

CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2009
Lansdowne Campus

I CALL TO ORDER

Lynda Farmer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

III BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

Lynda Farmer reported on the changes to the Board agenda. The general information sessions have been suspended temporarily in order to address strategic subjects. The Board meetings will now start half an hour earlier, and member reports will be at the beginning of the agenda.

Lynda attended the BC Colleges (BCC) meeting on September 21. Twice a year the BCC meetings include the Board Chairs from the 11 member colleges. The Minister, Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development (ALMD) addressed the group. The BCC strategic plan's four core areas are education and training strategy for economic recovery, increased collaboration and partnerships, increase in non-traditional revenue sources, and better sector performance measures. The BCC communication strategy will position colleges as drivers of the economy, and as a desirable option for students. The Trades Training Consortium of BC and the Industry Training Authority hosted a reception for the chairs at the end of the day.

Kathryn Laurin will bring her goals for the next year to the November Board meeting. Kyman Chan accepted the role of Vice Chair for the next year, Linda Ross will continue as Foundation Liaison, and Christopher Gillespie will continue as Education Council Liaison.

2. President's Report

President Kathryn Laurin attended the BCC meeting in Vancouver September 21 and the Post-Secondary Employers' Association (PSEA) meeting on September 22. Minister Stilwell reported the Ministry's three top priorities are international student education and the ability to work locally, First Nations education and employment opportunities and the college's role in it, and increasing the numbers in the workforce to boost the economy. Preliminary discussion on the government's bargaining mandate and provincial issues took place at the PSEA meeting.

Kathryn is continuing to learn about the College, and to visit the schools and departments. Her next step is to meet the key external contacts in order to build long term strategic partnerships. Kathryn attended the University of Victoria's 'Public Policy Forum - Victoria Innovation Roundtable' on October 1. Enrolment has risen 11.8% since October, 2008.

3. Foundation

Linda Ross reported that \$662,761 was received by the College Foundation by mid September. The Learning Commons project has received \$200,000 to date. Anne Wortmann is the manager of the portfolio of \$11.7M at August 31, which has grown by 5.26%. The Foundation Board is currently undergoing a search for new members. They are working with Susan Haddon to conduct an evaluation of the annual fundraising dinner. The 2009 Insight Speakers Series final commentator Rex Murphy spoke to a full house on September 21. Linda invited the Board to attend the Donor Recognition Event at 3:30 pm on November 19 in the 3rd floor Atrium of the Liz Ashton Campus Centre at the Interurban Campus.

4. Education Council (nil)

IV BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee (nil)

2. Executive Committee

Lynda Farmer noted the Board Executive discussed the new format for the Board agenda, the BC Colleges' meeting update, and the key issues put forward by the College Executive. The candidates to replace Robin Adair have been submitted to the Board Resourcing and Development Office (BRDO). The replacement for Cindy Robertson has not yet been announced. Board members will share their expectations for the next year at a planning session. Kathryn Laurin will bring her goals to the November Board meeting, and the Board will then determine how to support her priorities.

V APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 14, 2009 meetings were approved as distributed.

VI INTRODUCTION [nil]

VII UNION REPORTS [nil]

VIII ORIENTATION PRESENTATIONS

1. Strategic Plan Overview

Kathryn Laurin reported that the education plan is the most significant initiative for the College at present. The strategic plan is the driver for the education plan. At this time next year, the process will begin to develop a new strategic plan. The current plan is comprehensive and relevant, but its profile needs to be elevated within the College community. Kathryn will bring a high level snapshot of the progress to date on the strategic plan initiatives to the November Board meeting, and post it on the College's web page.

2. Education Plan Overview

Baldev Pooni reported on the process for the development of the education plan. The completion date is expected to be December, with approval by the Education Council and Board of Governors to follow by February. The education plan must be complete in time for the next cycle of budget planning.

The steering committee is comprised of three faculty, two deans, two associate deans, two directors, one student, and one support staff. They are presenting five questions to the College community on educational vision, programming, the populations we serve, teaching and learning, educational processes (curriculum and Education Council), and enrolment management (recruitment and retention). The questions are posed to groups of 12 to 15 people, and are also posted on the website to gather input electronically.

IX NEW BUSINESS

Lynda Farmer left the meeting at 6:15 pm, and Kyman Chan assumed the role of Acting Board Chair.

1. Fall Enrollment Report

Paul Merner addressed the report on 2009 Fall Enrolments that was included in the agenda package. The College accepts applications year round and then the students are waitlisted until registration in May or June. Enrolment is tracked throughout the summer and reported on in the Fall. Applications rose to 13,062, which is 984 higher than last year. Of those, 9,396 were enrolled in regular programs in the Fall, which is a rise of 11.8% from fall 2008. The yield rate is 71.9%, which shows the higher percentage of applications translated into enrolments.

X ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.