

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 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
Meghan King
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:

Alan McMillan, Registrar + Director of Student Services
Alexandra Samuel, Director, Social + Interactive Media Centre
Chrisine Slavik, SFU Doctoral Candidate
Ike Hall, SFU Doctoral Candidate

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair George Pedersen called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed the guests to the meeting.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of November 18, 2009 as circulated.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried

II. PRESENTATIONS

1. Alexandra Samuel, Director, Social + Interactive Media Centre

Ron Burnett introduced Alexandra Samuel, Director of the Social + Interactive Media Centre. Alexandra Samuel presented information and there was discussion on social media, the role of the Centre and current projects and collaborations. The Board thanked Alexandra Samuel for her presentation.

2. Admissions Overview

Monique Fouquet and Alan McMillan, Registrar + Director of Student Services, presented information and there was discussion on the admissions process, criteria, assessment, statistics, degrees awarded and recruitment. The Board thanked Monique Fouquet and Alan McMillan for their presentation.

III. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. Motion: Auditor Appointment

Moved/Seconded that following the recommendation of the Finance + Audit Committee, the Board recommends the appointment of KPMG as auditors for Emily Carr University of Art + Design for a three year term commencing April 1, 2009 under the terms set out in the Request for Proposals issued by Emily Carr dated November 9, 2009. Carried

2. Motion: Approval of Revised Policy 8.4 Tuition Waiver for Dependents

George Pedersen presented the above revised policy and reported on a further revision to remove “including summer” from the policy.

Moved/Seconded to approve Policy 8.4 Tuition Waiver for Dependents as circulated with the removal of “including summer” from the policy. Carried

3. Motion: Approval of Revised Bylaws and Policies

George Pedersen provided an overview of the revisions to the Bylaws and policies, which include updates to the Bylaws, the rescindment/incorporation in the Bylaws of policies 1.4, 1.5 and 1.7 and updates to policies 1.9 and 4.6 to reflect the role of Senate.

Moved/Seconded to approve the revisions to the Bylaws, the rescindment/incorporation in the Bylaws of policies 1.4, 1.5 and 1.7 and updates to policies 1.9 and 4.6 as circulated. Carried

4. Motion: Approval of Honorary Degree

This item will be moved to the In Camera session.

5. Government Letter of Expectations

George Pedersen presented the above Ministry report and requested that feedback be forwarded to Alisha Walsh before the deadline of January 29th.

6. Board Evaluation Results

George Pedersen introduced the evaluation results summary developed by John McLean and David Wotherspoon. John McLean presented the results and there was discussion regarding clarification of Board roles versus management roles, increased Board engagement and the role of Board members. It was reported that John McLean and David Wotherspoon will develop a revised evaluation form.

7. Ministry Perrin Report

Ron Burnett provided an overview of the process and Michael Clifford reported on the purpose of the report, the options that were identified and a comparison of the options. There was discussion regarding the report and strategy moving forward.

8. Great Northern Way Campus (GNWC) / Master of Digital Media (MDM) Program

Jake Kerr provided an update on the progress of the GNWC project, including the GNWC Board, support for the project and potential partners. Ron Burnett provided information on the GNWC project, the Shareholders meeting and the MDM program.

9. Labour Negotiations

This item will be moved to the In Camera session.

IV. REPORTS

1. President + Vice-Chancellor's Report

Ron Burnett provided an update on a possible upcoming grant and an overview of the Compton Consulting Report recommendations. Ron Burnett expressed his appreciation of Monique Fouquet for her work on the strategic plan.

2. Vice President Finance + Administration's Report

Michael Clifford provided an update on intake figures.

3. Vice President Academic + Provost's Report

Monique Fouquet reported on enrolment, space usage, the search for a Dean of Graduate Studies, the development of an Aboriginal curriculum committee and events taking place at Emily Carr. Monique Fouquet thanked John Wertschek and Gaye Fowler for their work in developing a sense of community for foundation students.

4. Senate Report

Ron Burnett provided an update on Senate activities including the approval of new courses, course and graduation requirement form revisions and the development of graduation show/catalogue committees.

5. Policy Governance Committee Report

No further report at this time.

6. Finance + Audit Committee Report

John McLean reported that the committee met with the new auditors and that the letter of engagement was signed.

7. Strategic Planning Committee Report

John McLean presented information on committee meetings, benchmarking, the timeline and resources for the development of the strategic plan.

8. Awards Committee Report

Glenn Entis provided updates on committee membership, the process for selection of recipients for the Emily Award, the newly established Chancellor Awards and the development of the Wall of Fame. A draft proposal for the Wall of Fame will be presented to the Board in March.

V. NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 25, 2010

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.