

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION

Thursday, March 12, 2009

1:00 pm

Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

George Pedersen, Chair

Noel Best

Ron Burnett

Tracy Calogheros

Graham Case

Glenn Entis

Gaye Fowler (left meeting at 2:40pm)

Rick Griffiths

Debra Hoggan (via teleconference)

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:

David MacWilliam, Dean, Faculty of Visual Art + Material Practice

Renee Van Halm, Interim Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies + Research

Susan Stewart, Interim Dean, Faculty of Culture + Community

Bonne Zabolotney, Interim Dean, Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media

Rob Inkster, Director, Research + Industry Liaison

Maria Lantin, Director, IDS

Lori MacDonald, Executive Director, Student Union

REGRETS:

Jake Kerr, Chancellor

Ruth Beer

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 January 22, 2009 as circulated.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Amend: Business Item 1 to be moved to In Camera Session

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda as circulated with the above amendment.

Carried

II. PRESENTATIONS

1. Research + Industry Liaison

Rob Inkster, Director of Research + Industry Liaison, was introduced by George Pedersen and Ron Burnett and presented an overview of research initiatives and funding at Emily Carr. Rob Inkster was thanked for his presentation.

2. Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media: New Directions in Design

Bonne Zabolotney, Interim Dean of the Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media was introduced by Ron Burnett and presented an overview of the evolution of and new approaches within design curriculum. Bonne Zabolotney was thanked for her presentation.

III. BUSINESS/DECISIONS

1. Notion of Motion: Awards Committee

Glenn Entis reported on the awards process and nominations for Honorary Degree and Emily Award recipients. It was agreed that two Honorary Degrees would be awarded this year and information on the nominated recipients was provided.

MOVED/Seconded to approve Stan Douglas and Sarah McLachlan as the Honorary Doctor of Letters recipients and Pyramid Power as the Emily Award recipient for 2009 as recommended by the Awards Committee.

Carried

2. Notion of Motion: Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference

John McLean presented the Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference for review.

MOVED/Seconded to approve the Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Carried

IV. REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

George Pedersen reported on meetings regarding GNWC, the Premier's Economic Summit and PSEA and circulated a report on executive compensation commissioned by PSEA. There was discussion regarding compensation and the negative impact on Emily Carr of the low levels of compensation.

George Pedersen reported on his meeting with the Board Resourcing and Development Office to review Board appointments and evaluation.

2. President's Report

Ron Burnett reported on meetings with VANOC and the events planned at Emily Carr during the Olympics, including exhibitions and a Visa student design competition. The benefits to Emily Carr of hosting these events are currently being negotiated and will include increased exposure and the donation of exhibition equipment.

Ron Burnett provided an update on the May 4th planning retreat, the Children's Hospital project and the associations currently developing within the post secondary system, including the Research Universities Council of BC.

3. Finance + Administration Report

Michael Clifford provided an overview of the financial report for the period ending January 31, 2009. There was discussion regarding funding, the deficit and the need to present a case to the Ministry to build one time funding into base funding in order for planning to be more effective. It was reported that the Executive Committee agreed to draft a letter for Board approval regarding Emily Carr's ongoing structural financing deficiencies to present to the Ministry.

4. Academic Report

Monique Fouquet provided an update on the new academic structure and curriculum developments, including the approval of an Illustration program, new courses and collaborations and possible new ways to deliver courses as a cost savings measure.

5. Senate Report

Ron Burnett reported that the transition from Education Council to Senate is complete and the first official Senate meeting was a success.

6. Policy Governance Committee Report

George Pedersen reported that a sub-committee consisting of Tracy Calogeros as Chair and John Wertschek, David Wotherspoon and Meghan King as members has been developed to review Board evaluation.

7. Audit Committee Report

Rick Griffiths reported on a productive Audit Committee meeting. It was noted that the committee has evolved to become a proactive support mechanism for management regarding finances and the audit and that the Terms of Reference are currently being reviewed. John McLean thanked Michael Clifford and his staff and Rick Griffiths as committee Chair for raising the level of discussion at the meeting.

8. Strategic Planning Committee Report

John McLean reported on the strategic planning process and noted that an internal Emily Carr Strategic Planning Committee will conduct the planning and the Board Strategic Planning Committee will act in an advisory capacity and as a liaison with the Board. John McLean reported that the committee recently met with Monique Fouquet, who will be leading the strategic planning process. Monique Fouquet reported that the plan, "Creating our Future", will be for 2010-2015 and that goals and values will be discussed at the May 4th retreat which will inform the strategic plan.

V. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, April 29, 2009

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.