

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

Regrets: None

Guest: For Item #5(b):

- Dr. Danielle Freitas, Associate Dean, English Language Institute, Fanshawe College, ON

Secretariat: Tammy Jones, Damilola Fadeyi, Gamal Bin Ghanem, 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 October 19, 2022, Meeting**

One required edit to the minutes was noted. **It was moved and seconded (Rancourt, Walker) to amend and approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022, meeting. CARRIED.**

**4. Business Rising from October 19, 2022, Meeting**

- a) The Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB) reviewed correspondence between the Minister of Advanced Education and Briercrest College and Seminary regarding Briercrest's 2021-22 monitoring reports.
- b) The Board reviewed the Minister's additional amendments to and approval of the SHEQAB Appointments Policy.
- c) The SHEQAB acknowledged the positive feedback received for its third retreat held on October 18, 2022, which hosted other quality assurance boards and their secretariats across Canada, special guests, speakers and attendees.

**5. External Program Review of Briercrest's Bachelor of Arts (BA) Applied Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL )**

- a) An External Program Review of Briercrest's BA Applied Linguistics: TESOL took place on February 15 and 16, 2023. The SHEQAB reviewed the External Program Review Report provided by the following panel members:

- **Dr. Danielle Freitas (CHAIR)**, Associate Dean, English Language Institute, Fanshawe College, ON
- **Dr. Roswita Dressler**, Associate Professor, Werklund School of Education, Specialization, Language and Literacy, University of Calgary, AB
- **Dr. Donald Moen**, Ed.D. Professor, Language Institute, Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology, ON

The Board also reviewed Briercrest's response to the report.

- b) Panel Chair Dr. Danielle Freitas attended the meeting virtually to discuss the report findings and recommendations and answer questions posed by the Board.
- c) The Board decided on its recommendation to the Minister of Advanced Education.  
**The recommendation was moved and seconded (Gustafson, Jerry). CARRIED.**

## 6. 2023 Public Review of Saskatchewan's Quality Assurance Standards

Section 11 of *The Degree Authorization Regulations* requires a review of the quality assurance standards every five years. The Board will conduct a public review of the quality assurance standards in 2023.

The Secretariat presented an interjurisdictional scan with findings for possible amendments to the standards. The Board discussed the standards, research scan and consideration for an enhanced consultation mechanism with the post-secondary sector and quality assurance bodies across Canada.

**It was moved and seconded (Gustafson, Donaldson) to conduct the public review using an electronic survey and consultations with interested institutions/quality assurance bodies.**

At its next meeting in June 2023, the Board will review the findings from the public review and make its recommendation to the Minister regarding the standards.

## 7. SHEQAB Appointments

The Board was pleased with the subcommittee's overview of the recommended nominees to fill SHEQAB appointments including one vacancy, two term renewals, and the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

**It was moved and seconded (Rancourt, Jerry ) to submit the Board's recommendation to the Minister for approval as presented. CARRIED.**

## 8. Annual Meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting between the SHEQAB Interim Chair and the Minister, scheduled for May 9, 2023.

## 9. Secretariat Updates

- a) The SHEQAB was advised of updates to the 2022-23 monitoring reports. The Secretariat continues to implement continuous improvements to streamline/consolidate the reports as needed.
- b) The SHEQAB discussed Briercrest's plan to submit a new application for authorization of its Master of Counselling and Master of Marriage and Family Therapy, expected in April 2023.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next SHEQAB meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023.

**Adjournment**