



Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB)
Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Meeting
Location: Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Saskatoon, SK

Members: Tavia Laliberte (Chair), Barbara Gustafson, Laurie Rancourt, Lori Kidney,
Marc Jerry, Christie Schultz, and Brad Donaldson

Regrets: Keith Walker

Secretariat: Tammy Jones, Damilola Fadeyi, and Amanda Williams

1. Opening Welcome & Introductions

Tavia Laliberte, Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome to all and an acknowledgement of Treaty 6 (Saskatoon), traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, and Nakota Sioux.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Rancourt, Jerry) to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2023, Meeting

It was moved and seconded (Gustafson, Donaldson) to approve the June 15, 2023 meeting minutes. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from June 15, 2023, Meeting

- a. Pursuant to *The Degree Authorization Act*, the Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB) conducted a public review of Saskatchewan's quality assurance standards. This included an inter-jurisdictional scan across Canada.

In August 2023, the Board provided a recommendation to the Minister of Advanced Education regarding proposed amendments to the Saskatchewan Quality Assurance Standards. On October 16, 2023, the Minister approved the proposed changes to the standards.

The revised quality assurance standards will be updated on the Government of Saskatchewan website and will supersede those currently in effect.

5. Review of Annual Monitoring Reports

The Board reviewed monitoring reports submitted by:

- a. Briercrest College and Seminary for its Bachelor of Arts (BA) English/English Honours

(Year 8); BA Humanities (Year 10); BA History/History Honours (Year 5); BA Psychology (Year 4); BA Biblical Studies/Biblical Studies Honours (Year 2); BA Business Administration (Year 2); Bachelor of General Studies (Year 2); BA Applied Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (Year 1) and an organizational update.

- b. Saskatchewan Polytechnic for its Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (Year 10); Bachelor of Construction Management (Year 5); Bachelor of Applied Management (Year 4); and an organizational update.
- c. Cape Breton University for its Master of Business Administration in Community Economic Development (Year 3).

The SHEQAB evaluated the reports to determine adherence to the terms and conditions of degree authorization. A response will be provided to the institutions and an update about the authorized degrees will be provided to the Minister.

6. Briercrest College and Seminary Updates

The Board discussed updates from Briercrest College and Seminary regarding its authorized Bachelor of Arts Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts Applied Linguistics: TESOL. A response will be included in the Board's letter to Briercrest regarding its monitoring report submissions.

7. New Degree Applications

The Board was advised that the Ministry of Advanced Education is anticipating three new degree applications for authorization in April 2024. Depending on Cabinet's decision, the applications may be referred to the Board for quality assurance reviews as early as fall 2024.

8. Strategic Plan Renewal

The Board discussed the need to renew its strategic plan, due to expire in 2024. A subcommittee was formed to lead a renewed plan for 2025-2030.

Members of the subcommittee include Tavia Laliberte, Barbara Gustafson and Brad Donaldson.

9. SHEQAB Appointments

With two Board vacancies coming up in 2024, the SHEQAB Appointments Subcommittee presented updates about the skills gap the vacancies will create and next steps.

A "Call for Nominations" to the post-secondary sector will occur in early 2024.

10. Next Meeting

The next SHEQAB meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2024, to be held virtually.

Adjournment