

**CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**Monday, December 1, 2008**  
**Lansdowne Campus**

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Robin Adair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II PRESENTATION OF MILLENNIUM EXCELLENCE AWARD**

- i) Robin Adair introduced Hailie Masters and presented her with the 2008 Millennium Excellence award.
- ii) Robin Adair acknowledged and thanked outgoing Board member Kim Hesketh. Robin presented Kim with a memorial plaque and Foundation donation certificate.

**III APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**IV APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

**V INTRODUCTION [nil]**

**VI UNION REPORTS [nil]**

**VII ORIENTATION PRESENTATION**

**1. Update on Research Activities**

Tim Walzak, Director of Applied Research and Innovation, presented an overview of the Centre for Applied Research and Innovation (CARI). Tim summarised the federal, provincial, Industry and internal opportunities that are developing and emerging.

The main goals of CARI are to promote the development of a research culture, facilitate the application process, develop a research infrastructure, and create partnerships. CARI enhances Camosun's service to the community, builds partnerships with the companies that hire the graduates, enables faculty and students to be involved with projects using up-to-date methods and technology, and enhances the professional development opportunities for faculty.

CARI has an IDC (Innovation and Development Corporation - UVic) partnership, a strong support from faculty, Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) eligibility (Canadian Institutes for Health Research [CIHR] to follow), is Canadian Council for Learning (CCL) funded, UVIC partnered project in Computing Science, and has small "partnered" innovation projects. CARI is eligible to submit funding proposals to:

- NSERC Natural Science and Engineering Research Council
- CIHR Canadian Institutes for Health Research
- SSHRC Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- WD Western Economic Diversification

Projects currently underway include sport technology development (clothing and sensors), advanced manufacturing/rapid prototyping, ocean technology, green housing prototype/ test house, an industry liaison office, and a resource directory for Camosun.

Tim noted that the partners are supporting current activities, but more investment will be needed in the long term.

## **VIII NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Applied Technology Projects**

Tom Roemer, Dean of the School of Trades and Technology, presented an overview of applied technology projects currently underway at his School. He pointed out that Applied Research at Colleges is different from the type of research done in universities and stressed the new role of Colleges as regional Technology Transfer centres. In this context, Tom described Technology as the “use and application of all forms of knowledge, scientific, engineering, economics, language, and historical, both formally and informally, to achieve some tangible result”. Therefore Applied Research and Technology Transfer can be undertaken by all College departments.

The goals for Applied Research are enhanced student experience through inductive learning; industry, community and R&D exposure for students; service to SMEs and practitioner-innovators; flagship projects to market colleges as centres of excellence, and a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration.

Current projects currently underway at the School of Trades and Technology (in part with involvement of other departments and CARI) include the Vancouver Island Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Prototyping, the Centre for Technology Transfer and Industry Liaison, the Spirit Village (an assembly of projects tied together by the common theme of Sustainability) and Ocean Technology.

## **IX BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Finance Committee [nil]**

### **2. President’s Search Committee**

Cindy Robertson reported that there were eight responses to the RFP for the President search consultant position. The contract was awarded to Ray and Berndtson from Vancouver. Craig Hemer is the agent assigned to Camosun College.

### **3. Executive Committee**

Robin Adair reported that he is seeking to be a Liberal candidate for Saanich South in the next Provincial election. On advice from the Premier’s office, Robin will actively continue as Chair until April when he will step down to focus on the campaign. Robin will resign if he wins the seat, and will return to his full duties as Board Chair if not. In his absence, the Vice Chair Lynda Farmer will step into the Chair position.

Robin appointed Max Sternberg to the President Search Task Force (PSTF) to represent CUPE Local 2081, and will appoint one additional member to represent BCGEU. Kim Hesketh will remain on the PSTF. The PSTF is an advisory body whose role is to advise and bring recommendations to the Board of Governors for decision.

#### **i) Board Decision Making Policy G-1.3**

The Board Advocacy Committee was disbanded. The Audit Sub-Committee (a sub-committee of the Board Finance Committee) was changed to a Board standing committee. The Board Decision Making policy section D. Committee Structure was amended to reflect the changes.

**MOTION:**

**THAT THE CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD DECISION MAKING POLICY.**

**CARRIED**

**ii) Land Use Policy G-2.4**

The Land Use policy provides a framework and criteria to review proposals for the use of land at Camosun College. Discussion ensued regarding the wording of Principles, bullets four and five.

**MOTION:**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LAND USE POLICY BY ADDING "AFTER REPLACING "PUBLICLY" WITH "THIRD PARTY" IN BULLET FOUR, AND STRIKING OUT BULLET FIVE UNDER THE SECTION ENTITLED PRINCIPLES".**

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION:**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LAND USE POLICY BY ADDING "AFTER REPLACING "PRIVATELY" WITH "THIRD PARTY" IN BULLET FIVE UNDER THE SECTION ENTITLED PRINCIPLES."**

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION:**

**IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TABLE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LAND USE POLICY.**

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION:**

**THAT THE CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE LAND USE POLICY.**

**CARRIED**

Matthew de Groot and Keith Todd voted against the motion.

**X BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**1. Chairman's Report**

Robin Adair reported that he and Liz Ashton met the CEO of the Vancouver Island Health Association, Howard Waldner on November 17 as part of the strategic advocacy strategy.

On November 19 Robin attended "Camosun Celebrates", where faculty and staff received awards of excellence and recognition for long tenure. On November 20, Robin attended the Camosun College Foundation donors' reception and toured the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence facility. On November 21, Robin, Cindy Robertson and Denis Powers interviewed the applicants for the President search consultant position.

On November 27 Robin and Liz Ashton met Minister Coell to seek funding for the budget deficit, and to advocate for infrastructure assistance for the proposed Health Building and Learning Commons. They met MP Keith Martin November 27. Liz Ashton met former Camosun College student and MLA Rob Fleming on December 1.

## **2. President's Report**

Funding has not yet been committed for the budget deficit, so the College must plan for all the possible financial scenarios. The College Executive and Budget committee are developing guiding principals and criteria to use to address the challenge. The College Executive continue to meet the union Presidents and Student Society executives, and publish CamNews updates to communicate the status of the budget. Advocacy work is ongoing with the Ministry.

## **3. Foundation**

Linda Ross reported that Foundation's budget is being monitored closely every month. The Foundation Board's planning session will take place in mid-January, 2009.

## **4. Education Council**

The approved minutes from the October 20, 2008 meeting were included in the agenda package. Joan Yates noted that October and November are mainly housekeeping months for Education Council, and reviewed the new programs. Final approval was received from the Minister for the Bachelor in Athletic and Exercise Therapy program.

## **XI ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.