

Open Session

Present: A. Plastino, S. Roach, W. Johnston, M. Nogalo, C. Denomme, B. Teller, A. Vezina, B. Yusuf, C. Chamberlin, M. Nadeau, T. Lavoie, A. Avery, S. Shoemaker

Regrets: C. Langille, C. Sayers, W. Barnes, P. Boniferro, M. Muncaster, S. Horn

Guests: R. McCutcheon, S. Dwyer, P. Antunes, E. Lockhart, N. Landon,

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, A. Plastino called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair welcomed the guests to the meeting.

The Chair noted that the Skills Matrix would be circulated during the meeting for external board members to populate.

The Chair noted that the current size of the Board was 19 members, plus the SASA representative position (unfilled). For succession planning purposes the Nomination and Governance committee has suggested adding 2-3 external member to the Board for the 2016-17 academic year. The Chair asked Board members to reach out to contacts who would be a good fit to the board and to consider individuals they feel would be interested in joining the AU Board and submit names for consideration to the Nomination and Governance committee. In reviewing the current Skill Matrix, a Chartered Accountant would be an asset to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Denomme/Nogalo

That all items listed under the date April 7/2016 consent agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Strategic Planning Process – The *Draft* Strategic Plan was presented by Dr. Pedro Antunes, internal facilitator of the Strategic Plan Team. Erik Lockhart, external facilitator joined by teleconference.

Dr. Antunes was provided with feedback by Board members and committed to incorporating the feedback in the final product.

Enrollment Update –President Chamberlin presented to the Board an Enrolment report as of March 2016. It is noted that the current data shows there is a slight improvement in 101's (direct from high school) and 105's in comparison to the same period in the previous year.

Chamberlin also noted that the recruitment team is working very diligently to both increase the number of applications and the conversion of applications. Focus also remains on the retention of current students.

Chamberlin has established a *President's Advisory Committee on Retention* to focus on actions that can be taken to improve AU's retention. Currently, AU's retention for students from 2nd to 3rd year is about 72% with the average being 80%.

International Recruitment- A report on international recruitment was not available for presentation to the Board.

The Board requested that an International Recruitment report be presented at the June 2016 Board meeting.

Policy Review Cycle –An update on the AU policy Review Cycle was provided.

Institutional Re-organization – President Chamberlin presented an update on the status of the Institutional Re-organization. Chamberlin noted that the academic reorganization that was presented to Senate was not approved by Senate. Based on the feedback from Senate the plan will need to be reconfigured.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report for the Board was distributed – April 2016. No further additions were noted.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

MOTION: Johnston/Shoemaker

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the Operating Statements as of February 29, 2016.

Carried.

Nomination and Governance

Succession Planning – the Nomination and Governance committee, in consideration of Board leadership continuity, is proposing a Past-Chair position on the Board. The concept for leadership progression would then be Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair which would ensure at least two experienced individuals in leadership roles at all times.

MOTION: Lavoie/Denomme

The Nomination and Governance committee recommends to the Board of Governors a change of structure to include a Past-chair position on the Board of Governors and the Board Executive committee.

Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – Consent Agenda

Board Committees	Board Executive	A. Vezina (Chair)	Minutes – Feb 22/16
	Board Finance	M. Muncaster (Chair)	Minutes – Jan 27/16
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	Verbal report on April 6/16 mtg
	Anishinaabe Peoples' Council	Lori Rainville (Chair)	No mtg to report
University Bodies	Senate	C. Langille	No report received

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked.

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Johnston/Nogalo

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the April 7/2016 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Avery/Lavoie

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Johnston/Roach

That the April 7/2016 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.