

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION NO. 4
Thursday, September 13, 2007 – 12:00 noon
Cranbrook Campus

Attendance:

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| Board | Troy Sebastian, Chair | Appointed Member |
| | Andy Cohen | Appointed Member |
| | Len Luders | Appointed Member |
| | Bob Langin | Appointed Member |
| | Marko Maryniak | Appointed Member (via teleconference) |
| | Nick Rubidge | President/CEO |
| | Ann Rice | Elected CORFA |
| | Fernando Arteaga | Elected Student |
| Jim Bailey | EdCo Chair | |
| Regrets | Lee Mellor | Elected Student |
| | Mark Wager | Elected CUPE |
| | Ron Toyota | Appointed Member |
| | Sandra Roberts | Appointed Member |
| | Chris Ondrik | Appointed Member |
| College | Denis Kielly | Director, Human Resources & Business Ops. |
| | Donna Kraus-Hagerman | Manager, Marketing & Community Relations |
| | Doug McLachlan | Dean of Instruction, Senior Instructional Officer |
| | Dianne Teslak | Bursar |
| | Sue Bodnaruk | Board Assistant |

4.1 Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm.

4.2 Order of Business

4.4(b) Change to read: June 2007 Status Report

The agenda was accepted as amended.

4.3 Confirmation of the Minutes: June 14, 2007

3.1.2 Change: "...*is* planning to visit campuses..."

Minutes were accepted as amended.

4.4. Finance

4.4 (a) Finance/Audit Committee Report

The Finance Committee met with the Auditor prior to this meeting and there are no significant issues. The audit went well with a lot of cooperation from staff. This is the last year of the contract with the auditors, and we will be going to the tender process for a 5 year contract.

4.4 (b) June 2007 Status Report

Ms. Teslak presented the Status Report to the end of June 2007.

4.5 Monitoring Report

4.5 (a) Institutional Accountability Plan

Doug provided some background information. The Institutional Accountability Plan and Report was due in the early part of July 2007 and this year the Ministry asked for a different format this year. Last year there were two reports (Service Plan and report on Target and Results). This year the reports were combined and the finalized plan is available on our website. Doug spoke to the report and explained the process of how the report was compiled.

4.6 Unfinished General Business

It was announced to the public meeting that in the Private Session of the Board, Troy Sebastian was elected Chair and Sandra Roberts was elected as Vice-Chair.

4.7 Business Arising and/or New Business

4.7(a) Africa Conference

Ms. Bowron provided information on the upcoming Africa Conference. Stephen Lewis is our Guest Speaker and will be speaking at COTR's Lecture Theatre on Sunday, October 21, 2:30 pm. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The former UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, Stephen Lewis is co-Director of AIDS-Free World, a new international AIDS advocacy organization. A second speaker has been identified - Mrs. Elaine Mukuru who is the Chair of the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) in Kenya. One of Mrs. Mukuru's areas of expertise is influencing policy and advocating the importance of access to education for females. This presentation is scheduled for Friday evening, October 19, 2007. Tickets are available at all campuses.

Regional workshops in Creston, Invermere, Golden and Fernie will be presented from October 23 to October 26. More information is available on the COTR website:

<http://www.cotr.bc.ca/whatsNew/view-event.asp?IDnumber=91>

4.7(b) Kootenay Coaching & Sport Summit

The Summit is led by Sandi Lavery along with her colleagues and students and will run from October 18 to October 22. This is co-sponsored by the Cranbrook District Teachers Association and has been timed to coincide with the school districts' PD days. The College of the Rockies and Cranbrook District Teachers Association have designed this conference with the purpose of enhancing Coach, Athlete and sport development in the Kootenay region. We hope this will attract people involved in sports from schools across the province. A series of workshops, world-class guest speakers, and technical coaching certifications will be offered. Participants will share ideas, and develop skills and knowledge in sport delivery for the Kootenay Region.

This conference is designed for educators, coaches, sports administrators and physical activity enthusiasts.

Registration and more information is available at: <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/kcss/>

4.8 Correspondence

4.8(a) OIC Board of Governors Appointment

The Board received and filed the correspondence received from the Minister of Education reappointing Ron Toyota to the Board of the College of the Rockies effective July 31, 2007 to July 31, 2009.

