



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
2022-2023
May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Shewan Dawn Smith
Jean-Robert Lessard Malcolm Harper (F rep)
Geneviève Bourgoing Henriette Dumont
Vince Amato Jaswinder Sehota
Robert Soroka Joao Amorim (S rep)
Rafin Islam (S rep)

REGRETS: Richard Fontaine, Moira Paterson, Louis Zargi, Michael Newton, Denise Albert

ALSO PRESENT: Sam D'Amico, Nicole Haché, Dean Howie, Maria Bologna, Carmela Mancuso, Juliana Varin

The Governing Board meeting is being held in person.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. It was presided by Dawn Smith, Chairperson of the Governing Board at Champlain College Saint-Lambert.

1) Approval of Agenda

The following agenda was proposed.

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2023
3. Business arising from the minutes of January 9, 2023
4. Public question period
5. Government Appointees (Second Mandate)
6. Academic Calendar 2023-2024
Resolution No.: LAM-2022-009
7. Access to surplus funds for Faculty Release Time regarding Law 14
Resolution No.: LAM-2022-010
8. Plan D'Action sur la santé mentale étudiante en enseignement supérieur (PASME)

Resolution No.: LAM-2022-011

9. Consultation on the French Language Policy

Resolution No.: LAM-2022-012

10. Varia

11. Adjournment

It was **MOVED** by Robert Soroka and **SECONDED** by Henriette Dumont that the agenda be approved. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2) Approval of minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2023.

It was **MOVED** by Vince Amato and **SECONDED** by Jean-Robert Lessard to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Board of January 9, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3) Business Arising from the Previous Minutes of January 9, 2023.

There was no business arising.

4) Public Question Period.

There were no questions from the public.

5) Government Appointees (Second Mandate)

Don Shewan explained that several Government Appointed members, those being: Moira Paterson, Jean-Robert Lessard, Geneviève Bourgoing and Michael Newton are eligible to serve a second mandate should they wish. All have accepted and we are only awaiting official paperwork from one member. Dawn Smith and Jaswinder Sehota will remain until a replacement, provided by the government for them, has been found.

Student Representative mandates will also come to an end this year. Juliana Varin, VP of external Affairs for the next academic year, who will be replacing Joao Amorim was introduced and was welcomed by all. The replacement for Rafin Islam will be most likely attending the next meeting as well.

At the New Student and Parent Information evenings held at the College on May 2nd and 3rd, Don Shewan was able to collect email addresses from about fifteen parents expressing interest in sitting on the CCSL Governing Board. We hope to have a new parent representative for next year to replace Louis Zargi who has been kind enough to extend his mandate in the meanwhile.

6) Academic Calendar 2023-2024
Resolution No.: LAM-2022-009

Don Shewan spoke to this item explaining that the Spring Reading Week is now aligned with the Riverside Schoolboard calendar.

WHEREAS each College is required to produce an annual Academic Calendar which respects ministerial requirements; and

WHEREAS the proposed calendar respects all such requirements; and

WHEREAS the Commission of Studies has unanimously recommended to the Governing Board the Academic Calendar for the 2023-2024 academic year;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Governing Board approves the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Geneviève Bourgoing

SECONDED BY: Malcolm Harper

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7) Access to surplus finds for Faculty Release Time regarding Law 14
Resolution No.: LAM-2022-010

Don Shewan spoke to this item.

WHEREAS the new language law (Law 14, formerly known as Bill 96) has imposed additional requirements on the College for the development of both French courses and courses in French; and

WHEREAS the current resources provided by the government are insufficient to fully meet these challenges which will directly impact the success of our students;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Champlain College Saint-Lambert Governing recommend the Board of Governors approve the access to the Saint-Lambert portion of the college's accumulated surplus in the amount of \$200,000 to develop courses and support activities to address these challenges.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Donald Shewan

SECONDED BY: Robert Soroka

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8) Plan D’Action sur la santé mentale étudiante en enseignement supérieur (PASME)

Resolution No.: LAM-2022-011

Don Shewan invited Dean Howie, Director of Student Services, to speak to this item.

WHEREAS Colleges are required to have an action plan for the mental health of its students (PASME – Plan d’action sur la santé mentale étudiante en enseignement supérieur); and

WHEREAS Champlain Saint-Lambert recognizes the importance of the mental health of our students; and

WHEREAS Champlain Saint-Lambert composed of students, faculty, professionals, support staff and managers has produced a draft policy.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Champlain College Saint-Lambert Governing Board approves the plan.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Rafin Islam

SECONDED BY: Vince Amato

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A letter of thanks to all members of the committee will be sent on behalf of the Governing Board recognizing their efforts and collaboration in drafting this policy.

9) Consultation on the French Language Policy

Resolution No.: LAM-2022-012

Don Shewan spoke to this item and thanked Nicole Haché, the College’s Library Coordinator for all her hard work in compiling the community’s comments and integrating them into the policy.

WHEREAS Law 14 requires that each college update its linguistic policy, necessary under the Charter of the French language by June 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Commission of Studies, after reviewing the College’s proposed revisions had no additions or corrections to the draft policy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Champlain College Saint-Lambert Governing recommends to the Board of Governors the adoption of the revised policy.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Donald Shewan

SECONDED BY: Joao Amorim

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10) Varia

As the Governing Board student mandates come to an end, the following resolution was passed.

Recognition of Student Contributions to the Champlain College Saint-Lambert Governing Board

Resolution No.: LAM-2022-013

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Champlain College Saint-Lambert has two student representatives; and

WHEREAS Rafin Islam and Joao Amorim have filled these positions in an exemplary fashion and have served the needs of the student body and the College as a whole as leaders of the Champlain Student Association;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Governing Board recognizes their leadership, thanks them for their many contributions to the College and wishes them every success in their future endeavors.

There was no call for the vote.

MOVED BY: Donald Shewan

SECONDED BY: Dawn Smith

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11) Adjournment

There being no other business, it was **MOVED** by Dawn Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Dawn Smith
Chairperson

Patrizia Polifroni
Recording Secretary