

CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2006
Interurban Campus

I CALL TO ORDER

Kim Hesketh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

III APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting were adopted as submitted.

IV UNION REPORTS- Nil

V ORIENTATION PRESENTATION

Update on Camosun's Strategic Plan Implementation

Liz Ashton reviewed her report distributed to the Board which outlined the college's top four strategic goal foci for 2006-2008 and the plans for implementation of the goals. The goals are the result of an administrative retreat held in October and are based on presentations by departments and schools outlining their plans to operationalize the college's strategic plan. Liz noted that the overall theme from the presentations was renewal and re-invention within a framework of sustainability. The top four goals identified were growth and expansion, sustainability, development of the college's human resources, and partnerships and collaboration.

Discussion took place around the college's current registration process and concerns that registration deadlines are too late which means that the timetable cannot be confirmed far enough in advance. This uncertainty of the final timetable causes problems for both faculty and students. Baldev Pooni advised that he is currently in discussion with the Registrar about this issue.

It was remarked that having residences or a housing data base would be a big incentive to out-of-town students to attend. Liz Ashton noted that Kathryn Le Gros, Director of Ancillary Services, is working on the residence issue. The provincial government will not fund the building of residences so it is necessary to create a business model which ensures a self-sustaining building. At this point, the college has not been able to come up with a business model which is self-sustaining and has rents which are affordable for students. Kathryn Le Gros will continue to work on this issue and a report will come back to the Board in the new year.

VI NEW BUSINESS - Nil.

VII BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee - Nil

2. Executive Committee (Hesketh)

As a result of the disbanding of the Board Policy Committee, there is a need to identify a means of dealing with policy matters at the Board level. The Board Decision Making Policy and the Board Executive Committee Terms of Reference need to be amended so that all policy matters will flow through the Board Executive Committee.

Motion

That the Camosun College Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Board Decision Making Policy.

Carried

Motion

That the Camosun College Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Board Executive Committee Terms of Reference.

Carried

3. Advocacy Committee

Cindy Robertson reported that this committee met immediately prior to this Board meeting. The main discussion topic was around ideas to further advocate for the college. Some potential events being explored are a reception for Co-op employers, a reception for local First Nations Chiefs, a Roundtable with the Times Colonist, and an annual event to recognize retiring college employees. Kim Hesketh noted that he had recently had the opportunity to chat with the Vice Chair of UVic's Board of Governors about the idea of having a joint meeting of the Boards in order to raise awareness of the number of partnerships that are in place and are being explored between the two institutions.

4. PSI Steering Committee - Nil

VIII BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chairman's Report

Kim Hesketh recently participated in the very successful Camosun Celebrates ceremony. He noted that combined years of the 43 long service employees equaled nearly 1100.

Kim recently attended a meeting of provincial Board Chairs with Minister Murray Coell and his Deputy Minister, Moura Quayle. Every post secondary institution in the province was represented. An overview of the state of the ministry and of education in general was given. It was noted that one of the biggest challenges in post secondary is the competition from countries such as China and India which are both ramping up the construction of new universities; there is a projection of 20 million seats for university students in China. The issue of providing institutions with an annual inflationary lift is currently with Treasury Board.

2. President's Report

Liz Ashton distributed the Camosun results from the Ministry of Advanced Education 2006 Student Outcomes Performance Measures and noted that the college has rated very well and was above the provincial average in nearly all areas.

As a result of the Perrin report, the college has received a second installment of inflationary funding which brings our total to \$1.15M for the year. It is still hoped that this funding will be rolled into the base funding in the future.

Selection processes are underway for the Director of Physical Resources, Dean of Trades and Technology, and Director of Student Services/Registrar (Kate Ross has accepted a position with Simon Fraser University.)

As part of the development of the college's applied research capabilities, application has been made to be eligible for NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) funding. NSERC has a number of very large grants available. To be eligible, institutions must submit proposals, policies and procedures. The feedback from NSERC on the college's policy documents is that they are the best that NSERC has ever reviewed. Liz noted that this is due to the efforts of staff including Pat Felker, Chris Edley, Paul McGeachie, Will Spaulding, Sharon Quigley, and Heather Lewis and congratulated them on their work.

The weather has caused some delays in the site preparation work for PSI though the delay isn't expected to change the final completion date. Further donations totalling \$105,000 have been received for PSI; \$75,000 from Coast Capital and \$30,000 from two other companies. Liz and Roger Skillings had an opportunity to present the project at the Federal Caucus meeting which took place in Vancouver recently.

3. Foundation

Peter Baillie reminded the Board of the Foundation Board reception which takes place on December 14th in the Foundation offices at Interurban Campus. The Foundation will have its annual fundraising dinner on March 16, 2007 at the Marriot Hotel. The market-based value of assets of the Foundation have exceeded \$10 million for the first time. Susan Haddon noted that the 2007 Speakers Series line-up is close to completion.

4. Education Council

Joan Yates noted that the minutes of the October 16, 2006 Education Council meeting were distributed with the Board meeting package. As evidence of the college's strategic plan overall theme of renewal and re-invention within a framework of sustainability, Joan noted that two programs are currently going through change/repackaging: Dental Officer Receptionist Certificate Program and the Engineering Graphics Technician Certificate.

X ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Approved February 6, 2007