



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: Monday, October 1, 2018
TIME: 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Paul Building, Room 216, Lansdowne Campus

BOARD MEMBERS:

Ron Rice, Chair
Tim Ayers
Sherri Bell, President
Cindy Choi
Joanne Cumberland
Stefan Fletcher
Brenda McBain
Margie Parikh
Emily Rogers
Laylee Rohani, Vice chair
Rob Smythe
Al van Akker
Phil Venoit
Gultash Waraich

ADMINISTRATION:

John Boraas, VP Education
Shane Busby, VP Administration
Deborah Huelscher, Chief Financial Officer
Barbara Severyn, Executive Director, Human Resources
Joan Yates, VP Student Experience

GUESTS:

Michelle Alto and Al Morrison, Co-Chairs, United Way Campaign
Maria Bremner, Manager, Sustainability
Richard Gale, Director, Camosun Innovates
Janice Hanna, Director, Continuing Education & Contract Training
Peter Moroney, Director, Education Planning & Policy
Quinn Park, Outreach Coordinator, CCSS
Michel Turcotte, CCSS
Fillette Umulisa, External Executive, CCSS

REGRETS:

Geoff Wilmshurst, VP Partnerships

BOARD ASSISTANT: Heather Martin

I CALL TO ORDER

Ron Rice, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed. The group photograph was moved to the end.

III INTRODUCTIONS

1. Richard Gale, Director, Camosun Innovates
2. Janice Hanna, Director, Continuing Education & Contract Training
3. Peter Moroney, Director, Education Planning & Policy
4. Michelle Alto and Al Morrison, Co-Chairs, United Way Campaign

IV BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

Ron Rice, Chair, noted every fall the newly elected board chair names the vice chair in accordance with the board Decision Making policy. Ron re-appointed Laylee Rohani, and she has accepted. Sherri Bell, Margie Parikh, Emily Rogers, Phil Venoit and Ron attended the Public Sector Governance Training workshop in Vancouver on September 20. Immediately following the workshop, Sherri and Ron returned just in time for the Indigenous Students Annual Welcome Feast at the Songhees Learning and Wellness Centre. It was the best attended Welcome Feasts in years. Ron joined Sherri at the College's Orange Shirt Day on September 28 at Na'tsa'maht. It supports the residential school survivors and their families. There was standing room only and it had the biggest turn-out to date.

The board will meet next on November 19 at the Interurban Campus. It will be a special 'Focus on Education' session. The board members will walk around the campus visiting specific areas learning about the programs from students, faculty and administration. The Foundation Board has been invited to attend. Ron thanked Margie Parikh who very generously donated all her board honorariums going forward to the Board of Governors Bursary fund for students.

2. President's Report

Sherri Bell, President, reported that at September 30 domestic enrolment was down slightly, which was anticipated. The K-12 entry numbers are starting to go up in elementary school so we are still getting the low numbers locally. International enrolment was up from last year by 50 students. About 1100 students are enrolled in Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Development (ELD) as a program, and about 300 students are taking individual courses. Last year 46 former youth in care students were enrolled, and this year there are 57. Joan Yates is working with the Government on supports for those students. The Camosun Fast Facts brochure was distributed to board members for referral when talking about Camosun in the community.

The Public Sector Governance workshop in Vancouver on September 20 addressed bargaining. This year the Government is working on 180 collective agreements that must be renewed, including Camosun's three: BCGEU, CCFA, and CUPE. Bargaining will begin soon.

Camosun will not have a stand-alone policy on cannabis, as the Student Conduct and Smoking policies will cover it. The Student Conduct policy addresses inappropriate behavior on campus, and information about being under the influence of any substance will be added. Communications will come from Joan Yates' office. Camosun will wait to see if cannabis becomes an issue. There will be regular updates.

Orange Shirt Day on September 30 was very powerful, and it was heartening to see the number of community members, employees, students, and international students who came to support the residential school survivors.

Sherri is taking part in a presidents' leadership seminar at Harvard University in November as part of her professional development. Twenty people are registered from all over the world.

