

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of February 13 – 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

Absent: C. Denomme, P. Nolan, L. Bell-Murray, S. Roach, C. Chevrier-Cachagee, P. Boniferro, D. Mitchell, K. Trudeau, J. Young

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chair welcomed Grant Walsh to the Algoma University Board of Governors.

The Chair noted the President's Report is being circulated at the meeting and the Chair's report has been included in the Board package. The retreat was much appreciated; the K. Steele sessions were thought provoking and will be helpful during the upcoming strategic planning project the Board will be undertaking in the coming months.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Barnes/Johnston

To approve the OPEN agenda February 13, 2014 as presented. Quorum was confirmed.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Plastino/Barnes

To approve the minutes of November 28, 2013

Two amendments:

1. Johnston noted he abstained for the Tenure and Promotions Committee considerations (sabbatical leaves) as he sits on the Committee.
2. Sayers noted she was not absent from the meeting; she was not notified when the meeting was to take place.

With amendments, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Board Self-Evaluation – The Chair provided an update on the Self-Evaluation Report. The Board Executive and Nom & Gov Committees respectively have reviewed the recommendations resulting from the report as they relate to committee work and meeting attendance.

MOTION: Plastino/Myers

To establish a process that would satisfy the self-evaluation report recommendation regarding attendance and self-evaluation and that this process be available for review next meeting.

Carried.

The Chair noted that both the Board Executive and the Nom and Gov Committee will continue to look at the implementation of other recommendations and are also looking forward to receiving feedback from other Committees regarding further action related to recommendations from the report.

Strategic Planning / Institutional Plan

Myers emphasized the division of labour with the Board focused on the higher-level, bigger, broader picture planning while the President and two Vice Presidents work with respective units on more of a detailed blue print. The suggestion of working with a smaller committee of the Board to prepare the initial document was in recognition of the time commitment needed (approximately 40 hours), noting the entire Board will have the opportunity to weigh in at the various stages of the entire planning process.

Johnston noted that he will be on sabbatical next year and may not be available 100% of the time.

MOTION: Plastino / Walsh

That the Board create a subcommittee with the following format: the Board Chair (who will chair the subcommittee); the Vice-Chair; one external member of the Board; the President; the Student Union President; one of the faculty members on the Board (Senate representative).

Amendment to Motion – That the external member of the Board be from the Anishinaabe community.

With amendment, motion carried.

Ken Steele Presentation – de-brief

General discussions took place regarding the presentations. The afternoon session was very positive and informed people about the main trends, challenges and opportunities faced by the post-secondary institution sector; the evening focused more on a critical eye to the marketing efforts of AU. The use of the Periodic Table to develop the ‘molecules’ that would assist with determining AU’s brand would be helpful. Myers will follow-up with Ken Steele regarding the use of the Periodic Table for the AU process.

Lavoie emphasized we must be agile and nimble as we take into consideration the information provided to us from these and other presentations into the upcoming institutional planning project and that he is confident there are many opportunities for success.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Myers distributed the February 2014 President’s Report.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

Operating Statements

MOTION: Linklater / Shoemaker

The Finance Committee recommends the Operating Statements as of December 31, 2013 to the Board of Governors for approval.

Carried.

Nominating and Governance

Procedure of Approval of Board Members

MOTION: Linklater / Barnes

The Nomination and Governance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the approval of the Procedure for Approval of Board Members.

Carried.

Vacancies on the Board and Board Committees

Note was made of the Board positions that will be vacated in 2015 and the importance of succession planning to consider bringing forward the names of good candidates to the Nom & Gov Committee.

External Board Member

MOTION: Linklater / Barnes

The Nomination and Governance Committee recommends the appointment of Melanie Muncaster to the Board of Governors as an external member for 3 years. Clearances from both AU and NOHFC were confirmed.

Carried.

List of current Algoma University Policies / Procedures

1. Dwyer noted that there is no Safe Disclosure Policy – the contents of this policy were absorbed into the Fraud, Theft and Misappropriation of University Assets.
2. A recommendation was put forward that the policies be put in a template / chart that identifies when they were last updated. **President to be asked in September for an update on this template.**

Acquisition of Artwork Policy

MOTION: Plastino / Barnes

The Board Executive recommends the approval of the Acquisition of Artwork Policy.

Amendment to Motion: to include liquidation ('only where there is a clear path for its liquidation, display or its use...') as well as that the amount be capped or limited for Board consideration.

With amendment, motion carried.

Note was made there was no sense of urgency and that the policy revisions/discussions can be revisited at a future date.

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 February 2014.

Carried.

Board Committees	Board Executive	Armando Plastino (Chair)	Dec. 9-2013 meeting minutes
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	Not received
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	Jan 16-2014
	Anishinaabe Peoples' Council	Evelyn Theriault (Chair)	No meeting
	Campus Development Committee	Dom Mitchell (Chair)	Received
University Bodies	AUSA	Jonathon Young	No report received
	SASA	Kelly Trudeau	No report received
	Senate	Rose Linklater	Received

Research Institutes	Health Informatics Institute (HII)	Annual Update	Received
	Invasive Species Research Institute (ISRI)	Annual Update	Received
	Northern Ontario Research Development Ideas and Knowledge Institute (NORDIK)	Annual Update	Received

QUESTION PERIOD

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Plastino/Barnes

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Plastino/Linklater

That the February 13, 2014 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.