

## **Board Briefs**

*From the Board of Governors Meeting of May 12, 2016*

### **Welcome**

NSCAD University's Board of Governors approved the recommendation of SUNSCAD to appoint Jessica MacDonald and Julie Nicholson as the new SUNSCAD representatives to the NSCAD Board of Governors. The appointment will be effective from May, 2016 to May 2017.

### **We Celebrated**

These past few weeks NSCAD celebrated Student Achievement in style and tradition with outstanding exhibitions, pop-up retail, events, awards, graduation shows, catalogue launch and convocation. On April 29 the Class of 2016 (136 students) successfully graduated and were welcomed to the NSCAD Alumni family. It was a time of pride in all that we believe in and collectively accomplish. A time of celebration with family, friends and supporters from near and far. There was nothing but accolades and joy at every event.

### **Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (SIF)**

NSCAD submitted a very robust and impressive application package to the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (SIF). NSCAD's SIF proposal was submitted on time (May 8, 2016) and with the Board of Governors unanimous Approval-in-Principle.

### **Small and Mighty, Nimble and Fleet-a-Foot**

NSCAD is small and mighty, nimble and fleet-a-foot. Through the April – May, 2016 timeline for the SIF submission there were multiple competing priorities at NSCAD and in the PSE sector. At this very time something quite remarkable happened: the complete alignment of NSCAD's planning documents and tools. The Strategic Framework, Academic Plan and Strategic Research Plan.

### **Code of Conduct**

The Board of Governors approved a recommendation from Governance and Human Resources Committee that the NSCAD Board of Governors Code of Conduct be amended. The Code of Conduct was amended to ensure the rights of faculty under the Collective Agreements and academic freedom. The Board agreed it was important to keep the Board unified around language in the Code of Conduct.

**President Taylor- Gearing Celebrates with the Art Institute of Chicago- (SAIC)**

NSCAD President attended the School of the Art Institute Chicago (SAIC) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and fundraiser also celebrating and honouring President Walter Massey as he retires from SAIC. The event was held in the Modern wing (designed by architect Renzo Piano) of the Art Institute Chicago on May 6, 2016. The Art Institute and SAIC is an example of two institutions collaborating under one entity. The visit included meeting with the Art Institute Chicago COO, David Thurm and SAIC Vice Provost and Facilities Management.

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