



Minutes, March 3, 2021

Regular meeting of the Governing Board
held on March 3, 2021, at 5:00 pm
by videoconference

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MINUTES of a regular meeting of the CEGEP Champlain – St. Lawrence Governing Board held by videoconference on March 3, 2021

Members present

E. Berryman,	Director of the Constituent College and Director of Studies
L. Birch,	Faculty Representative
C. Blackwell,	Parent Representative
L-E. Desgagnes,	Professional Representative
D. Galarneau,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
A. Kimball,	Government Appointee, University sector
J. McCalla,	Faculty Representative
Y. Santoire,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
W. Thomson,	Government Appointee, School boards sector
J-L. Trahan,	Parent Representative
H. Walling,	Government Appointee, Enterprise sector
I. Zhang,	Student Representative

Regrets

M. Brassard,	Government Appointee, Socio-economic sector
G. Caissy,	Government Appointee, Regional labour market
T. Delisle,	Student Representative
J. Ouellet,	Support Staff Representative

Quorum attained with 12 of 16 sitting members present.

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Agenda

1. Opening remarks and confirmation of the quorum
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes of the January 20 meeting, and business arising
 3. 1. Evaluation process of Hors Cadres
 3. 2. Trainings
4. Question period from the public (15 minutes)
5. Resolutions regarding the QAA action plan
 5. 1. Regarding the local QAA action plan
 5. 2. Regarding the regional QAA action plan
6. Information: 2020-2021 mid-year budget update
7. Information: COVID-19 update
 7. 1. First part of the semester and orientations for the second part
 7. 2. Input from student representatives on the Board
8. Information: Commission of Studies update
9. Information: Strategic planning and Student Success planning processes updates
10. Varia
 10. 1. Possible policy changes for English CEGEPs
 10. 2. Article in Journal de Québec
 10. 3. Adjournment

1. Opening remarks and confirmation of the quorum

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Quorum was confirmed

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under "10, Varia" the items "10.3 Applications for F202" and "10.4 Information: Rampe de lancement" were added.

It was moved that the agenda be adopted as modified.

MOVED BY: D. Galarneau
SECONDED BY: A. Kimball
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adoption of the minutes of the January 20 meeting and business arising

It was moved that this item be addressed during the next meeting.

MOVED BY: D. Galarneau
SECONDED BY: I. Zhang
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1. Evaluation process of Hors Cadres

The evaluation of the Directors of the Constituent Colleges will take place in April. The respective Commissions of Studies and the Governing Boards will evaluate the Directors of the Constituent Colleges. They will be evaluated on their realization of their Action Plans. See the minutes of September 16th, 2020 for more information. This will be a formative evaluation. A summative evaluation will take place next year as part of the renewal process.

Likewise, the Commissions of Studies and local Governing Boards will be evaluating the Director General.

3.2. Trainings

The Board Chair asked for information about received training.

4. Question period from the public (15 minutes)

A question period was held. These were some of the subjects that were discussed:

- Students asked questions about fees
- There was a discussion about sports
- There was a discussion about math requirements
- There was a discussion about university prerequisites
- There was a discussion about the Dean of Students position
- There was a discussion about the role of the Governing Board Secretary

5. Resolutions regarding the QAA action plan

5. 1. Regarding the local QAA action plan

The Director explained the local QAA action plan. The following resolution was then proposed.

Resolution No.: LAW-2020-012

Action plan following the Quality Assurance Audit – CEGEP Champlain – St. Lawrence

WHEREAS the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial (CEEC) requires that the Quality Assurance Audit be followed by an action that addresses the recommendation contained in the audit report; and

WHEREAS the proposed action plan addresses all the recommendations contained in the report; and

WHEREAS the Action Plan meets the requirements of the CEEC ; and

WHEREAS the Commission of Studies has recommended the adoption of the action plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Champlain – St. Lawrence Governing Board adopts the local portion of the Quality Assurance action plan

MOVED BY: Y. Santoire
SECONDED BY: D. Galarneau
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 2. Regarding the regional QAA action plan

The Director explained the regional QAA action plan. The following resolution was then proposed.

