

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of April 28 – 2014
Doc Brown Lounge**

Open Session

Present: T. Lavoie, R. Linklater, R. Myers, A. Plastino, S. Shoemaker, W. Johnston, W. Barnes, J. Caicco, R. Derosario, C. Sayers, G Walsh, S. Roach, C. Chevrier-Cachagee, C. Denomme, P. Nolan, L. Bell-Murray, P. Boniferro, D. Mitchell, M. Muncaster

Absent,

Guests: S. Dwyer, D. Schantz, A. Thorpe

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

The Chair welcomed Melanie Muncaster to the Algoma University Board of Governors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Plastino/Denomme

To approve the OPEN agenda April 28, 2014 as presented.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Linklater/Johnston

To approve the minutes of February 13, 2014.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Strategic Planning/Institutional Plan – The Chair noted that he had commented on this topic in his Chair's report. The committee is set to meet on a weekly basis. There is some progress noted. There has been discussion on the process itself and ideas presented on how to best moved forward. The key-stakeholders have been identified. Each stakeholder group will be asked to take part in a SWOT/ environmental analysis of the university. The committee would like to have the Strategic Plan in place in advance of next year's budget cycle / academic cycle, so that work plans for each unit can be developed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Myers distributed the April 2014 President's Report.

Questions were asked about Student Recruitment: International. Myers was questioned on the 2+2 agreements in China, and which countries were involved and in which academic programmes, as nothing had been brought to CurCom or AppCom. Myers believes it is Computer Science.

A comment was made in relation to the new programming initiatives in China and Mexico. There would be several departments within the university that would be interested in working on this. Myers noted that it has to be negotiated with international partners first.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

Operating Statements

MOTION: Bell-Murray/Mitchell

The Finance Committee recommends the Operating Statements as of March 31-2014 to the Board of Governors for approval.

Carried.

Algoma University Foundation dissolution

S. Shoemaker declared a conflict of interest and was absent from the room during this vote.

MOTION: Mitchell/Chevrier-Cachagee

The Finance Committee recommends the Board of Governors approve the strategy to dissolve the Algoma University Foundation and grants Administration permission to execute all follow-up transactions accordingly.

Carried.

2014-2015 Fiscal Operating Budget

The Board was walked through the 2014-2015 Fiscal budget presentation, by VP Finance and Administration Sean Dwyer.

It was noted that 70% of our international students come from the same country – Saudi Arabia. The Saudi program that provides funding for these students will be in place until 2018-19, with the option of renewal.

It was noted that External Relations (Marketing & Recruitment) was 3% of the total budget. This is 1% higher than the provincial average. Our 3% is a substantial decrease from past operating budgets – at 8%. AU is now more in line with other universities of our size.

Sayers noted that an increase in tuition will decrease the number of students First Nations can fund.

There is a noted increase in the Social Work department salaries – this is due to an Admin support position being added.

There is currently a FT position in Timmins that will be reviewed.

G. Walsh asked what the projection for St. Thomas. Myers noted that the St. Thomas operation was experiencing difficulties. There are 11 second year students and no confirmed students for September 2014.

P. Boniferro questioned the personnel costs - faculty, staff, and non-exec admin and increases in salary for each. Dwyer noted that at the Exec Admin and non-exec Admin level, AU has followed the Province's direction and implemented a four year freeze on salary increases. This has created another problem – in that there are members of the staff group making more than the administrators they report to. Dwyer has cleared with Morley-Hicks a 2% increase for the non-exec Admin group for July 1st.

International tuition has increased by 3% - only real discussion surrounding an increase was at the April 2013 board meeting. Algoma University has the lowest international tuition in Ontario. It is suggested

that there is a need to study the International tuition fees to determine whether they shouldn't be closer to the Ontario average.

It is noted that the budget needs to align with the Strategic / Institutional Plan.

MOTION: Myers/Barnes

The Finance Committee recommends the 2014-2015 budget to the Board of Governors for approval, including all fee changes.

Counted vote 13 for 2 opposed

Carried.

Nominating and Governance

Secretary to the Board

MOTION: Walsh/Mitchell

To be consistent with Board By-laws, the Nominating and Governance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that the University President will act as the Secretary to the Board unless the to the Board of Governors decides otherwise.

Carried.

Consent Agenda

The Nomination and Governance committee will recommend a template that The Board and Committees of the Board will use.

MOTION: Linklater/Plastino

The Nomination and Governance committee recommends to the Board the implementation of a Consent Agenda at the Board of Governors level.

Carried.

External Board Member

MOTION: Mitchell/Barnes

That the Board of Governors approves the recommendation of Mark Nogalo as an external member of the Board of Governors.

Carried.

OIC Appointment

MOTION: Myers/Plastino

That the Board of Governors approves the recommendation of the nomination for Steven Shoemaker as an OIC applicant.

Carried.

Board Executive

Presidential Review Process

D. Mitchell noted that it is difficult for the Board members to make a proper assessment for the Presidential Review Process as Board members are limited to a few meetings with the President. The president needs to be judged on the day to day work on a regular basis through communication with

staff and faculty, the Board Chair and vice-Chair. It is hard to make a fair assessment as a Board member. Mitchell noted that he wrote with his heart as he is not on campus every day.

Plastino noted that the Annual Presidential Review is conducted by the Board Executive. The review at 48 months does require Board input. Board members can comment with their 4 years of accumulated knowledge/interaction.

MOTION: Linklater/Walsh

That the Board Executive recommends to the Board of Governors the revised Procedure for Presidential Performance Review as presented.

Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

MOTION: Shoemaker / Plastino

That the Board receive and accept the written open session reports for information as attached for the month of April 2014.

Carried.

Board Committees	Board Executive	Armando Plastino (Chair)	January 13-2014 February 24-2014
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	Report received
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	No report received
	Anishinaabe Peoples' Council	Evelyn Theriault (Chair)	Report received
	Campus Development Committee	Dom Mitchell (Chair)	No report received
University Bodies	SASA	Kelly Trudeau	No report received
	Senate	Rose Linklater	Received

QUESTION PERIOD

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Myers/Nolan

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Plastino/Denomme

That the April 28, 2014 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.