



# Board of Governors Open Meeting Minutes

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**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

S103B, Okanagan College Kelowna Campus

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## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Alison Beaumont
- Chris Derickson, Chair
- Jim Hamilton
- Bob McGowan
- Joe Maciel
- Gloria Morgan, Vice Chair
- Chris Newitt
- Maia Reynard
- Laura Thurnheer
- Connie Denesiuk

## REGRETS

- Charity Gerbrandt
- Raffaello Law

## OTHER STAFF:

- Bob Eby, Vice President, Employee & Corporate Services
- Andrew Hay, Vice President, Education
- Charlotte Kushner, Vice President, Students
- Allan Coyle, Director, Public Affairs
- Margaret Johnson, Board Secretary

## GUESTS:

- Karen Markle, BCGEU
- Tim Walters, OCFA
- Courtney Kindlein, Student Observer
- Jennifer Meyer, Student Observer

	<i>ACTION</i>
Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. The Chair acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Okanagan Nation.	
<b>1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <u>Motion:</u> <b><i>"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 1, 2018, OC Board Open Session meeting agenda is approved".</i></b>	J. Maciel C. Denesiuk <b><i>CARRIED</i></b>
<b>2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT</b> No conflicts were declared.	
<b>3. CONSENT AGENDA</b> <u>Motion:</u> <b><i>"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as presented".</i></b>	B. McGowan A. Beaumont <b><i>CARRIED</i></b>

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS****6. NEW BUSINESS/RESOLUTIONS**

## 6.1 Finance, Audit &amp; Risk Review Committee

## 6.1.1 Domestic Tuition

Motion:

***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve an increase in domestic tuition and mandatory fees of 2%, effective the Fall 2018 semester as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee.”***

## Discussion:

The recommended 2% increase is not mandatory. A member raised the questions:

- what is the rationale behind the decision to increase to the full 2%,
- why do we have to increase every year, and
- would we still be able to proceed with the initiatives with a smaller increase?

The President informed the Board that Okanagan College is the only institution in BC that does not automatically apply a 2% increase. This increase will provide the opportunity for us to address initiatives such as increasing mental health and counselling services. It will also cover other increases in costs.

## 6.1.2 International Tuition

Motions:

***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve an increase of 5.9% to international tuition, effective September 2018, for courses delivered in Business, Arts, Science, and English as a Second Language as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee.”***

***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve an increase of up to 2% to international tuition, effective September 2018, for all other courses as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee.”***

The VP, Employee and Corporate Services explained that the purpose of the wording of the two motions is to keep us competitive in the market. Increasing tuition by 2% in “all other courses” for international students is market driven.

An updated list of the proposed initiatives will be provided to the Board prior to budget approval at the next Board meeting.

The OCFA President noted that the unanticipated increase of international enrolments has caused many challenges and stress within the faculty group.

B. McGowan  
J. Maciel  
**CARRIED**

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## 6.2 Mandate Letter AEST

As required by government, the Mandate Letter, without the signature page, was posted on the Okanagan College website on February 20<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that Okanagan College is well-aligned with the government initiatives outlined in the letter.

## 7. VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 Board Chair Report  
Nothing to report.

## 8.2 President's Report

The President and the Vice Chair, G. Morgan, attended the BC College's Presidents and Board Chairs workshop hosted at Camosun College in Victoria on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The President noted that the government is looking for a more balanced approach to international education and will seek feedback from BC institutions prior to formalizing a policy.

The President and Director of Public Affairs attended BC College's Day at the Legislature on February 27<sup>th</sup>. This day provides Okanagan College with a profile and an opportunity to speak informally with Ministers & Deputy Ministers. There were opportunities to meet our regional MLA's and outline issues faced by Okanagan College and to discuss sectorial initiatives such as student housing, Internationalization, mental health, and Indigenization.

## 8. INFORMATION

## 9. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

## 11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD

Board members L. Thurnheer and B. McGowan attended an Institute of Corporate Directors of BC breakfast meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> that focused on Cybersecurity – Practical Ways to Provide Oversight and Mitigate Risk.

The President shared that the Okanagan College Trades Building recently won the International Wood Design Award for Large Institutional Buildings from the Canadian Wood Council.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

J. Maciel  
CARRIED

**Date of the next regular Board meeting:** March 27, 2018 in Penticton