

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

1:00 pm

Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

George Pedersen, Chair
Jake Kerr, Chancellor
Noel Best
Ron Burnett
Graham Case
Glenn Entis
Gaye Fowler
Debra Hoggan
Evaleen Jaager Roy
Ingrid Koenig
John McLean
Art Perret
John Wertschek
David Wotherspoon

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Clifford, Vice President Finance + Administration
Monique Fouquet, Vice President Academic + Provost
Alisha Walsh, University Secretary

Guests:

Lori MacDonald, Organiser, Student Union
Joanna Colpitts, Student Union Representative
Samantha Lefort, Student Union Representative

REGRETS:

Meghan King

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair George Pedersen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of March 25, 2010 as revised. Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Carried

II. PRESENTATION

1. Student Union Presentation: Post-Secondary Education Access + Tuition Fees

George Pedersen welcomed Lori MacDonald, Student Union Organiser, to the meeting who introduced Joanna Colpitts, an Emily Carr student. The campaign, "Education Shouldn't be a Debt Sentence", and information on tuition statistics, funding, revenue and grants was presented and it was noted that students appreciate the Board's role in advocating for increased funding.

There was discussion regarding campaigning by the Student Union at the local and national levels. George Pedersen reported that the Board is sympathetic to the tuition issue students face and that members are advocates for increased funding. Lori MacDonald and Joanna Colpitts were thanked for the presentation.

III. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. Motion: Approval of 2010/11 Operating Budget

Michael Clifford referred members to the circulated budget information and provided an overview of the operating budget and deficit management plan. There was discussion regarding the contingency fund and overviews of the tuition increase and projected FTE's were provided.

Moved/Seconded to approve an increase in tuition fees of 2% as reflected in the 2010/11 operating budget.

Carried
2 Opposed

Moved/Seconded to approve the 2010/11 operating budget as presented, incorporating a deficit of (\$378,223).

Carried

Moved/Seconded to approve a deficit management plan to fund the projected 2010/11 operating deficit of (\$378,223) through application of contingency funding.

Carried

2. Motion: Approval of Policy 8.9.3 Procedures for the Recommendation + Selection of Vice Presidents

George Pedersen presented the above policy and reported that an appointed Board member has been included as a member of the search committee.

Moved/Seconded to approve Policy 8.9.3 Procedures for the Recommendation + Selection of Vice Presidents as revised.

Carried

3. Strategic Planning

Monique Fouquet provided an update on the strategic plan and reported that the Board will be presented with a final draft at the May meeting.

IV. REPORTS

1. President + Vice-Chancellor's Report

Ron Burnett reported on a meeting with the Premier, Chancellor and Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development regarding the new campus and noted that a plan for the campus will be developed. Jake Kerr provided an update on GNWC and reported on Emily Carr's involvement with the Centre for Digital Media.

An iPod which features an Emily Carr graduation catalogue application developed by a graduate student was circulated to Board members.

Ron Burnett presented information on student statistics and demographics in BC, Emily Carr's full membership in AICAD, the new campus planning process and research activities and funding.

2. Vice President Academic + Provost's Report

Monique Fouquet provided updates on the University Librarian and Dean of Graduate Studies searches, enrolment in the masters program, low residency program and attendance at a recent ELIA conference.

3. Senate Report

Ron Burnett reported on recent Senate activities, including the review and approval of the operating budget, the approval of graduates, revisions to the timetable, approval of new courses and changes to current courses.

4. Finance + Audit Committee Report

John McLean reported on the recent committee meeting.

V. UPCOMING BOARD MEEITNGS / EVENTS

1. May 1, 2010: Emily Carr Graduation Ceremony + Events
2. May 13, 2010: Governance Workshop
3. May 20, 2010: Board Meeting

VI. THANK YOU TO DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

George Pedersen reported that Gaye Fowler, Meghan King and Graham Case have completed their terms on the Board. They were thanked for their many contributions and presented with gifts for their dedication to Emily Carr while serving as Board members.

Ron Burnett reported that as George Pedersen is away in May, this will be his last Board meeting. George Pedersen was thanked for his outstanding participation on the Board and his profound impact at Emily Carr. It was reported that on behalf of the Board a reception will be held in honour of his numerous contributions. George Pedersen thanked the Board and commented on his experience at Emily Carr.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.