

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Open Session**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 9 a.m.
Room S103B, Kelowna Campus**

Members Present: C. Denesiuk (Chair)
A. Beaumont
B. Berg
R. Gakhal
C. Gerbrandt
J. Hamilton (President)
M. Kananga
J. Maciel
B. McGowan
D. Silvestrone
L. Thurnheer

Board Secretary: M. Johnson (L. Le Gallee – on leave)

Vice Presidents: R. Daykin
A. Hay
C. Kushner

Directors: A. Coyle

Observers: T. Walters (OCFA)
M. Beerkens sitting in for C. McRobb (BCGEU Vocational)
R. Vilene, (BCGEU Support Staff)
S. Wall, (Student Observer)

Regrets: G. Morgan
S. Johal
C. Derickson
L. Trenholm, Student Observers
A. Penny, Student Observer

Guests: B. Berchowitz, C. Kindlein (OCSU)

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

R. Daykin, Vice President Employee & Corporate Services, called for nominations for Board Chair. L.Thurnheer nominated C. Denesiuk to continue as Chair for another term. No other nominations were received. Therefore, C. Denesiuk was declared Chair for the term January 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

R. Daykin, Vice President Employee & Corporate Services, called for nominations for Board Vice Chair. B. McGowan nominated C. Derickson to continue as Vice Chair for another term. No other nominations were received. Therefore, C. Derickson was declared Vice Chair for the term January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018.

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

The Chair recognized that the meeting occurs on the traditional Okanagan territory and welcomed the members and guests.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion. R. Gakhal/A. Beaumont

“BE IT RESOLVED that to ensure quorum, New Business/Resolutions, 7.1 Education Council, will be moved up on the agenda to 5.1, 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, prior to the Student Union presentation”.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: C. Gerbrandt/A. Beaumont

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 29, 2016, OC Board open session meeting agenda is approved”.

MOTION CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

No conflicts were declared.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: B. McGowan/A. Beaumont

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as presented”

Items approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 29, 2016 open session minutes be approved”.

MOTIONS CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Education Council (D. Silvestrone)

5.1.1 Program Approvals

Motion: D. Silvestrone/C. Gerbrandt

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the new certificate program: Hospitality Service Training Certificate, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/J. Maciel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Carpentry and Joinery Foundation, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/J. Maciel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Residential Construction as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Studio Woodworking, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/J. Maciel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Trades Technology Teacher Education, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/L. Thurnheer

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Environmental Studies Diploma, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Water Engineering Technology Diploma, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/A. Beaumont

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Culinary Arts Certificate, as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: D. Silvestrone/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Culinary Management Diploma as recommended by Education Council and as presented”

MOTION CARRIED

5.1.2 Academic Schedule

Motions: D. Silvestrone/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2017/18 Adult Basic Education Schedule as recommended by Education Council and presented here”

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2017/18 Adult Special Education Schedule as recommended by Education Council and presented here”

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2017/18 Health Care Assistant Certificate Schedule as recommended by Education Council and presented here”

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2017/18 Practical Nursing Diploma Schedule as recommended by Education Council and presented here”

MOTIONS CARRIED

It was noted that the Academic Schedule for Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program was provided in the EDCO report, but no motion or other documentation was submitted.

6. PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

6.1 Okanagan College Student Union (OCSU) (Samantha Wall)

The OCSU student delegation gave a presentation focused on student services and revenue.

Mental Health concerns are of increasing importance to the OCSU. They questioned why nurses were no longer available to students on campus. The Vice President, Students, clarified that the nurses were not OC employees and were grant funded by Interior Health. A suggestion was made to utilize the students in the nursing programs, but this raises the concern of liability. Okanagan College, through Student Services, is researching this issue to identify funding and prioritization.

The OCSU delegation was informed that the Director of Student Services is in the process of gathering data and information to improve student support. It was noted that in regards to education advising and counselling, there has been an increase in services to ensure coverage three days a week.

Okanagan College supports the proposal from the OCSU to hold an expo for students outlining services and support available to them. The Board Chair recommended discussions be held to organize such an event.

It was noted that the OCSU proposal from last year requesting support for Adult Basic Education students is now available to students.

The PowerPoint presentation and handout from the OCSU will be posted on Moodle.

Ben left at 12:40pm

7. NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS

7.1 *Education Council (D. Silvestrone) moved to 5.1*

7.2 Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee (B. McGowan)

7.2.1 Domestic Tuition Rate

Motion: B. McGowan/J. Maciel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve to increase domestic tuition and mandatory fees by 2%, effective the fall 2017 semester.”

The OCFA observer asked if it would be possible to view the budget projection, and if there are other options aside from increasing tuition. The VP Employee and Corporate Services noted that, even after the proposed 2% tuition increase, Okanagan College is still facing a budget gap of close to \$1 million.

A 2% raise in tuition would result in an increase of approximately \$65 per year for the average student.

Okanagan College is one of the only institutions in BC that discusses the possibility of tuition increases directly with the students prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Through BC Colleges group, the Board Chair and President are engaged in ongoing advocacy on behalf of the Institution and our students with the Ministry and politicians.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2.2 International Tuition Rate

Motion: B. McGowan/J. Maciel

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve to increase international tuition by 5%, effective the fall 2017 semester.”

The Director of International Education, has made the recommendation to increase international tuition rates by 5%. In making this recommendation, consideration has been given to both the market place, to ensure OC can still recruit students, and that the costs associated with recruiting and delivering instruction and services for international students are covered. Okanagan College tuitions sit at number nine out of fifteen post-secondary institutions and approximately. 15% lower than the next highest institution.

MOTION CARRIED

R. Gakhal left at 1:12 p.m.

8. VERBAL REPORTS

8.1 Board Chair Report (C. Denesiuk)

The Board Chair thanked the Board members who have represented the Board at recent events.

In January, the Board Chair participated in a Public Sector Board Governance Professional Development offering and in the BC Colleges meeting, both held in Vancouver.

8.2 President's Report (J. Hamilton)

The President informed the Board that Okanagan College, was very successful at the recent Canadian Home Builders Association Tommie Awards. In partnership with Wilden Developments, and UBCO, the College won the Fortis Award for Building Energy Efficiency and our new Trades Complex won the *Best Environmental Initiative in Construction (Residential or Commercial) Award*.

The Indigenization Project will soon be rolled out into the community and sub-committees will be developed to promote the project. Local and national aboriginal leaders, will be invited to speak at the College to provide further knowledge and exposure to indigenous issues.

The Internationalization Project was created in early 2016 with volunteers from within the Okanagan College employees group. To date, there have been seven focus groups, five town hall meetings, and numerous information booths set up to create awareness.

9. INFORMATION

10. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. FOR THE GOOD OF THE INSTITUTION

The Okanagan School of Business shared its most recent accomplishment. Numerous groups of Enactus students competed at Queens University Inter-collegiate competitions and came home with a 1st place in HR Management, a 2nd in Management Information Systems and another 2nd in Accounting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2017, Kelowna Campus – only if required
March 28, 2017 in Vernon

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: A. Beaumont

The meeting adjourned at 1:21pm

MOTION CARRIED