



MINUTES OF **OPEN SESSION** MEETING OF THE
OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 28, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Room E102/103, Vernon Campus

Members Present: C. Denesiuk (Chair)
A. Beaumont
R. Gakhal
C. Gerbrandt
J. Hamilton (President)
S. Johal
C. Derickson
J. Maciel
B. McGowan
D. Silvestrone

Regrets: G. Morgan
M. Kananga
L. Thurnheer
B. Berg

Board Secretary: M. Johnson

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

Directors: A. Coyle

Union Observer: T. Walters (OCFA)

Guests: Christine Ulmer – Public Affairs
Jane Lister – Regional Dean, North Okanagan Region

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: R. Gakhal/C. Gerbrandt

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 28, 2017, OC Board open session meeting agenda is approved”.

MOTION CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

No conflicts were declared

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: S. Johal/C. Gerbrandt

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

Motion: S. Johal/C. Gerbrandt

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 31, 2017 open session minutes be approved.”

Motion: S. Johal/A. Beaumont

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board agrees to collect student fees for Okanagan College for 2017/18 on behalf of the Okanagan College Student Union and the Vernon Student Association as outlined in the submissions that are included in the agenda”.

MOTIONS CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 Regional Dean Report (J. Lister)

The Regional Dean provided a written report to the Board and noted the following highlights:

- Construction of a new Trades building on the Vernon Campus. We expect to break ground in the spring. This will be a \$6.2 million project with the College expected to raise \$1 million.
- Increasing summertime use of the campus buildings is a focus. A number of ideas are being considered including increasing international study tours and continuing studies programming.
- Recruitment and retention of students is a key focus. Applications have increased substantially in the last year.
- Development of an Indigenous garden on campus is under way.
- Maintenance of facilities continues to be an issue.

Questions raised by the Board included:

- Will parking be an issue as it is in Kelowna? Jane noted that based on this year’s campus activity, we do not expect to have an issue.
- Will community access to the Patchwork garden be impacted by the new trades building construction? Jane noted that the contractors will work together with the college and the community to minimize the impact.

Jim Hamilton informed the Board that Jane is leading the Sexual Violence & Misconduct Committee and her leadership is greatly appreciated.

6. NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS

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

- The committee met on March 14th to review the operating & capital budgets.
- The operating budget increased by \$7 million.

6.1.1 Okanagan College 2017/18 Budget (R. Daykin)

Over the past few weeks, Jim Hamilton and Roy Daykin visited each campus to present the budget in “town hall” type meetings.

The VP, Employees and Corporate Services provided a presentation on the 2017/18 Budget.¹

The following were discussed:

- While reliance on funds from International students is a risk, there continues to be a strong demand for post-secondary education internationally. International issues should not cause a negative impact on our numbers as we have always exceeded our targets. If we were as reliant on our international students as other institutions are, it would be a concern. The Internationalization Plan is focusing on these questions and modest growth and the need for balance.
- Adult Upgrading Grants (AUG) have provided much needed support to our students and the government is expected to continue to provide funds.
- The suggestion from the OCSU/VSA that a student bursary and scholarship expo take place continues to be explored.
- A .5 position has been added to Kelowna counselling. This addition was made following a suggestion from the OCSU.

¹ This presentation is available on the Board Moodle site and can be made available upon request.

Motion: B. McGowan/C. Derickson

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2017/18 balanced operating budget of \$107.8 million as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee”.

MOTION CARRIED

6.1.2 2017/18 Capital Budget

Motion: B. McGowan/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors, approve the 2017/18 capital budget of \$17.7 million subject to receipt of funding as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee”.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Forgiveness of Foundation Loan

Motion: B. McGowan/C. Derickson

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the forgiveness of the loan from the Okanagan College Foundation for actual capital campaign expenses up to \$450,000. The forgiveness of the loan must be done without creating a year end consolidated deficit for Okanagan College.”

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 ITA (Industrial Training Authority) Training Plan (A. Hay)

Andrew reviewed the Training Plan. The plan was developed on a status quo budget as the ITA has informed us that there will be no new funding. The following was also noted:

- We have been delivering more ITA training by adding more sections to courses.
- The impact of no new funding will result in larger waitlists.

Motion: C. Gerbrandt/S. Johal

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the ITA Training Plan as presented”.

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Annual Programming Plan (A. Hay)

Andrew provided the Annual Programming Plan for the Board’s review and approval. Some of the highlights noted were:

- New programs include Resistance and Revolution, Animation, and Viticulture.
- The focus will be on packaging programs that already exist to promote further education.
- Applications are being accepted for the Animation program. We had 19 as of last week. External companies, Yeti Farms & Bardel, are backing and promoting the program and have agreed to hire students once they have completed training.

Motion: C. Gerbrandt/J. Maciel

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Annual Programming Plan 2017/18 as recommended”.

MOTION CARRIED

6.5 Education Council (D. Silvestrone)

Program Revisions:

Motion: D. Silvestrone/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Electronic Engineering Technology Bridge to UBC Okanagan Electrical Bridge, as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

Motion: D. Silvestrone/S. Johal

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

Motion: D. Silvestrone/A. Beaumont

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the program revision: Bachelor of Computer Information Systems, as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

Motion: D. Silvestrone/C. Gerbrandt

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the revised schedule: Office Administration, as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

Motion: D. Silvestrone/R. Gakhal

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the schedule: Pharmacy Technician Certificate, as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

MOTIONS CARRIED

7. VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 Board Chair Report (C. Denesiuk)

Congratulations to Laura Thurnheer on her nomination for the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce and BDO's *Top 40 over 40* which showcases mentors, champions and role models in the community. Laura's reputation as an educator, mentor and leader, particularly in the area of women's leadership, has earned her the respect of her peers that nominated her for the honour.

7.2 President's Report (J. Hamilton)

Whitney Buggiey, a retired Okanagan College Administrator, has penned and published a 720 page novel entitled "Eva's Child".

Further recognition has been awarded for the Centre of Excellence in Penticton. PCL recently received a national *Environmental Achievement Award* for their work on the Centre of Excellence.

8. INFORMATION

9. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE INSTITUTION

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 23, 2017, Kelowna Campus

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: C. Gerbrandt

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:18pm