



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION NO. 9
Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
Cranbrook Campus Board Room**

- Present: Darrell Bethune, Elected Faculty Member
Pam Catsirelis, Elected CUPE Member
Bruce Fairley, Appointed Member
Tyler Fraser, Elected Student Member
Kathy Hagman, EdCo Chair
Bob Langin, Appointed Member
Len Luders, Appointed Member
Chris Ondrik, Appointed Member
Nick Rubidge, President and CEO
- Regrets: Janice Bradshaw, Appointed Member (Chair)
Cindy Brunel, Appointed Member
Denice Louie, Appointed Member
Dave McAnerney, Appointed Member
Jamie Robertson, Elected Student Member
- College: Pat Bowron, Manager International Partnership Development
Marianne Dakin, Board Assistant
Debbie Hope, VP Faculty Association
Donna Lomas, Dean of Instruction and Articulation
Velma McKay, President of Faculty Association
Doug McLachlan, Senior Instructional Officer
Aimee Newton, Tourism Program Student
Toni O'Keeffe, Director Communication Services
and College Relations

9.1 Welcome and Order of Business

Mr. Luders took the Chair and called the meeting to order. He expressed the regrets of the members who were absent. He welcomed the guests and called for round table introductions. The Agenda was amended by moving item 9.9 Presentation by Students on Tuition Fees to item 9.4 General New Business. The Agenda was adopted as amended.

9.2 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of January 9, 2003 were adopted as presented.

9.3 Unfinished General Business

None.

9.4 General New Business

Mr. Luders informed that the Board had received management's recommendations for the tuition increase but the Board did not wish to make a decision until they had heard the students' perspective.

Ms. Aimee Newton, a second year student in the Tourism program, representing the student body, delivered a presentation on the proposed tuition increase and addressed questions from the floor. A copy of Ms. Newton's presentation is attached.

Dr. Rubidge thanked Ms. Newton for her thoughtful presentation. He informed that Ms. Newton is one of the students he has been working with to deal with resolving some of the issues that were left behind by the previous student society and he acknowledged Ms. Newton's dedication and hard work.

Mr. McLachlan delivered a brief presentation and noted that the administration had looked carefully at student base, student background and affordability. He explained that the College needs to address a deficit situation and outlined management's rationale for a tuition increase.

In order to provide assistance to students of need, Ms. O'Keeffe advised that her department is researching bursaries and have formed a committee to collate this information and bring it forward to students.

9.5 Reports

a) Chair's Report

Mr. Luders advised that on January 30 Janice Bradshaw, the Board Chair, attended a luncheon at the College along with Mayor Ross Priest and Fire Chief Gerald Fox. The reason for the luncheon was that the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications was visiting the Cranbrook Campus to accredit COTR's Fire Services Training Program. This was an important visit because the College had been seeking this accreditation. COTR's Fire Services Training Program is a unique program in Canada and encompasses twenty weeks of training. The program was established in close partnership with the Cranbrook Fire Department and the City of Cranbrook.

b) President's Report

Dr. Rubidge highlighted portions of his report, a copy of which is appended to the Agenda.

c) Education Council Report

Ms. Hagman delivered her report, a copy of which is attached. Ms. Lomas provided further explanation regarding residency requirements for students to receive credits for completion of programs.

d) Deans' and Directors' Reports:

Reports were delivered by the following deans and directors and are appended to the Agenda.

- Denis Kielly, Director Human Resources and Business Operations
- Donna Lomas, Dean of Instruction and Articulation
- Doug McLachlan, Senior Instructional Officer and Dean of Instruction
- Toni O'Keeffe, Director Communication Services and College Relations
- Lynne Shewchuk, Bursar

The report of Heather Schneider, Dean of Instruction and Development, was received into the record. In Ms. Schneider's absence, Ms. Bowron highlighted aspects of the Fire Services Training program.

