

Jared	Basil	Appointed member
Lainee	Eccleston	Appointed member
Rod	Giles	Appointed member
Darryl	Hyde	Appointed member
Randal	Macnair	Appointed member
Nic	Milligan	Appointed member
Darlene	Trach	Appointed member
Amber	Van Drielen	Appointed member
Sharon	Demaine	Chair – EdCo
Jenn	Smith	Elected CUPE
Greg	McCallum	Elected Faculty
Reg	Goldsbury	Elected – Student Representative
Jessica	Marusyk	Elected – Student Representative
Paul	Vogt	President & CEO
Laurie	Calverley	Executive Director, Human Resources and Payroll
Deb	Carty	Vice President, External Relations
Robin	Hicks	Vice President, Academic and Applied Research
Dianne	Teslak	Vice President, Finance and Corporate Services
Susan	Woods	Executive Assistant to the Board

*Highlighted indicates NOT in attendance

1.1 Welcome and Call to Order

a. Territorial Acknowledgement

The Public session of the Board was called to order at 1:12 pm by Chair, Randal Macnair. Randal delivered the territorial acknowledgment expressing our thanks for the opportunity to work and play on the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and home of the Shuswap and Metis.

b. Welcome to Board Members and members of the Public

Randal welcomed members of the Board to the meeting as well as public attendees Joan Kaun and Kristy Brons.

1.2 Order of Business

a. Additions and approval of the agenda

There were no additions to the agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented

MOVED by Darlene, seconded by Nic, carried

1.3 Consent Agenda

Items included on the Consent Agenda included:

- a. Confirmation of Minutes: March 11, 2021
- b. Media Releases
- c. Cheque Register

MOTION to approve/receive the items on the consent agenda as presented

MOVED by Lainee, seconded by Greg, carried

1.4 Monitoring Report:

a. Two Year Action Plan Update

Paul shared the Two-Year Action Plan has been released both externally through presentations with City Councils and Chambers throughout our catchment as well as media releases and internally through email and one on one meetings with employees and divisional meetings. A number of initiatives that support the Action Plan are already underway including the development of the Center for Learning in Teaching and Innovation, expanding the reach for international student recruitment, establishing new dual credit pathways (CYFS), creation of a Branding Strategy, the hiring of an Applied Research Director, development of a Health and Wellbeing Framework and development of a Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee.

b. Spring Semester Stable Enrolment Report

Paul shared that the enrolments for the spring semester are up from last spring by approximately 100 course enrolments and just under a hundred based on headcount. Fall 2021 semester enrolment are looking promising with numbers just slightly behind last fall for domestic. This is partially attributed to a delay in the opening dates for enrolment due to awaiting more information from the province and the PHO. Numbers for international students are still slightly down as there is still some uncertainty about their ability to travel to and gain entry into Canada due to COVID travel restrictions.

c. Year End Review of 2020 – 2021 Integrated Plan Initiatives

Paul reviewed the progress updates for the 2020 – 2021 Integrated Plan initiatives and responded to Board questions. The initiatives largely consisted of upgrades to IT related items along with supports to the international education team, indigenous team and planning for the development of an Academic Plan.

1.5 Unfinished General Business:

There was no unfinished general business

1.6 Business Arising and/or New Business:

a. Policy 2.1.2 English Language Proficiency Standard Updates

In May of 2020 a Briefing Note was shared with CPC, EdCo, and the Board. The purpose of the note was to advise College stakeholders that, on a temporary basis, certain online English language proficiency tests were being accepted in addition to the recognized standardized tests listed in Policy 2.1.2. Prospective students originating from non-English-speaking countries (according to Policy 2.1.2 – English Language Proficiency Standard) are required to provide a valid test of English language proficiency as part of their application for admission package.

Secure online alternatives have been introduced by many of the 'typical' test providers. Five tests in particular are currently recognized as proof of English language proficiency on temporary basis – for Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2022, and Spring 2022 applications for admission. With many face-to-face testing centres remaining closed due to COVID-19 and not expected to re-open until governments permit organizations to go forward this temporary status is being extended for these periods.

