

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of April 29-2015
Doc Brown Lounge**

Open Session

Present: A. Plastino (Chair), R. Myers, W. Johnston, S. Roach, T. Lavoie, M. Muncaster, L. Bell-Murray, R. Linklater, M. Nogalo, W. Barnes, D. Mitchell, S. Shoemaker, C. Denomme, D. Fecteau, Y. Garwan, J. Buckell, P. Boniferro, A. Avery

Absent: R. DeRosario, C. Sayers, P. Nolan, J. Caicco, J. Buckell, C. Chevrier-Cachagee , A. Vezina

Guests: N. Doroodian, S. Dwyer, R. McCutcheon, B. Bell-Tanninen, D. Elmore

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair introduced and welcomed guests.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Two items were added to the meeting agenda and it was therefore removed from the consent agenda.

MOTION:

That all items listed under the date April 29, 2015 Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Two items were added to the agenda:

Item 8.1 - a motion to release the 2015/16 operating budget.

Item 5.6 - a motion to request a review of Algoma University's hiring policy.

MOTION: Myers/Linklater

To approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

No business arising.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report for the Board was distributed – April 29-2015.

BSW Site Visit – It was noted the university hosted external reviewers today for the social work program. The visitors were quite impressed although they recognize there are challenges to overcome.

Student Recruitment – It was clarified the numbers presented in this week's report to Senate are more current than those in the President's Report. International enrolment is expected to decline.

Document Management –The importance of including record retention policies with the implementation of document management technology was flagged. Dwyer agreed to follow up on record retention/document life cycles for student records.

Finance Committee – Operating Statements of March 31-2015

Dwyer reviewed the Operating Statement Board note. The importance of understanding financial consequences of decision making was noted.

MOTION: Myers/Muncaster

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the draft Operating Statements as of March 31/2015.

Carried.

Finance Committee – Pension Update

S. Dwyer reviewed the Pension Update Board note. Improvements to the solvency and transfer ratios were highlighted.

Board Executive

Health and Safety Policy

The importance of training students and faculty supervisors was noted. B. Bell-Tanninen explained why students are included in the policy, and described awareness and training efforts currently underway.

Motion: Myers/Mitchell

The Board Executive recommends to the Board of Governors the approval of the Health and Safety Policy as presented.

1 opposed

Carried.

Institutional Reaffirmation

The reaffirmation process was described as occurring on a 4-year cycle. There was a suggestion made to delay the reaffirmation until the new mission/vision is approved given there is no imminent deadline for the reaffirmation. Concern was expressed regarding the consequences of not reaffirming. Multiple Board members indicated their belief that Item 3 exists in principle and there is no reason to delay reaffirmation. Denomme expressed concern about Item #7 relating to research. Myers described the multiple ways in which the institution supports and promotes research within the faculty.

Motion: Muncaster/Denomme

To table the motion for institutional reaffirmation in Item 5.3.

5 in favour

8 opposed

Defeated.

The original motion for institutional reaffirmation was revisited.

Motion: Mitchell/Nogalo

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors of Algoma University reaffirms that the institution meets the ten criteria for institutional membership established by AUCC.

10 in favour

4 opposed

Carried.

Terms of Reference for the Nomination and Governance Committee

It was noted the terms of reference have been reformatted to align with the template for other committee terms of reference. The new terms capture the essence of the old with fewer words.

MOTION: Shoemaker/Nogalo

The Nomination and Governance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the Terms of Reference for the Nomination and Governance Committee as presented.

Carried.

2015 Board Retreat

Board members were asked to notify the secretary by the end of next week if the dates of October 23 & 24 are problematic. Unless a major scheduling issue is identified, the Nomination and Governance Committee will continue to plan for these dates.

Review of Algoma University Hiring Policies

In light of the recent media coverage concerning hiring practices at local public institutions, it was requested Algoma University conduct a review of its hiring policies and practices. Dwyer noted some of this work is already underway, and a completion date of the end of June is reasonable.

MOTION: Fecteau/Shoemaker

That the Board request the Vice-President, Finance & Administration, to review Algoma University's hiring policy for completeness and in the context of the broader public sector. The policy should be updated and presented as a revised policy at the June Board of Governors meeting for approval.

Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – Consent Agenda

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| Board Committees | Board Executive | Tim Lavoie (Chair) | Minutes from Feb 9 |
| | Board Finance | Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair) | No report received |
| | Nominating and Governance | Steven Shoemaker (Chair) | April 7, 2015 |
| | Anishinaabe Peoples' Council | Lori Rainville (Chair) | No report received |
| | Campus Development Committee | Don Mitchell (Chair) | No meeting to report |
| University Bodies | Senate | Rose Linklater | April 10, 2015 |

QUESTION PERIOD

Bell-Murray requested clarification on the Nomination and Governance Committee note regarding requesting additional information on purchasing policies and related legislation. It was clarified that Nominating and Governance only looks at policies from a governance perspective. Dwyer reminded the group that the current purchasing policy was developed in accordance with broader public sector directives in 2012 and was approved by the Board at that time.

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Mitchell/Lavoie

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the April 29/2015 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Mitchell/Lavoie

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

MOTION: Mitchell/Lavoie

That the Board approve the release of the 2015/16 budget.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Johnston/Nogalo

That the April 29/2015 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.