

CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2011
Lansdowne Campus

I CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Lynda Farmer called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

III BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

Board Chair Lynda Farmer noted the Board of Governors May meeting has been changed to May 9, 2011. The Joint Foundation/Board of Governors meeting has been changed to May 2, 2011. The agenda will cover the strategic plan, the proposed Health building, and Camosun College's 40th anniversary.

On April 14, 2011, Margaret Lucas will attend the Chargers awards ceremony. On April 19, 2011, Steve Parkhill will represent the Board at the grand opening of the Aboriginal Gathering Place. In February, Marilyn Pattison attended the Health Care Assistant and Practical Nurse awards ceremony. On May 13, 2011, Wayne Dalby will bring a welcome to the Trades and Technology student awards, and on May 26, 2011, Lynda will attend the Access/Aboriginal Education and Community Connections student awards.

2. President's Report

President Kathryn Laurin received an interim funding letter from the government. The letter confirmed funding growth will remain at zero percent until 2014, and tuition will remain capped at two percent. Camosun will have the opportunity to apply for one-time funding in health and trades. The number of concurrent years with zero percent funding growth is five. The official budget letter will arrive in May or June.

Kathryn Laurin and Peter Lockie hosted a town-hall meeting for the internal community on March 8, 2011 following approval of the budget. They answered questions for a large group in person at the Lansdowne campus, and by video-stream at the Interurban campus. Kathryn gave several interviews to radio and television in the days following the approval of the budget.

Philip Steenkamp, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education, wrote to decline Kathryn's request for \$1M in bridge funding, but invited the College to apply for one-time funding for health and trades programs.

Kathryn has continued to meet with BC college presidents. She met David Turpin, President, University of Victoria, to work on partnership building. She conducted a tour of Camosun for Jim Hamilton, President, Okanagan College. She met Douglas College President Scott McAlpine to look at partnerships between Langara College, Douglas College and Camosun College. Kathryn traveled to Calgary to work on partnership development with Irene Lewis, President of the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

The Senior Leadership Council held a one-day strategic planning retreat March 30, 2011. Susan Haddon will retire on June 30, 2011 after over ten years at the College. Kathryn expressed her sadness to lose such an invaluable colleague as Susan, and thanked her for her contribution.

3. Foundation

Susan Haddon reviewed the Foundation report which was included in the agenda package.

4. Education Council

The minutes from the February 21, 2011 meeting were included in the agenda package for information.

5. Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE)

Margaret Lucas reported the PISE Board will meet next on April 5, 2011. The 'Celebration of Women in Sport' gala on April 3, 2011, was a great success. Olympic Speed Skater Kristina Groves was the speaker, and MP Gary Lunn and Minister Ida Chong were counted among the 300 guests.

6. Strategic Plan – Steering Task Group

Marilyn Pattison noted the Steering Task Group met on April 4, 2011 to look at the draft of the strategic plan. The group showed great support for the draft and the process.

IV BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee

Kyman Chan noted the minutes from the February 7, 2011 meeting were included with the agenda for information.

2. Executive Committee

Lynda Farmer was interviewed by Al Ferraby, C-FAX 1070 Radio, about the budget. Ida Chong heard the interview, and expressed appreciation for Lynda's comments on government funding. The new Minister of Advanced Education is Naomi Yamamoto, who was a Board member and Chair at Capilano College. Lynda had a ten-minute telephone conference with the new Minister. Minister Yamamoto is planning to visit the College in the near future.

The Board Advocacy committee was disbanded in 2008. Lynda asked for volunteers to form a working group to re-establish the committee and to articulate the Board's role in advocacy. Planning is underway for the Board of Governors' annual lunch in June.

V APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

VI UNION REPORTS [nil]

VII ORIENTATION PRESENTATIONS [nil]

VIII NEW BUSINESS

1. Camosun College's 40th Anniversary

Kathryn Laurin noted the College's 40th anniversary begins in September 2011 and will continue until June 2012. The theme shall be celebrated throughout the year at regular events. Three possible special events under discussion are: a gala dinner, a community tea on the Young building lawn, and an event at Government House. The Community Report will focus on the 40th anniversary.

Susan Haddon reported the Foundation Board formed a 40th anniversary working committee, to which Board members will be invited. The Foundation and Board members will consider ideas and next steps for the celebrations at the Joint Foundation/Board of Governors meeting on May 2, 2011.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.