3. Foundation

Stefan Fletcher, Foundation Liaison, noted the Foundation board met last week. Jim Warr, a long-time Foundation Board member, has retired as he is 96 years old. They will host a function for him soon to acknowledge his contribution to the College.

4. Education Council

Brenda McBain, Liaison, Education Council, attended her first meeting on September 19. They received an orientation on the College & Institute Act mandate, approvals, the focus on curriculum approval, and how to access information on the public website, the SharePoint site, and the College's intranet system. Brenda was not able to attend the full-day retreat on September 24. Tim Ayers, Education Council Chair, noted the minutes from the June 20, 2018, meetings were included in the agenda package. At the retreat last Monday, Registrar Scott Harris presented changes to course credits, including standardization. They also learned about reviewing and improving the curriculum process.

5. Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE)

Phil Venoit, PISE Board of Directors member, attended his first meeting on September 26. Three board members left, and three new members were introduced. They discussed the improvements that are needed to the building and grounds, such as the replacement of the basketball and volleyball court floor. Capital investment will be required. The AGM followed the meeting. Steve Chang left the PISE board as the Camosun board liaison member, but was re-appointed as a regular member of their board.

V APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2018 Inaugural and Regular meetings were approved as distributed.

VI NEW BUSINESS

1. The Role of a Student Society in Colleges

Students Quinn Park, Outreach Coordinator, and Fillette Umulisa, External Executive, gave a presentation on the Camosun College Student Society (CCSS). The CCSS is the liaison with the College and other provincial and national student societies. Every Camosun student is a member. The CCSS has 4 executives, 9 directors, 6 constituency directors, 2 board representatives, 4 Education Council representatives, and 10 employees. The College & Institute Act provides for the existence of the CCSS, and fee collection on their behalf by the College, and the MOU outlines CCSS formal relations. The CCSS is audited and fiscally responsible to its members. Partnerships with the College include the ombudsman, WUSC SRP, the Walksafer program, recreation and athletics, some clubs and activities, and the Pride Parade. The CCSS advocates for fairness for international student fees, the cost of texts, municipal voting, and consent campaigns. They advocate for students at the institutional, municipal, provincial and federal levels. Some of the services they offer students include a health and dental plan, a mental health awareness plan, Upass, a food bank, recreation, and a dog de-stress program at exam time.

2. Creativity and Innovation

i) Awards

Sherri Bell, President, advised the College awards \$100K per year to Creativity and Innovation projects. The application format is one-page online. Each application must be from a team

that represents a variety of disciplines and departments. Last year the focus was Interaction and Applied Learning, but it is different each year. A committee assesses the applications which must be creative, innovative, team based and have a student-centered focus. Each team makes an 'elevator pitch' which is then posted on the web. There are a variety of one-time and sustainable projects. In the current year, 16 projects were funded. Sherri was the committee liaison to the 'Camosun Farmer's Market' project.

ii) Camosun Farmer's Market Project

Maria Bremner, Sustainability; Tamara Olson, Event Rentals; Brad Boisvert, Hospitality Management; and Victoria Peter, student, gave a presentation on 'Camosun Farmer's Market'. The project had 14 team members from many schools. The market is a farm to campus event, intended to connect people to land and community.

The project supports the four posts of the Strategic Plan. Students from five programs were involved throughout. They did the planning and development, the content on the website, the integration of sustainability, the networking with the vendors, and will do an evaluation afterwards. It builds community relationships with externals, and shows Camosun's positive role in the community. It provides an opportunity to meet those who grow the food, and learn about sustainable, accessible, affordable, local, healthy food. It is a one of a kind market offering unique interdisciplinary and applied learning to students.

It will take place on October 3, 2018, from 2:30 to 6pm in the Lansdowne causeway. There will be 16 paying vendors, 8 Camosun booths, 2 food trucks, and 4 community partners. Any food leftovers will go to the CCSS food bank. The team hopes to make it an annual or seasonal event.

VII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

VIII GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

Ron Rice, Chair

Date

Heather Martin, Recorder