9.6 Correspondence

Mr. Luders circulated a letter dated February 5, 2003 from the Advanced Education Council of BC (AECBC) to the Board Chair. Dr. Rubidge provided background on the AECBC and explained that now that the Council had been dissolved, the remaining funds were disbursed to the various institutions and the College received a cheque for \$3560 payable to the College Foundation.

9.7 Announcements from the Private Session

Mr. Luders advised that at the private session the Board made some decisions on staff reductions. The Access Transitions Program (Adult Special Education) at the Creston Campus will be eliminated. The ASE student client base for this program has continued to decline in Creston over the past several years. This will result in the layoff of one faculty position. The College continues to offer an Adult Special Education Transitions program at the Cranbrook campus. The third section of welding at the Cranbrook Campus will be eliminated. The rationale for this change is that the two welding programs at Cranbrook will meet the needs of welding training required in the region. Funds saved from discontinuing the third section will be reallocated to provide new trades programs. This will result in some employee reductions.

Mr. Luders advised that the Board is cautiously optimistic that there will not be any other reductions, although this cannot be guaranteed. The budget will be presented to the Board in June.

Mr. Luders also informed that the Board has been discussing its governance model and is now focusing on the end statements that are critical to the process. At this time the Board has adopted the priorities that are in the strategic plan as interim end statements and there will be a process in the College to review those. If there are any changes they will be reviewed at the Board retreat in May where the focus will be future oriented.

9.8 Information and Good of the Institution

- Ms. O'Keeffe advised that Dr. Laugh will be speaking at the College on February 19 and will focus on wellness and fun in the workplace.
- Dr. Rubidge and Mr. McLachlan were invited to a Valentine's Day tea for seniors hosted by the students in the Practical Nursing Program. The tea was a thank you to the many older adult volunteers who allowed the students to come into their homes once a week as part of the Gerontology course.
- Dr. Rubidge advised that this is the first anniversary for the new Board and they have achieved a great deal over the past year. On behalf of the College he expressed appreciation and thanks for the support and direction they are providing the institution.
- Mr. Luders informed that on Tuesday evening Dr. Rubidge and Ms. Schneider attended the school District No. 6 Board Meeting. There were three educational presentations and all involved the College of the Rockies. Leona Gadsby of the Invermere Campus delivered a presentation on early childhood development and mapping related to children throughout the Columbia Valley, one presentation focused on the work the College is doing with Better

Babies and the third presentation was delivered by Ms. Schneider and provided information on the transitions and partnership agreements between the College and the School Districts. The School Board members remarked that the College is very involved in the District.

- Mr. Luders commented on how exciting it is to hear about the things that are being done and the enthusiasm at the College where there appears to be a willingness to accept and move with change.
- Ms. Hope reported:
 - Nelson publishing is sponsoring a Psychology Lecture Series. The first “virtual lecture” will be given by Robert Sternberg, Yale University and current President American Psychological Association. The topic is teaching for successful intelligence. This lecture is free and open to anyone in the College community and will be held on February 19 at noon in the lecture theatre.
 - The 14th Annual Spaghetti Bridge Contest is being held the first week of March. The students will be building bridges out of pasta (750 g. total) to span one metre. They have had bridges hold 90 kg. (200 lbs).
 - Richard Hewko, physics instructor, is the head judge for the grade 7-12 science fair on March 28 and 29. There are approximately 10 additional College instructors who have also volunteered to help.
 - Science World is coming to the College gym March 8 to help local schools. Several College instructors have volunteered to help.
 - Several faculty members have volunteered to do workshops for the joint Professional Development Day with School Districts Nos. 5 and 6 on May 2. The faculty offering workshops are Betty Mosher, Velma McKay, Dale Hemmingson-Wik, Stevi Stephens, Kathy Bonell, Richard Hewko and Ann Rice. These workshops will be held in the afternoon. In the morning the School Districts are bringing in David Suzuki as the keynote speaker. The event will be held in the College gym since upwards of 700 School District and College personnel could attend.

9.9 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Len Luders, Chair