

CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Monday, March 5, 2007 Lansdowne Campus

I CALL TO ORDER

Kim Hesketh called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

III APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting were adopted as submitted.

IV UNION REPORTS

i) CUPE Local 2081 Report to the Board

Jerry Oetting reviewed the written report which was submitted to the Board. Kim Hesketh noted that child care will be reviewed as part of the budget process. Kim also advised that a letter has been sent to the President of CUPE BC in response to their letter regarding PSI. It was also noted that planning of the operations of PSI is still in progress.

V NEW BUSINESS (nil)

VI BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee

Ann Moskow reminded the Board that the 2007-2008 operating and capital budget will be presented to the Finance Committee on March 20, 5:00 p.m. in the Paul Boardroom. All Board members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

2. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is working on Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee; the draft document will be coming to the Board for review and approval. There will be a PSI sod turning event on March 20; details will be made known as soon as they are finalized.

3. Advocacy Committee

Cindy Robertson reported on the Advocacy Committee meeting which took place immediately prior to the Board meeting. The Committee reviewed its goals and objectives, based on the anticipated challenging budget year upcoming, and agreed that it would become involved in currently planned and funded college events, rather than planning Board hosted events. In conjunction with the college's Open House on Thursday, April 26 at the Interurban campus, a late afternoon Board-sponsored reception for Program Advisory Committee members will take place. The Committee also discussed the idea of seeking external expert advice on ways to advocate for the college at a political level.

4. PSI Steering Committee (nil)

VII BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chairman's Report

Kim Hesketh noted that the four incoming Board members will be attending the April 2nd Board meeting as observers. There is not yet word on a replacement for Lee Lange. A function to acknowledge the outgoing Board members is being planned for June; information will come to the Board shortly.

2. President's Report

The first Innovation and Development Corporation (IDC) Invention Competition took place February 27th. Camosun students Derek Bailey, James Herriot and Graham Parrish won for their "hybrid pedaling system for personal transport vehicle"; Camosun student Brian Donaldson won for his "Porter Pal Wheelchair Assistant." Camosun instructors Chris Edley and Will Spaulding took the People's Choice Award and placed second in the category "Best Inventions Overall" for their "SeaSnake Passive Ocean Wave Energy Recovery."

The Tea Festival, a fundraising event for the college's Child Care Services, takes place this Sunday at the Holiday Inn.

BCGEU negotiations have finished and will be ratified before March 31st.

Executive responsibility for the Physical Resources Department has moved from the Business Development Division to the Chief Financial Officer's Division. This reporting structure aligns with the Ministry of Advanced Education's recent restructuring and with most colleges and universities.

A group of college staff is currently in Saudi Arabia, at the invitation of the Saudi Arabian government, discussing the potential of developing a women's college. The trip is fully funded by the Saudi Arabian government.

The college is currently negotiating with the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Advanced Education regarding the cash flow of funds for the PSI project. The awarding of construction tenders is imminent, as is the commencement of construction. Attention is now turning to operations, agreements, and ensuring the sustainability of PSI once it is up and running.

3. Foundation

It was noted that the Foundation's annual fundraising dinner on March 16th is sold out. Several Board members will be attending the event.

4. Education Council

Minutes of the January 15, 2007 Education Council meeting were distributed with the Board meeting package. Joan Yates noted that Education Council is starting its meetings with briefings/presentations. The schools are continuing to look at courses currently offered and considering ways to repackage them in order to attract new audiences. The Council is currently reviewing their By-Laws.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Approved April 2, 2007