

CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2009
Lansdowne Campus

I CALL TO ORDER

Robin Adair called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Keith Todd requested the addition of the procedure for policy approval under New Business.

III APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

IV INTRODUCTION [nil]

V UNION REPORTS [nil]

VI ORIENTATION PRESENTATION

1. Camosun International (CI)

Peter Lockie introduced Dawn Sutherland, Director of Camosun International (CI) since 1995. CI is a business unit of the College and is divided into six business units:

- International Student Centre
- Customised Training/ Study Tours
- International Development Projects
- Study Abroad/Exchanges
- Overseas Program Delivery
- Internationalization initiatives

CI produced over \$6M in revenue for the College per year for the last three years. In the winter of 2009, 507 students were enrolled. The top countries are China, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the U.S. The top programs are English as a Second Language (ESL) - 193, University Transfer (UT) - 174, and Business Administration - 52.

The profile of the international student is changing. The students are now applying for credentialed studies rather than ESL. They are more goal-oriented, and require additional staff time and knowledge about their culture and educational credentials.

The challenges facing CI include predicting the impact of the global economic downturn, the Canadian political landscape, the increasing cost of travel, the higher requirements to recognize credentials, competition from the university-colleges, and growth in cultural differences.

Pending initiatives include Saudi scholarship students, Libyan scholarship students, Education for Employment program in Mozambique and the Caribbean, the Vietnam Bilateral - Technical Education Reform, the Pakistan and Thailand private vocational college partnerships, and the Jordan World Bank - Technical Education Reform.

The Saudi project was a partnership to assist in the development and initial operation of a privately owned college operating under the Ministry of Higher Education in Saudi Arabia. The signed contract was suspended in 2008. CI will attend a meeting in Saudi planned for late March 2009 to re-launch the project or recapture funds for the work done to-date.

VII NEW BUSINESS

1. Policy Approval Procedure

Keith Todd asked the Board of Governors to change the procedure for policy approval. Keith asked for a “notice of motion” when a policy is presented for approval so that members have a month until the next Board meeting to make an informed decision. Keith presented a second motion to address policies with urgent timelines, but withdrew the second motion.

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS RECIEVE A NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONSIDER POLICY APPROVAL.

DEFEATED

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONSIDER APPROVAL OF POLICY SHOULD THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE POLICY AN EMERGENCY.

WITHDRAWN

Baldev Pooni, VP E&SS, noted that there are several months of development work, which includes consultation with stakeholders, completed on the policies before they are presented to the Board. The Board Executive Committee will bring a recommendation to the Board meeting on April 6 for a process that better informs the Board on the areas of consultation and background of each policy presented for approval.

VIII BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Finance Committee [nil]**
- 2. President’s Search Committee [nil]**
- 3. Executive Committee**
 - i) Education Approvals Policy**

Robin Adair reported that the Board Executive reviewed and support the amendments described in the attached briefing document for the Education Approvals policy. The policy is approved jointly with Education Council, who approved the amendments on June 16, 2008. The Board Executive made the following recommendation to the Board of Governors:

MOTION:

THAT THE CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY E-1.6 EDUCATION APPROVALS.

CARRIED

- ii) Student Conduct Policy**

Robin Adair reported that the Board Executive agreed that a link should be added to the Student Conduct Policy to a supporting document “Plagiarism: Definition and Consequences”, as described in the attached briefing document. The Education Management Team and Education Council support the change. The Board Executive made the following recommendation to the Board of Governors:

MOTION:

THAT THE CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY “E-2.5 STUDENT CONDUCT” TO INCLUDE A LINK TO THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT “E-2.5.1 PLAGIARISM: DEFINITION AND CONSEQUENCES.”
CARRIED

IX BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chairman’s Report

Robin Adair thanked the College Foundation for hosting the joint Foundation/Board lunch on February 24, 2009 at the Dunlop House. Robin noted that there will be a joint meeting of the two Boards on Thursday, March 5 at 5:00 pm. He and Liz Ashton attended a BC Colleges and Institutes (BCCI) meeting in Vancouver on February 20 where they received an overview from the Ministry on the 2009/10 budget. The colleges as a group will seek funds from Labour Market Development Adjustment funds (LMDA) and Labour Market Adjustment (LMA). The LMA, a federal employment insurance fund, has \$66M per year over five years to provide training assistance for single parents, Aboriginals, and people with disabilities. Robin and Liz met Keith Martin, MP, to discuss alternative funding for building priorities. They met Minister Murray Coell and Assistant Deputy Minister Robin Ciceri on February 24 to discuss the budget.

2. President’s Report

Liz Ashton reported that the 2008-09 budget will not be in deficit as previously expected. The College received a one-time grant of \$1.4M in January for Sport and Exercise programs at PISE. The College will receive between \$450K - \$500K in March as recommended by the Perrin 2 report.

The 2009-10 pre-election budget was announced on February 17 and is a good news budget. \$55M was allocated for increased capacity and will be allotted on a parity basis across the system. \$11M per year is expected to be found by colleges from administrative savings, and must be redirected within the institution to education and training. The ITA budget is unchanged but 2000 seats were added. The Government letter of expectations (GLE) will be negotiated with the institutions in the month of April. Until the budget has been passed at the legislature, it will be referred to as an interim budget. All funding except health seats will be allocated in the interim budget. A proposal process will be put in place for the allocation of health seats. There will be no dedicated aboriginal seats. The Labour Market Agreement (LMA) monies go directly to the client, but a portion of the Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA) fund is earmarked for colleges for training.

The Province of BC will receive and must match the \$72M – \$73M allowable from the \$2B Federal Infrastructure fund. The Health Sciences building will cost \$70M and is ineligible due to the timing requirement. Robin Adair and Liz Ashton met the MPs and MLAs to inform them the Health building does not meet the criteria so that another round of infrastructure funding is needed. Liz Ashton is now working on finding other sources for planning funds for the Health building. Camosun College’s list of capital projects, including the Learning Commons on both campuses and a series of maintenance and renovation projects has been submitted to the Ministry.

The Learning Commons fundraising campaign was launched in February. The proceeds from the Foundation Annual Dinner on March 27 will benefit the project.

The 2009 Insight Speaker Series includes CBC radio host Shelagh Rogers on March 17, human rights activist Nontombi Naomi Tutu on April 1, and National Geographic photographer Maria Stenzel on May 21. Tickets are \$19.75.

3. Foundation

Robin Adair thanked Susan Haddon for the "Fast Facts" information brochure. Susan noted that the joint Foundation/Board meeting will be held on March 5 to discuss the Foundation's strategic plan and their link to the College. The Insight Speaker Series includes an opportunity for questions and reception. The March 27 Annual Foundation Dinner will be held at the Marriott Hotel. The campaign to launch the Learning Commons project has raised \$148,000 to date. Susan read letters from two award winners for the Kiwanis Pavilion award and the Baptist Housing Ministry award.

4. Education Council

The approved minutes from the December 15, 2008 meeting were included in the agenda package. Joan Yates noted that most of the activity was housekeeping for the 2009/10 calendar. Highlights include the Indigenous Family Support Program and the Diploma in Sport Performance.

X ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.