

Open Session

Present: A. Plastino, S. Roach, M. Nadeau, C. Denomme, C. Ross, C. Sayers, B. Teller, P. Antunes, S. Horn, S. Shoemaker, B. Asghar, A. Avery, M. Nogalo, M. Cachagee, P. Boniferro, W. Barnes, S. Schell, M. Pitcher

Guests: S. Dwyer, R. McCutcheon, N. Landon

Regrets: C. Jamieson, M. Muncaster

INTRODUCTION

Acting Chair, M. Nogalo called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Chancellor Shirley Horn provided welcoming words to begin the Board meeting.

Chairs Comments

Nogalo offered congratulations and gratitude to Professor Cathy Denomme and team on the success of the recent Business Case Competition. Board members Nogalo and Nadeau participated in the competition as judges.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Schell/Pitcher

That all items listed under the date April 6/2017 consent agenda be approved.

Carried

REPORT FROM ACTING PRESIDENT The A/President provided a written report. Ross noted that her report was written, aligning with objectives outlined within the Strategic Plan.

BUSINESS ARISING/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Strategic Plan (SP) - The Board received a written update on the SP provided by Acting President Ross.

Document - *Highlights: Algoma U Strategic Plan*, outlines the initiatives of the 2016-2021 SP that will be our focus in the immediate future and for the next year. Ross will be reporting out on the progress of these initiatives at future meetings

Executive Compensation Policy – A "first" draft of the policy is currently under review by the ad-hoc committee. Sean Dwyer, VP Finance and Administration has also received a copy of the draft policy to review from an HR perspective. Policy to be finalized within the next two months.

Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA)- The Board received a written update on the SMA provided by Acting President Ross. AU has retained the services of a consultant (Alan Harrison) who will assist us in preparing our response to the SMA.

A selection of the activities that AU will report to the ministry for our SMA are on based on metrics. Half of the metrics are chosen for us by the ministry and half are chosen by us. Progress reports will be submitted to the ministry. The ministry will use the metrics to measure our efforts and activities by.

Within the SMA, collaboration of partnerships is strongly encouraged for the northern institutions U's and Colleges.

Based on initiatives and activities that AU has identified within the SMA agreement, AU is hoping that extra funding may be available. The current SMA is for 3 years.

When developing AU's submission for the SMA – AU we has considered and included various aspects from the academic plan, the research plan, the SP, and our special mission.

Accessibility Policy

MOTION: Avery/Cachagee

Board Executive recommends the approval of the Accessibility Policy as presented.

Carried.

ITMES FOR DECISION/ACTION ITEMS

Finance Committee

Operating Statements

MOTION: Antunes/Shoemaker

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the Operating Statements as of February 28/2017.

Carried.

Board Executive

Naming and Recognition Policy

MOTION: Avery/Nadeau

Board Executive recommends the approval of the Naming and Recognition Policy as presented.

Suggestions from the Board

- If the feature has an Anishinaabe connection or is being named after an Anishinaabe person, their “spiritual” name should be used out of decorum, respect and courtesy
- Consultation should take place with the person or the family of the being recognized
- Research should be done to ensure the naming item isn’t already named
- Naming should be mindful of the history of the site and of the feature

Board would like to ensure that a thoughtful process in undertaken when naming is considered.

The amended policy will return to the next Board meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Policy Review Cycle – no update

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Schell/Asghar

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the April 6-2017 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Avery/Roach

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sayers/Roach

That the April-2017 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.