

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2015

1:00 pm

Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

Angela Baldonero
Toby Baker
Ron Burnett
Randy Lee Cutler
Gaye Fowler
Gloria Han (via teleconference)
Evaleen Jaager Roy, Chair
Salguero Kiernan
Ingrid Koenig
Rick Mischel (via teleconference)
Michael O'Brian
Blair Qualey
Bob Rennie
Denise Turner

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Clifford, Vice President Finance + Administration
David Bogen, Vice President Academic + Provost
Alisha Walsh, University Secretary

Guests:

Bonne Zabolotney, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Lori MacDonald, Executive Director, Student Union
Chelsea Yuill, Chair, Student Union
Rita Wong, Faculty Association President
Garnet Hertz, Canada Research Chair (until 1:15 pm)

REGRETS:

Jake Kerr, Chancellor
Jennifer DeDominicis, Vice President Enrolment + Student Services

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Evaleen Jaager Roy 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 5, 2015 as circulated. Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Carried

Evaleen welcomed and introduced Bonne Zabolotney, Dean of Graduate Studies and incoming Vice President Academic + Provost, and Garnet Hertz, Canada Research Chair (CRC). Dr. Hertz was presented with a CRC congratulatory letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper and a CRC pin. Dr. Hertz provided an overview of his work and was congratulated by the Board.

II. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. 2015/16 Operating Budget: Reports + Motions

a) Finance + Audit Committee Report

Rick Mischel reported on the Finance + Audit Committee meeting and Michael Clifford provided an overview of the budget summary, all funds budget and budget assumptions.

David Bogen provided information on 2015/16 key initiatives which include increasing the scholarship and bursary fund, increasing access to counseling, career and professional development services for students, investing in development of Colleague enterprise solution to enhance the student portal feature, a redesign of the website, support for sustainability, campus and curriculum planning, teaching and learning workshops, funding for a graduate student workshop coordinator, three new Aboriginal hires, and enhanced technical, gallery, library and IT support.

Rick Mischel reported on deferred contributions and the decrease in provincial funding and there was discussion regarding how to respond to the decrease. Michael Clifford reviewed the 2015/16 operating revenue, tuition and fees revenue, expenditures and projected FTE's charts and reported that Emily Carr continues to operate above profile. David Bogen provided details on enrolment planning and the desire to bring delivery in line with funding.

b) Student Union Presentation

Evaleen Jaager Roy welcomed Chelsea Yuill, Chair of the Emily Carr Student Union, who provided information on the mandate and work of the Student Union and asked "How can the Board of Governors and its individual members work to counteract government trends for post-secondary so as to maintain affordability?".

There was discussion regarding the tuition fee increase, the roles of the Board and Student Union and the shared responsibility of lobbying for increased funding. The Board expressed its understanding of the challenges facing students and the need to emphasize to government the value of investing in post-secondary education. Chelsea Yuill was thanked for her presentation.

c) Motion: Tuition Fee Increase

Moved/Seconded to approve an annual tuition fee increase as follows:

1. Undergraduate – Domestic	2.0%	
2. Undergraduate – International	4.0%	
3. Graduate Studies	4.0%	Carried

Randy Lee Cutler and Salguero Kiernan abstained

d) Motion: 2015/16 Operating Budget

Moved/Seconded to approve the 2015/16 all funds budget as presented, incorporating the following:

Revenue	\$33,858,469	
Expenses	\$33,450,673	
Surplus	\$407,796	Carried

Evaleen Jaager Roy thanked Michael Clifford and his team for their hard work and thanked Rick Mischel for the Finance + Audit Committee's Report.

2. Policy for Review + Approval

a) Policy Governance Committee Report

Blair Qualey reported on the committee meeting and that information for new committee chairs and members and chairs has been developed to assist members as they take on new roles.

b) Motion: Policy 1.13 Administrator Emeritus Status Policy

Blair Qualey reported that the committee is continuing its review of policies within system and has developed an Administrator Emeritus Status policy, which is in line with similar policies in the system.

Moved/Seconded to approve Policy 1.13 Administrator Emeritus Status as presented. Carried

III. REPORTS

1. New Campus Report

Ron Burnett reported on the progress of the project, including community consultations and the successful presentation to the City of Vancouver Urban Design Panel.

2. Chair's Report

Evaleen Jaager Roy reported that Gloria Han and Salguero Kiernan were both re-elected to the Board for additional one-year terms and congratulated them both. She also reported on the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony and that Geoff Plant will be attending the Board reception following the meeting.

3. President + Vice-Chancellor's Report

Ron Burnett referred members to the President + Vice-Chancellor's report included in the package.

4. Vice President Academic + Provost's Report

David Bogen reported on new campus community consultations and circulated a document outlining faculty tenure and promotion candidates and reported on the process and successful applicants.

5. Senate Report

Ron Burnett reported on the recent Senate budget meeting.

IV. UPCOMING BOARD EVENTS

1. Friday, May 1, 2015: President's Reception + Preview Night
2. Saturday, May 2, 2015: Graduation Brunch, Ceremony + Exhibition Opening
3. Thursday, May 14, 2015: Next Board Meeting

V. THANK YOU TO EVALEEN JAAGER ROY

On behalf of the Board, Bob Rennie thanked Evaleen Jaager Roy for her many contributions during her six years on the Board and her five years as Board Chair.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.