

BACKGROUNDER

Members of the Saskatchewan Higher Education Quality Assurance Board (SHEQAB)

Dr. Grant Isaac (Chair) is the Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Cameco Corporation in Saskatoon. Prior to joining Cameco, Dr. Isaac was a Professor and the Dean of the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Isaac received BA and MA degrees in Economics from the University of Saskatchewan, and he earned his PhD from the London School of Economics. Dr. Isaac is Chair of the Canadian Nuclear Association. He has also served on the Programs and Quality Committee and the Expert Committee on Program Architecture for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Dr. Ronald Bond (Vice-Chair) is the Provost Emeritus and Vice-President (Academic) Emeritus at the University of Calgary, where he was formerly a Professor of English and the Dean of Humanities. He is also the past chair of the Campus Alberta Quality Council and an external member of the Quality Assurance Council of the Council of Ontario Universities. Dr. Bond was recently named the 2012 recipient of the Canadian Research Knowledge Network's Ron MacDonald Distinguished Service Award for his significant contributions towards building knowledge infrastructure and research capacity in Canadian universities.

Ms. Karen Barnes is the President of Yukon College in Whitehorse, Yukon. Prior to her appointment as President, Dr. Barnes served as Yukon College's Vice President of Education and Training and, before that, as the Dean of Applied Arts and Science at Lethbridge College. She chairs the governing committees for the Yukon Research Centre, the Northern Institute of Social Justice, and the newly created Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining. She has devoted much of her career to Aboriginal education and program development.

Dr. Marie Battiste is a professor in the College of Education and the most recent Director of the Aboriginal Education Research Centre (AERC) at the University of Saskatchewan. In 2008, Dr. Battiste was a recipient of the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in Education. She has published widely in journals and books, and has worked actively with First Nations schools as a teacher, administrator, classroom consultant, and curriculum developer, advancing Aboriginal epistemology, languages, pedagogy, and research.

Dr. Robin Fisher is the Provost and Vice-President Academic of Mount Royal University in Calgary. Prior to assuming his current position, Dr. Fisher was Dean of Arts at the University of Regina from 2002 through 2005, and Dean of Arts, Social and Health Sciences at the University of Northern British Columbia from 1997 until 2002. He was the founding chair of the Saskatchewan Council on Admissions and Transfer in 2004-05, and a member of the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer from 1999 until 2002.

Originally from Prince Albert, **Ms. Irene Lewis** has served as President and CEO of SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary since 1998. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta, Co-founder and Executive Board member of Polytechnics Canada, and an Executive Board member of the Post-Secondary International Network. Ms. Lewis has extensive experience in adult education, post-secondary administration, and community service, and is the recipient of numerous honours and awards for her professional, leadership, and volunteer activities.

Bill McLaughlin's career in post-secondary education in Saskatchewan has spanned 37 years. Mr. McLaughlin has worked extensively in the Regional College system and in northern Saskatchewan. He served as President of Northlands College since 1993 until his recent retirement. He has also served on several provincial advisory councils including the Provincial Post-Secondary Advisory Council, Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission and the Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategic Issues Council.