This is provided to the Board as information only

b. Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning – Presentation

Robin shared her presentation on the Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning with the Board. The presentation provided members with information about the purpose of a Learning Center such as increasing our capacity, providing quality assurance and supporting student success. The centre will be part of the academic division and will be staffed with a Dean (of Innovation), two faculty member positions, and two curriculum developers. Robin highlighted the nine priority initiatives that would be undertaken by the centre which are tied to both the two-year plan and ongoing faculty discussions. Robin explained how she sees achieving the indigenization of curriculum – work closely with our indigenous team in awareness building, weaving a sensitivity to indigenous population into our programs. Robin will be conducting interviews for the Dean position next week.

c. Branding Strategy - Presentation

Deb introduced Board members to her vision of the College of the Rockies Brand Strategy through a presentation. The brand idea shows our unique place in the world, in our industry, and in people's hearts and minds. The strategy focuses on leveraging the assets of where we live and the affordability, program excellence and success rate of our students. This strategy includes a "Home Advantage" campaign (to be reworked for this year) along with our website and social media sites. Deb and her team are currently working on updating our imagery of students, activities, and our indigenous communities.

1.7 Correspondence:

There were no items of correspondence

1.8 Officer Reports:

a. Board Chair's Report

Randal has been taking part in HR Committee meetings developing the process and documents for the first evaluation of our College President, Paul Vogt. He shared his appreciation to Amber as Chair of the HR committee for all the work that is being done.

b. President's Report

A President's and Executive update was provided in the meeting package for members. We are working closely with our COVID Return to Campus team to prepare for the return of students and employees to our campuses for September. Our first step is coordinating the return of any equipment and furniture that is currently off site to reassemble students learning spaces and offices as well as putting supports in place to support the mental health of all. What we are hearing from the PHO is that physical distancing will no longer be required but upgraded cleaning protocols, masks, reduced opportunities to gather will still be in place. New Go Forward Guidelines are expected in June.

A lot of people in the region will be looking to the College to support the economic recovery (training) as we move past COVID. Will want to reflect on what we want to be as a College.

Paul attended the Youth in Trades program wind-up in Invermere last week and got to meet with students who spoke about what they have learned and their instructor. Also visited a Women in Trades program and met with and filmed students. Feels that we have built a foundation to allow us to move forward in an innovative way.

c. EdCo Report

Sharon provided highlights from her written report provided in the meeting package for members. EdCo completed most changes to their by-laws at the April EdCo meeting with just a few outstanding. They are introducing a mentorship program that will pair up new members with an experienced member to help support them in both their knowledge and level of comfort in their new roles.

1.9 Agenda Items for Next Meeting (June 10, 2021):

Anyone having items for the agenda for our next meeting are asked to send them to Randal and Susan

1.10 Information and Good of the Institution:

Randal shared that during a meeting he attended last week one of our nursing students talked about F2F classes coming back in September and how excited she was for it. Greg noted that this year's graduation will include eight graduates from BBA which is our largest to date and we are anticipating 11 Capstone students for next year.

1.11 Questions from the Public regarding any Agenda item:

Joan asked if the creation of the Center for Innovation Teaching and Learning if there would be any funding available to help faculty develop open resources. Robin indicated that many educational resources are already available through BC Campus and that they are now starting to create ancillary resources as well. If a faculty member wants to create and adapt funding will be through grants. Robin and her team are looking at how the College can further support.

Kristy queried whether with the upcoming personal changes on our Indigenous team if we would continue to have a "full slate" of employees in that department. Robin indicated that we would continue to support our Indigenous division positions through one-time funding.

1.12 Adjournment

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn 2:55 pm

MOVED by Rod

Distribution to Members:

Randal Macnair, Jared Basil, Lainece Eccelston, Rod Giles, Darryl Hyde, Nic Milligan, Darlene Trach, Amber van Drielen, Greg McCallum, Jenn Smith, Sharon Demaine, Reg Goldsbury, Jessica Marusyk

College:

Paul Vogt, Robin Hicks, Dianne Teslak, Laurie Calverley, Deb Carty