Resolution No.: LAW-2020-013

Action plan following the Quality Assurance Audit – Champlain Regional College

WHEREAS the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial (CEEC) requires that the Quality Assurance Audit be followed by an action that addresses the recommendation contained in the audit report; and

WHEREAS the proposed action plan addresses all the recommendations contained in the report; and

WHEREAS the Action Plan meets the requirements of the CEEC ; and

WHEREAS the Commission of Studies has recommended the adoption of the action plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Champlain – St. Lawrence Governing Board recommends to the Board of Governors of Champlain Regional College the adoption of the regional portion of the Quality Assurance action plan.

MOVED BY: Y. Santoire
SECONDED BY: D. Galarneau
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Information: 2020-2021 mid-year budget update

M-P. Beaumont presented the mid-year budget and answered the Board members' questions.

7. Information: COVID-19 update

7.1. First part of the semester and orientations for the second part

There was an update on student progress. The student success rate during the Fall semester was stable.

7.2. Input from student representatives on the Board

The Saint Lawrence College Student Association (SLCSA) will hold town hall meetings this semester.

The student representatives provided some feedback:

- Students appreciated the stability provided by the College's position with regard to the organization of the semester.
- Communication from the College by MIO was clear and appreciated

8. Information: Commission of Studies update

- On February 17th the QAA action plan was presented to the Commission of Studies. It recommended its adoption by the Board.
- A SWOT analysis exercise was conducted as part of the process leading to the definition of the College's development goals (strategic planning).
- COVID-19 updates were presented.

9. Information: Strategic planning and Student Success planning processes updates

Both processes have been launched. Both working groups (hubs) have met. A SWOT analysis has been completed by the management team, the Commission of Studies, and the working group. The next SWOT exercise will be done by the Board on March 16th or 17th. Regarding Student Success, we are working on creating dashboards that will be sent to programs and departments so that they can proceed to establish their portrait of the reality of student success in their respective sectors.

10. Varia

10.1. Possible policy changes for English CEGEPs

The DCC provided an update. The Ministry seems to be moving towards a reduction of the number of francophone students studying in English colleges. This may have an impact on St. Lawrence's enrolment. The English colleges and the Fédération des Cégeps are discussing this with the Ministry.

10.2. Article in Journal de Québec

For a second year, the newspaper has produced a ranking of the Cégeps. This year this ranking adds an assessment based on the strength of the students (High School average). According to the newspaper and the researcher that collaborated with it, such ranking disadvantages Cégeps, such as St. Lawrence, that receive strong students because it becomes very difficult for these colleges to reach the graduation goals set by the projections of the newspaper. The DCC illustrated this fact by explaining that St. Lawrence has the 3rd best graduation rate in the province in Social Science but is ranked 43rd based on the projection determined by the strength of students. Conversely, Cégep Rosemont that has a graduation rate 40% below St. Lawrence, is ranked 15 positions above St. Lawrence in the new ranking. The DCC invites everyone to take this ranking with prudence and highlights that the development of the Student Success Plan will allow for a thorough analysis of the student success reality at the College.

10.3. Applications for F2021

The number of applicants has reached an all-time high. On March 1st, 848 students had applied, compared to 776 last year, and 652 in 2019. This represents a 9.5% increase this year and a 30% increase over two years. It must be noted that the number of High School graduates in the Quebec City region has remained stable in the past few years.

10.4. Information: Rampe de lancement

L. Birch, St. Lawrence professor and member of the Board, has recruited three SLC students as interns for a research project she is conducting at Université Laval. This offers very interesting development possibilities for our students.

10.5. Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY J. McCalla
SECONDED BY: I. Zhang
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Helen Walling
Chair of the Governing Board

Edward Berryman
Director of the College