

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

**Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 12:30 p.m.
Room S103B, Kelowna Campus**

Approved May 18, 2010

Members Present: P. Bourbeau
B. Cooke
R. Gee
J. Hamilton (President)
B. Hughes
P. Johnson
L. Kayfish (Chair)
J. Lister
A. Nelson
Y. Pinder (Vice Chair)
L. Rozniak
T. Styffe

Regrets: M. Conlin
L. Swite

Board Secretary: L. Le Gallee

Vice Presidents: B. Eby
A. Hay
S. Koehle

Directors: A. Coyle

Observers: C. Athay, Student, Salmon Arm
L. Grahame OC Admin Association
J. Petersen, Student, Penticton
T. Walters, OCFA

Regrets: J. Gabanowicz, Student, Kelowna
C. McRobb, BCGEU Vocational

Guests: D. Westmacott and contingent of students (OCSU)
J. Haller (1:20-1:35 p.m.)

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Y. Pinder/ P. Bourbeau

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 30, 2010, OC Board open session meeting agenda is approved”

CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

No conflicts were declared.

3 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: P. Johnson/L. Rozniak

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

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Items Approved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 26, 2010, open session minutes are approved.”

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the following Board observer:
Cam McRobb, BCGEU Vocational Instructors”***

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board agrees to collect student fees for Okanagan College for 2010/11 on behalf of the Okanagan College Student Union and the Kalamalka Student Association as outlined in the submissions that are included in the agenda”.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 Student Presentation re: Tuition

5.1.1 OCSU

A contingent of 8 students attended and presented the Chair with a petition signed by 1100 students.

The students raised the following points:

- They are thankful for the 0% increase over the last few years;
- 2/3 of students aged 18-20 years cite financial barriers and affordability as the reason they are unable to attend post secondary;
- Would like to see tuition in line with the provincial average;
- The only information online for institutions is the tuition, Colleges do not post other fees, so that students can make an informed choice;
- The MLAs support having tuition in line with the provincial average; they will take the students' message to Victoria;
- The students asked that the College to consider the long term burden the cost of education puts on them.

In response to questions from Board members, the following was noted:

- Okanagan College has some programs where tuition is higher than the provincial average and some which are lower. Access to comparators for other fees across the province is not available;
- The Ministry website on tuition at BC Colleges gives the example of the highest course at Okanagan College, this does not represent the majority of the students at this institution;

5.1.2 KCSA - none

5.2 Finance and Audit Committee (B. Cooke)

5.2.1 Tuition Recommendation 2010/11

The Finance Committee Chair stated that the College would be in a position to cut programs if funding levels decrease. The Finance and Audit Committee supports an increase to tuition. The Committee looked at programs that are higher than 10% of the provincial average. The optimal information would be

to have the actual cost to a student at Okanagan College compared to other institutions; however, this information is not currently available.

The recommendation of the Committee for this year is to implement an increase to those programs that are below the provincial average at comparable institutions and to freeze those that are above the average.

Motion: B. Cooke/J. Lister

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve a tuition freeze on all courses within programs more than 10% above the average of comparator institutions with a full allowable tuition increase for all remaining courses and fees as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee”.

Points raised for discussion:

- A 2% increase would generate approximately \$150,000;
- A member stated this motion begins a transition of the tuition reaching the average and being comparable with other institutions.

An amended motion was proposed.

Motion: P. Johnson/B. Hughes

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve a full tuition increase allowable by government (when this information becomes available)”.

Call the question.

MOTION FAILED

Call the question on the original motion.

CARRIED

5.2.2 2010/11 Okanagan College Budget

a) Comments from Chair, Education Council (R. Gee)

The Council was presented with an overview of the budget; they voted to receive it.

b) Tuition and Ancillary Fee Policy

Motion: B. Cooke/T. Styffe

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Tuition and Ancillary Fee Policy as presented”.

The Director of Public Affairs stated that he worked closely with the student Board members and consulted with OCSU and KCSA, and conducted online and in person consultations in the drafting of this policy.

The Chair of Education Council raised the issue with regard to the third bullet under policy details. Cross listed courses do not currently follow this rule. Students are charged differently for the same course due to the different course code. **This will come to next Finance and Audit Committee and B. Cooke will report back to the Board.**

CARRIED

J. Haller joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

c) Comments from Chair, Finance and Audit Committee (B. Cooke)

Motion: B. Cooke/L. Rozniak

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve an operating budget of \$88,170,804 for 2010/11 as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee”.

The Finance and Audit Committee acknowledges the enormous amount of work that has been done by the VP Finance and his team.

CARRIED

3 student guests left

5.2 ITA Training Plan (A. Hay)

Motion: B. Cooke/J. Lister

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

The VP, Education stated that the first two pages of the document summarize what goes to the ITA. If the ITA approves the plan the College will see some changes over the year as per student demand.

The College should have confirmation from the ITA by the end of May if the Plan is accepted by the Ministry.

CARRIED

The Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee recommended that in the future this item come to Committee and be approved as part of the budget.

A. Hay and J. Haller left at 1:35 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Education Council Submission (R. Gee)

6.1.1 Program Approvals

Motion: R. Gee/P. Johnson

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the revision to the Introduction to Dental Office Reception Certificate (to be renamed “Dental Office Administrative Certificate”, as recommended by Education Council and as presented here”

CARRIED

Motion: R. Gee/L. Rozniak

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the new program, Studio Woodworking Certificate, as recommended by Education Council and as presented here”

CARRIED

7. VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 Board Chair Report (L. Kayfish)

The committee assignments for the year are confirmed and posted on the website.

.J. Petersen left at 1:40

There is a fundraising announcement in Penticton tomorrow.

7.2 President's Report (J. Hamilton)

In the last couple of weeks he has had the opportunity to recognize some of the College's top students. This has involved a President's Scholars Dinner; and a President's Dinner for Competition Excellence.

For the third time in the past four years the College's Civil Engineering trebuchet team has won the Canadian championship. As well, the Business students brought home 14 gold and 2 silver medals from the simulation competition.

613 participants competed in the Campus to Campus Half-marathon; this was the largest ever turn out with over 100 volunteers.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 February 2010 FTE Report (A. Hay)

This report does not include international students and some trades students that have recently signed up. We are likely over 8,000.

The VP, Students reported on international recruiting; the institution is in the process of finalizing the international marketing budgets.

9. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE INSTITUTION

In reply to a question, the students remarked that it was valuable to be able to present to the Finance and Audit Committee and to be able to contribute to the Tuition and Ancillary Fee Policy. The process was much improved over previous years.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 18, 2010, Kelowna Campus

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.