

## SAIT ACADEMIC FACULTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 9, 2022 ORPHEUS THEATRE

## AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.
- Adoption of Minutes of Annual General Meeting, the AGM minutes were approved on Sept. 29, 2021 by the SAFA Executive: Moved by Pete Reitz, seconded by Cameron Gall.
- 3. Statement on behalf of the SAFA Executive President.
- 4. MOTION of SAFA Table of Officers & Executive Council: That the SAIT Academic Faculty Association remains a member of the Alberta Colleges & Institutes Faculties Association (ACIFA) during the 2022/23 year, Sept. 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023; at a total membership cost of \$84,000. Note: As a member of ACIFA, we will automatically be included in the ACIFA Defence Fund.

Motion will be voted on by electronic vote – vote will be open from Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10:00am - Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:00pm.

5. MOTION of SAFA Table of Officers & Executive Council: That the accounting firm of BDO Canada be appointed to conduct an independent outside audit of the financial statement for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

Motion will be voted on by electronic vote – vote will be open from Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10:00am - Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:00pm.

6. MOTION of SAFA Table of Officers & Executive Council: That the 2022/2023 proposed SAFA Budget be adopted as presented.

Motion will be voted on by electronic vote – vote will be open from Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10:00am - Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:00pm.

7. MOTION from Chuck Cheng – to be seconded from the floor:

SAFA should reduce membership dues by eliminating the 'strike fund provision'.

Motion will be voted on by electronic vote – vote will be open from Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10:00am - Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 4:00pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sub-section 7.01 of the Constitution states that "15% (105 members) of the membership constitutes a quorum at all General Meetings. If a quorum is not present, then a date is selected within two weeks and the members there shall constitute a quorum."

**THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT** if a quorum is not present at the AGM at 4:00 p.m, Thursday, June 9, 2022, then a second AGM is scheduled for 4:15p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022.

## Membership in ACIFA (Alberta Colleges & Institutes Faculties Association)

ACIFA, or Alberta Colleges & Institutes Faculties Association, is an association of the Faculty Associations for the colleges and institutes in the province of Alberta. Membership is voluntary. It was created to represent the member associations on matters of provincial, national and international scope while recognizing the need to preserve the autonomy of members.

Perhaps the most valuable aspect of ACIFA lies in the opportunity for Faculty Association Presidents, Negotiating Team Chairs, and Professional Development Coordinators to meet regularly and exchange information with others in similar positions, and gain an understanding of what is happening at other institutions, and of what trends might be developing. A further asset of ACIFA is that "there is strength in numbers".

ACIFA also provides advice to member associations who are dealing with grievances or who are in negotiations. These services have expanded in recent years with Brian McCulluch, ACIFA Labour Relations Officer, now negotiating for many institutions and also representing institutes at grievances. These services are provided at very little additional cost to the institutions. The Professional Affairs Officer continues to work on behalf of all member institutions in lobbying the provincial government on a variety of issues affecting post-secondary education.