

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

April 29, 2009

1:00 pm

Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

George Pedersen, Chair
Ruth Beer
Noel Best
Ron Burnett
Tracy Calogheros
Glenn Entis
Gaye Fowler
Rick Griffiths
Debra Hoggan
Meghan King
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, Executive Director, Student Union
Paige Quinton, Student
Salvador Nunez, Student

REGRETS:

Jake Kerr, Chancellor
Graham Case

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 12, 2009 as circulated.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Business item 1 to be moved to first item on agenda due to student presentation technical issue.

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

II. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. Motion: Approval of 2009/10 Operating Budget

Michael Clifford presented the 2009/10 operating budget and reviewed the projected FTE's schedule and the revenue, expenditures and deficit summary. There was discussion regarding the projected FTE delivery, the deficit management plan and contingency fund.

Rick Griffiths reported that the current funding model is not sustainable and leads to deficit budgets. Michael Clifford distributed a five year funding summary which demonstrates the ongoing structural financing deficiencies and reported that the Ministry has indicated there may be changes to the budget process.

George Pedersen asked the Student Union to give their presentation prior to the presentation of motions.

III. PRESENTATION

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

Lori MacDonald introduced herself and students Salvador Nunez and Paige Quinton and presented information on the campaigning taking place regarding access, tuition fees and increasing awareness.

Lori MacDonald, Salvador Nunez and Paige Quinton were thanked for their presentation. George Pedersen reported that the Board understands the hardships of students and that they, along with administration, are lobbying on a regular basis to increase funding for post-secondary education.

II. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. Motion: Approval of Operating Budget (continued from above)

Michael Clifford distributed three motions for review and approval. There was discussion regarding the tuition fee increase and it was noted that the budget figures reflect the increase. There was discussion regarding the misperception by students of the financial state of the university and it was reported that a public forum on tuition fee increases will be organized next year by the Student Union to increase awareness and understanding.

Moved/Seconded to approve an increase in tuition fees of 2% as reflected in the 2009/10 operating budget, conditional on Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development approval.

**Carried
1 "Against"**

Meghan King asked to have her name recorded in the Minutes as voting against the motion.

Moved/Seconded to approve the 2009/10 operating budget as presented, incorporating a deficit of (\$600,123).

Carried

Moved/Seconded to approve a deficit management plan to fund the projected 2009/10 operating deficit of (\$600,123) through application of contingency funding.

Carried

Motion/Seconded to approve the 2009/10 operating budget, contingent on approval of 2% tuition fee increase.

Carried

IV. REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

George Pedersen reported on recent meetings including a meeting with Sarah Howard of Compton Consulting regarding a review of the Foundation Board, a meeting with the Minister of Canadian Heritage and ongoing meetings with the President and Chancellor.

2. President's Report

a) Ron Burnett introduced the Student Union complaint to the Office of the BC Ombudsman and invited Lori MacDonald to present the information. Lori MacDonald provided an overview of the report and noted that

the Liberals included a consistent U-Pass program in their platform which the Student Union viewed as an achievement.

Moved/Seconded that the Emily Carr University of Art + Design Board of Governors strongly endorses the Emily Carr Student Union complaint to the Office of the BC Ombudsman. Carried

The Board commended Lori MacDonald on the report and thanked her for the presentation.

- b) Ron Burnett provided updates regarding GNWC governance, research funding, the collaboration with BC Children's Hospital, the Mitchell Press building and post secondary associations. There was discussion regarding post-secondary associations and it was noted that a recommendation for Emily Carr will be presented at the next meeting.

3. Finance + Administration Report

No further report.

4. Academic Report

Monique Fouquet reported on the Foundation Show Opening that Debra Hoggan attended on behalf of the Board and provided updates on the graduate program, tenure and promotion process, hiring of Deans, academic administration structure and the UNBC collaboration.

5. Senate Report

Ron Burnett reported on curricular updates and the Senate Budget Committee (committee of the whole) which reviewed and recommended approval of the 2009/10 operating budget.

6. Policy Governance Sub-Committee Report

George Pedersen provided an update on the sub-committee that was developed to review Board evaluation. Tracy Calogheros reported that the sub-committee recommends the Board develop goals to use as benchmarks to measure progress against. Goal setting will be included on the May Board meeting agenda. Tracy Calogheros will draft a new evaluation survey for review at the May Board meeting.

7. Audit Committee Report

Rick Griffiths reported on the recent meeting to review the operating budget and provided an update on the audit process. It was reported that the audited financial statements will be circulated to Board members in advance of the May meeting for review and approval at the meeting. It was noted that the committee has broadened its scope to be an audit and finance committee and that a new auditor may be appointed after this audit.

8. Strategic Planning Committee Report

John McLean reported on the mandate of the committee. Monique Fouquet provided an update on the strategic planning process and the agenda for the May 4th planning retreat and reported that additional community meetings have been scheduled in May and surveys will be distributed in the fall.

V. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, May 21, 2009

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.