

Emily Carr University of Art + Design

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Emily Carr University
Boardroom

Thursday, January 22, 2009
1:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

George Pedersen, Chair
Jake Kerr
Ron Burnett
Tracy Calogheros
Noel Best
Rick Griffiths
Glenn Entis
John McLean
Debra Hoggan
David Wotherspoon
John Wertschek
Gaye Fowler
Graham Case

REGRETS:

Voting Members:

Art Perret
Ruth Beer
Meghan King

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Clifford, Vice President Finance + Administration
Monique Fouquet, Vice President Academic
David MacWilliam, Dean
Alisha Walsh, University Secretary

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Call to Order

Chair George Pedersen called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

2. Approval of Previous Regular Board Minutes

It was requested that the abstention vote for the establishment of faculties motion be recorded.

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 14, 2008 as amended.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Add to Agenda: Strategic Planning Committee under Chair's Report

Moved/Seconded to adopt the agenda with the above addition.

Carried

4. Policy 8.5 Employee Tuition Fees

The above policy was updated and distributed for information.

5. Board Meeting Schedule 2009

The meeting schedule was distributed for information.

II. BUSINESS

1. Board + PEC Planning Retreat: May 4th

Ron Burnett presented information on a planning retreat and the role of the Board in the development of a strategic plan for Emily Carr. It was reported that Tony Jones, Chancellor of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago has been invited to speak at the event and that background information will be distributed in preparation for this meeting.

2. Awards Committee Membership

It was reported that Glenn Entis is the new Chair of the Awards Committee. Previous Chair, Tracy Calogheros, was thanked for her contributions.

III. REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

- a) George Pedersen reported on his attendance at the VP Academic candidate presentations and on a meeting held with the President and Chancellor regarding the role of the Chancellor at Emily Carr.

George Pedersen noted with sadness the passing of Stan Hagen, MLA, an extremely fine individual whose contributions to the province and post-secondary education were numerous and substantial.

- b) **Strategic Planning Committee
Moved/Seconded to appoint Debra Hoggan and Glenn Entis to the
Strategic Planning Committee.**

Carried

2. President's Report

a) VP Academic Position

Ron Burnett provided an update on the VP Academic position, including the challenge of recruitment with current levels of compensation.

George Pedersen reported that the cap for executive compensation has been increased by the Ministry.

b) Progress on Faculty Structure

Ron Burnett provided an update on the innovative faculty and department structure, which will include centres/clusters. There was discussion regarding the budget and it was noted that IDS has moved out of its start up phase and that there are ongoing discussions with SSHRC regarding the Canada Research Chair program.

c) GNWC

Ron Burnett reported on the reconfiguration of the GNWC Board which dissolved and was replaced by the four institutional Presidents. A new Board Chair, Jamie Bruce, has been appointed and the Board is currently reviewing potential Board members and pursuing a new CEO and financial structure.

The Board will include one representative from each member institution. There was discussion regarding the plans and potential for the site.

d) Government Relations

Ron Burnett reported that Emily Carr is currently in good standing with the provincial and federal governments.

e) NSERC

Ron Burnett reported that this research project is currently in development with a 2.5 million dollar application submitted.

f) Mitchell Press Building

Ron Burnett reported that Emily Carr is close to signing a five year lease agreement for space in the Mitchell Press Building. Michael Clifford distributed financial information summarizing the Emily Carr proposal. There was a suggestion to explore the possibility of having the space donated to Emily Carr and this option will be reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the implications of signing a lease agreement as it relates to the new campus proposal. It was noted that the new campus is a long term goal and that space is required immediately. The property currently leased at 1612 West 3rd Avenue would not be renewed, however 1535 West 3rd Avenue would be maintained as it is an effective space. It was noted that parts of programs would be moved to the Mitchell Press building to cultivate interdisciplinarity.

David Wotherspoon requested that items for business/decision be provided in advance with background information. It was reported that this item was not ready to present to the Board until the meeting day and that as much advance notice as possible of business items would be provided.

Moved/Seconded that management be authorized to execute a lease contract with respect to the property located at 1706 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, known as "Mitchell Press" based on the terms and conditions attached, subject to ministry funding.

Carried

It was reported that Emily Carr is in discussions with VANOC to host a large scale digital festival during the Olympics and there was discussion regarding the significance of Emily Carr's involvement and potential benefits.

3. Finance + Administration Report

No additional report at this time.

4. Academic Report

Monique Fouquet reported on the impressive work that took place during her sabbatical in the fall semester and noted that the new structure will be put into operation and faculty members will be assigned to faculties. There was discussion regarding the models that were reviewed at other universities and it was noted that faculty are developing the Emily Carr model.

5. Senate Report

Ron Burnett provided an update on the move towards formalizing the Senate. Faculty elections will take place for Senate membership and an overview was provided regarding the role of Senate members in a governance position and the mandate of Senate.

It was reported that Emily Carr is receiving support from industry as it relates to the NSERC project.

Rick Griffiths requested that information be provided at the next meeting regarding the impact of the current economic situation on Emily Carr. It was reported that cuts to the current budget were made due to the shortfall of funding from the Ministry, that there may be a deficit this year and that a contingency plan is being developed and that discussions with the Ministry are ongoing. A more comprehensive plan will be presented at the next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.