speakers and guests, and expressed appreciation to SHEQAB for its valuable work.
- c) Special guests, speakers and attendees were hosted through a blended mode (in-person and virtual). Topics included quality assurance trends and issues in post-secondary education across Canada, as follows:
  - Dr. Ken Coates, Professor and Canada Research Chair, University of Saskatchewan - ***Academic Research on Trends, Issues, Challenges in Post-Secondary Quality Assurance***
  - Dorothy Rogers, Director, and Dao Luu, Education Officer, Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB), British Columbia - ***Audit Process for Degree Authorization and Monitoring***

- Dr. James Brown, CEO & Director, Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB), Ontario - ***Quality Assurance Standards for Online Programs***
  - Arnold Blackstar, Director, Indigenous Advanced Education & Skills Council (IAESC), Ontario - ***Indigenous Perspectives in Quality Assurance of Degree Programs***
- d) Officials from First Nations University of Canada met with the SHEQAB to dialogue about its mission/mandate as well as the work of the SHEQAB.

#### **10. Next Meeting**

The next SHEQAB meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2023.

#### **Adjournment**