

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2025
SKC Campus
Eneas Big Knife Board Room**

Members Present: Jim Durglo, Germaine White, Vernon Finley (late), Chris Morigeau, Selina Kenmille, and Karissa Trahan

Members Absent: Eldena Bear Don't Walk (Salish Conf)

Other's Present: Stacey Sherwin, Interim President; Audrey Plouffe, VP of Business Affairs; Tony Berthelote, VP of Enrollment Management/Student Affairs; Amie Tryon and Matt Seeley, Co-Vice President Academic Affairs; Venessa Sandoval HR Director; Ellie Bundy, Director of Institutional Advancement; Loni Grant, SKC Board Recording Secretary.

Germaine started with a prayer.

Meeting Call to Order

Jim Durglo, Chairman of the Board, called the SKC Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:50pm

Open for Groups and Individuals

Certificate of Completion in Behavioral Health presented by Kasie Murphy-Brazill.

Luthea Tryon, SKC Director of Housing gave a housing update and responded to Boards question regarding a student with a mice issue. Luthea reported issue has been resolved.

Jennifer Hoff and Danika Luedtke requested approval of a Dental Services fee in conjunction with Center for Prevention and Wellness for a Health Fee.

Consent Agenda

Reports (included in packet) Questions and Comments
January 10, 2025 and February 26, 2025 meeting minutes from previous
Academic Affairs Report
Business Affairs Report
Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Report
Institutional Advancement Report
Human Resources Report

Motion by Karissa Trahan to approve the March 14, 2025 Consent Agenda. Second by Chris Morigeau. Vote 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

President's Report

Interim President Sherwin briefed the board re:
Attendance at the AIHEC Spring Board Meeting and AIHEC Student Conference March 8 - 12, 2025 with SKC Chairman of the Board Jim Durglo and Vice Chair Germaine White.

Student Housing Update: Materials delayed, postpones completion to possibly fall.

Update on Federal Funding: day by day changes (1 or 2 grants affected).

Digital Reader Board Update: Guidelines created for information that can be placed on the Digital Reader Board by SKC employees and community members. An increase of the fee to \$75 was suggested by the Board.

Board of Directors asked the reason why more CSKT members were not hired. Venessa Sandoval responded incomplete applications or no resume or cover letters. Forward resolution is to direct applicants to a service on campus for support.

VP of EMSA Tony Berthelot requested support from the Board for a student housing rent increase with two (2) options. Option 1) 50% increase for fall 2025/26 with 3% annual increase starting fall 2026/27 (no increase for grandfathered in tenants) or Option 2) with 2% annual increase. The Board was in support of a student housing rent increase, however could not agree whether the grandfathered tenants would be affected or not.

The Board deferred the Health Services fee conversation for the Board Retreat.

Honorary Degree, Distinguished Service, and Health Sciences Building name suggestions were requested. Board Retreat scheduled for April 11.

Request for Approval: Certificate of Completion in Behavioral Health

Kasie Murphy-Brazill requested approval for the Certificate of Completion in Behavioral Health.

Motion by Germaine White to approve the Certificate of Completion in Behavioral Health. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Voting 5 For, 0 Against, 2 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk and Vernon Finley), 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 450.00 Graduate Program Requirements

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented new policy 450.00 Graduate Program Requirements to the Graduate Program Policies.

Motion by Germaine White to accept the new Policy 450.00 Graduate Program Requirements as provided. 2nd by Chris Morigeau. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk), 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 460.00 Graduate Admissions

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented deletion and amended changes to Policy 460.00 Graduate Admissions.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to approve deletion and amended changes to Policy 460.00 Graduate Admissions. 2nd by Germaine White. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk), 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 460.01 – 460.92

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented the deletion of Policies 460.01 – 460.92 of the Graduate Program Policies.

Motion by Germaine White to approve deletion of Policies 460.01 – 460.92 of the Graduate Program Policies. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk), 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 462.00 Graduate Curriculum

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented for approval the revised Policy 462.00 Graduate Curriculum.

Motion by Germaine White to approve the revised Policy 462.00 Graduate Curriculum with amendment.

2nd by Chris Morigeau. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk), 0 Abstentions.

Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 462.50 Approval of Courses and Curriculum

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented for approval the revised Policy 462.50 Approval of Courses and Curriculum.

Motion by Chris Morigeau to approve the revision of Policy 462.50 Approval of Courses and Curriculum.

2nd by Germaine White. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk), 0 Abstentions.

Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 465.00 - 468

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented for approval the deletion of Policies 465.00 - 468.00 of the Graduate Program Policies.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to approve the deletion of Policies 465.00 – 468.00 of the Graduate Program

Policies. 2nd by Germaine White. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk), 0

Abstentions. Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 485.00 Protection of Human and Cultural Resources

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented new policy 485.00 Protection of Human and Cultural Resources to the Graduate Program Policies.

Motion by Germaine White to approve to accept new Policy 485.00 Protection of Human and Cultural

Resources as amended. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't

Walk), 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Graduate Program Policies 480.30 Qualifications of Graduate Faculty

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin presented new policy 480.30 Qualifications of Graduate Faculty to the Graduate Program Policies.

Motion by Chris Morigeau to approve to accept new Policy 480.30 Qualifications of Graduate Faculty as

written. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Voting 5 For, 0 Against, 2 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk and Vernon

Finley), 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Request for Approval: Student Health Fee

VP of EMSA Tony Berthelote requested approval for a Student Health Fee of \$20 per credit, up to 12 credits (per quarter) tuition increase to cover CPW and Dental Services.

Motion by Germaine White to approve a Student Health Fee of \$20 per credit, up to 12 credits (per

quarter) tuition increase to cover CPW and Dental Services. 2nd by Chris Morigeau. Voting 2 For, 4

Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk). 0 Abstentions. Motion not carried.

Request for Approval: Dental Services Fee

Jennifer Hoff requested approval for a Dental Services flat fee of \$10 a quarter (\$30 per year) per student.

Motion by Germaine White to approve a Dental Services flat fee of \$10 a quarter (\$30 per year) per student. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk). 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Request for Approval: Tuition Increase

Interim President, Stacey Sherwin requested approval of 5% increase in tuition.

Motion by Chris Morigeau to approve a 5% increase in tuition and fees for a total increase of \$215.55 a year. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Eldena Bear Don't Walk). 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm.

Executive Session at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Yolanda M. Grant
SKC Board Recording Secretary