4.8(b) Ministry One-time Discretionary Funding

The Board received and filed the correspondence indicated that COTR has been awarded a one-time funding of \$181,434 for capital projects to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emission by 33 percent from current levels by 2020. No project has been assigned to the funding yet.

4.8(c) Capital Asset Procurement

The Board received and filed the correspondence from the Ministry of Finance regarding Capital Asset Procurement principles and policies to ensure our procedures are consistent to these.

4.8(d) Correspondence re: Political Science Offerings

The Board received and filed the copy of the correspondence sent in response to the concern from the Articulation Chair of the Political Science.

4.8(e) Card of Thanks from Virginia Tech President

The Board received and filed the thank you card from Charles Steger, President of VirginiaTech.

4.9 Items Brought Forward from the Private Agenda

None.

4.10 Linkage to Ownership

4.10 (a) Chair's Report

Members of the Board participated in the various activities during Welcome Week, i.e. bar-b-que, volleyball tournament and talent show. Many Board members help to flip burgers at the staff/student bar-b-que. Chris Ondrik was the only Board member on the management volleyball team that tied for 2nd. place. Troy Sebastian and Fernando Arteaga appeared as judges for the "COTR's Got Talent" show. Ms. Kraus-Hagerman stated that the Welcome Week was a huge success and thanked the Board for their participation. Their attendance at these events was definitely noticed by staff and students.

4.10 (b) President's Report

Dr. Rubidge spoke to the President's Report and reported how the faculty in the BUAD and the UT areas has been incredibly helpful in stepping up and filling the void that was left by an instructor who was hired for the Economics and decided at the last minute not to come here.

4.10 (c) Deans' and Directors' Reports

Each of the Deans and Directors spoke briefly to the highlights of their reports.

4.10 (d) Education Council Report

The Education Council report was received and filed.

4.11 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None.

4.12 Information and Good of the Institution

4.12 (a) K. Bonell – President, CORFA

Ms. Bonell stated that she was very pleased to hear that faculty is recognized how they came together to cover the schedule for the Economics course and will share that with them. Some of the topics reported by Ms. Bonell included:

- Kevin Higgins (an instructor in the ABE program) sent an email today that he had 19 students stay with the computer course that they offer. 13 of the students returned this year and one of the students is taking a COMP 80 course. He has 27 students registered this year.
- Gretchen Whetham, Kevi Remple, Pauline Bennison and Kathy Bonell traveled to Ecuador in various capacities this summer. Gretchen, Kevi, Pauline and Kathy will be doing a presentation in the Lecture Theatre on September 19 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. There is a presentation tonight from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Lecture Theatre regarding biodiversity and conservation.
- Sandi Lavery asked that Kathy mention that the Mount Baker Coaching and the HKIN program development are hosting the first 1-2-3 Fall Classic at the track on October 4th.
- The Computer Repair Centre is in the next week.
- Gina Bennett is gathering information about the possibility of nominating a program at COTR for Excellence in Distance Education award.

4.12 (b) United Nations Declaration

Mr. Sebastian noted that the United Nations is voting on (and may have already ratified) the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People in spite of opposition by the Federal Government of Canada who has asserted that if this non-binding declaration was to pass, and if they endorsed it - it would be binding, and that the declaration states specific things, i.e. rights for indigenous people to speak their language, practice their traditional culture, etc. - those things could affect the constitution of this country. Mr. Sebastian thought it was important to bring this issue forward as this is the first time the United Nation has ratified a non-binding agreement that states globally what the rights of indigenous people are, and that our country is one of the few in the world that is actually opposed to having a non-binding agreement to that affect. If the position of the Federal Government is that the right of indigenous people is against the constitution, then we have to wonder what the constitution of our country stands for.

4.12 (c) Thank You

Dr. Rubidge extended sincere thanks to staff in IT, Financial Services, Facilities, etc because they had to work extremely hard over the summer and people had to put up with a

lot of uncertainty because we didn't know when things were going to happen. People have put in huge efforts over the last few weeks.

As well, Dr. Rubidge extended a thank you to Bob Langin for his leadership and support over the past several years and as Board Chair.

4.13 Questions from the Public regarding any Agenda Items

None.

4.14 Meeting Evaluation

Mr. Langin provided the evaluation of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Troy Sebastian, Chair

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