



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION NO. 7
Thursday, February 12, 2009
Cranbrook Campus**

Attendance:

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| Board | Heather Jackson Laura Dalzell Marko Maryniak Jim Bailey Velma McKay Alex Jensen Orest Federko Nobuyuki Aoki Jae-In Kim Nick Rubidge | Elected CUPE Appointed Member Appointed Member EdCo Chair Elected Member Appointed Member Appointed Member Elected Member Elected Member President/CEO |
| College | Dianne Teslak Sheila McDonald Donna Kraus-Hagerman Gary Johnson Ron McRae Laura Cooper Sue Bodnaruk | Bursar Executive Director, Human Resources Exec. Director, College Relations & Marketing Dean of Instruction Dean of Instruction Dean of Instruction Board Assistant |
| Regrets | Ron Toyota, Chair Andy Cohen Joseph Pierre | Appointed Member Appointed Member Appointed Member |

7.1 Welcome and Call to Order

Marko Maryniak, Acting Chair welcomed guests to the meeting. Mr. Maryniak called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

7.2 Order of Business

None.

7.3 Confirmation of the Minutes:

MOVED that the Minutes of October 9, 2008 be accepted as presented.

McKay/Aoki

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Finance:

a) Finance/Audit Committee Report/ Summary Status Report – June 2008

Mr. Reinders - Chair for the Finance Committee reported that the Finance Committee met earlier today. The Committee reviewed the Summary Status Report to December 2008 and the variances on the receipt side and the expenditure side are positive variances.

7.5 Monitoring Report:

Dr. Rubidge explained the FTE Monitoring Report that was submitted by Mr. McLachlan, SIO and responded to questions. This is an FTE report that shows our estimated FTE projections and provides historical data. The government pays particular attention to FTE production in targeted programs including Nursing, Health Programs, ABE, etc. on which we have to report on them separately

Dean of Instruction Laura Cooper spoke to her comprehensive report on the Aboriginal Programs at COTR. The report shows the percentage of part-time to full-time broken down by semester based on number of Aboriginal students enrolled in programs at College of the Rockies. It's important to recognize that this represents only Aboriginal students who have self-declared themselves as Aboriginal students. It does not represent the totality of the Aboriginal student population. In relation to our sister institutions, College of the Rockies is at the cutting edge at finding sources of funding. If we look at the potential participation in the Aboriginal community – it's a young and growing population. We work in very close consultation and the Ktunaxa Nation, the Metis Nation and the Shuswap Nation. We do not initiate any projects without the go ahead by the Nation. We have built an incredibly consultative model that we are not driving, but we are servicing the Aboriginal community.

Velma commented that in the Bridge to Health and Trades there are actually 3 other ABE courses that are online and being funded through the Aboriginal Projects. These include English 70, English 80 and Math 70 that are offered online as of January this year. There are another 2 other courses being put online for September delivery.

7.6 Unfinished General Business

None.

7.7 Business Arising and/or New Business

None.

7.8 Correspondence

None

7.9 Items Brought Forward from the Private Agenda

The Board approved an inflationary adjustment to tuition for the 2009/10 academic year up to the amount mandated in the government policy for post-secondary tuition increases. It is anticipated that the increase is likely to be a 2% increase as calculated by the BCCPI.

The Administration submitted the 2009/10 Operating Budget Guidelines and Assumptions for the Committee's information. The 2009/10 College Operating budget will be developed using these guidelines and assumptions.

As well, the Committee received information regarding the Bankers and Signing Officers. This is a regular procedure when we have a change of personnel within the College that have signing authority and this was approved by Board resolution.

7.10 Linkage to Ownership

7.10 (a) Chair's Report

7.10 (b) President's Report

Dr. Rubidge reported that he has just returned from meetings in Kenya. Dr. Rubidge met with the Principal and senior management of Kimathi University which is our educational partner in Kenya. The Otieno family had invited him and Pat Bowron to meet with her family about plans for a foundation and a small book in honour of Isaiah. Discussions were also had with senior management and the RPE committee on the project (achievements, challenges and the way forward). The Principal is interested in the area of nursing because plans are underway for a start of nursing courses. Dr. Rubidge and Ms. Bowron also visited the Nairobi dispensary, and met with the African Wildlife Foundation and Kenya Forest Services on their role on community development and how we can collaborate together. A meeting was held with the Ministry of Youth Affairs officials to review the impact of the project capacity building initiatives.

7.10 (c) Deans' and Directors' Reports

The Deans' and Directors' reports were submitted for the Board's information and the following comments were added:

Gary Johnson:

We received recognition from the College of Registered Nurses of BC and it 4 years ago, we were running a 1 year BCIT Nursing program, and then we applied for membership in the Collaboration for Academic Education in Nursing (CAEN) which is a group of 8 other universities and colleges that share this curriculum and we were accepted. We through a year long recognition process and accreditation with the Canadian Association of Nurses and the recognition process for the College of Registered Nurses of BC has been close to a year as well. Students now do the first 5 semesters at COTR and the last 3 at UVIC.

Gary also received an email from the Chief Nursing Officer of the Canadian Forces thanking our students for their thoughtfulness. Melodie Hull had our Nursing students put together a Christmas video and sent it off to the nurses overseas – particularly in Afghanistan.

Ron McRae:

Our Hairstyling is a huge success for the College and we are already in the planning stages for our next intake for 14 students in September 2009. We have received good press regarding the program. We are currently working on an Aesthetics program in partnership with a local Kimberley business.

Donna Kraus-Hagerman:

Donna commented that the new View Books are available. Our recruitment officers take them on the road and distribute.

7.11 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A follow up on the Audited FTE Report will be available for the June Board meeting.

7.12 Information and Good of the Institution

a) BCCI Opinion Editorial

The BCCP Opinion Editorial was presented to the Board for their information.

(b) Correspondence to Premier and Prime Minister

In light of the federal budget announcements, correspondence highlighting our Aboriginal Gathering Place initiative was sent to Premier Campbell and Prime Minister Harper. The Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) and the BC College & Institutes (BCC) have recommended that the infrastructure investment policy be enhanced to allow college and institute expansion to qualify for funding as part of the new stimulus package. Some discussion followed; however, the details of the budget have not yet been clarified. The Provincial budget will not be known until approximately March 16, 2009.

On behalf of the Executives of CORFA and CUPE, Ms. Kathy Bonell presented formal dinner invitations to the Board of Governors and asked that RSVPs be directed to her. The Association wants to acknowledge the work of the Board of Governors who advocate for funding and post-secondary education. She also welcomed agenda items.

7.13 Questions from the Public regarding any Agenda Items

None.

7.14 Evaluation:

Mr. Federko provided an evaluation of the meeting.

7.15 Adjournment

Mr. Maryniak thanked all for attending the Board meeting and adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm

Marko Maryniak, Acting Chair

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