



Board of Governors

Open Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Meeting to be held in S103B, Executive Boardroom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Gloria Morgan, Chair
- Juliette Cunningham, Vice Chair
- Andrea Alexander
- Marcel Beerkens
- Sanya Choudhary
- JoAnn Fowler
- Neil Fassina
- Tina Lee
- Devin Rubadeau
- Dale Safinuk
- Karley Scott
- Chris Newitt
- Nicolette Thiel

REGRETS:

None

OTHER STAFF:

- Curtis Morcom, Vice President, Employee & Corporate Services
- Andrew Hay, Provost and Vice President, Academic
- Meri Kim Oliver, Vice President, Students
- Joanna Campbell, Recording Secretary
- Tyler Finley, Interim Director, Public Affairs

	ACTION
<p>Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.</p> <p><i>It was respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was held on the unceded traditional lands of the Indigenous people who have inhabited and used the lands since time immemorial</i></p>	
<p>1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> <i>“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors Open session meeting agenda is approved”.</i></p>	<p>J. Cunningham CARRIED</p>
<p>2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT</p> <p>No conflicts were declared.</p>	
<p>3. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> <i>“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as presented”.</i></p>	<p>D. Rubadeau CARRIED</p>
<p>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>No new business arising.</p>	

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Connections 2021 Video

The Connections 2021 video was shared with the Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Okanagan College Foundation Annual Report

Helen Jackman joined the meeting and provided the Board with a report on the Foundation's activities over the past year.

6.2. Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee

6.2.1. Chair Report

The Committee Chair reported that the Committee met and was provided with several financial updates. He expressed appreciation for the work done by Administration to manage the institutions finances.

6.3. Governance Committee

6.3.1. Chair Report

The Committee Chair reminded the Board that Oct 25 -26 would be a Professional Development session and would be held in person. The Board was also reminded to send any suggestions for potential Board members to the Board Chair as soon as possible.

6.4. Education Council

6.4.1. Program Revisions

Motion:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the program revision Adult Basic Education as recommended by Education Council and as presented."

J. Cunningham
CARRIED

6.4.2. Proposal for Extended Acceptance of Duolingo as a Language Proficiency Entrance Exam

A member asked if this change would reduce accessibility for students with low English proficiency. It was noted this change will ensure students are placed in the appropriate course for their language level and improve their success rather than block their access to the institution.

Motion:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves to extend the acceptance of the online Duolingo to assess applicant/student English language proficiency for students applying to Summer 2022, Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 as recommended by Education Council and as presented."

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T. Lee
CARRIED

Motion:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves to approve minimum Duolingo subscores of 100 in each subscore to satisfy

the English language proficiency entrance requirements as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

6.4.3. Academic Calendar

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the temporary, optional, extension of Fall 2021 academic schedule to December 7, 2021 as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

D. Rubadeau
CARRIED

6.4.4. Academic Schedules

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves 2021-22 academic schedules as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”

D. Rubadeau
CARRIED

7. REPORTS

7.1. Preliminary Enrolment Verbal Update

Enrolment numbers are still being analyzed but are looking like last year’s fall enrolment numbers. As expected, International student enrolment is down due to the travel restrictions. There is hope that travel restrictions will ease through the fall and that more international students will be able to travel and begin in person classes in January. It was also noted that some of our apprentice numbers are down because, due to the labour market, employers are hesitant to release their apprentices.

7.2. Board Chair Verbal Report

The Board Chair thanked the President and his team for the successful start to the semester.

7.3. President’s Report

The President provided the Board with several updates including:

- That a work from home pilot project has been developed and is about to be launched for some employees;
- There has been a successful return to campus for the academic programs since September;
- The development of the strategic plan is well underway and ahead of schedule.

7.3.1. Q1 Financial Report

It was reported that a deficit of \$3.9m is currently being predicted. Work is constantly being done to reduce this deficit. The Board will be kept informed through the financial year.

8. INFORMATION

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9. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

No topics were suggested for the next meeting

10. FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

CARRIED
