

Open Session

Present: C. Sayers, S. Shoemaker, S. Roach, W. Johnston, M. Nogalo, W. Barnes, C. Denomme, B. Teller, A. Vezina, B. Yusuf, C. Chamberlin, M. Nadeau, P. Boniferro, M. Muncaster, T. Lavoie, S. Horn, A. Avery

Regrets: J. Buckell, C. Langille, A. Plastino

Guests: R. McCutcheon, B. Krmpotich, H. Sheikh-Student Guest speaker, P. Antunes

CALL TO ORDER

The acting- Chair, A. Vezina called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair welcomed the guests to the meeting.

The Chair noted as part of the opening comments, that A. Plastino was unable to attend the February 3-2016 CCOU meeting due to unexpected circumstances.

She also shared that the Chair and Vice-Chair have made a commitment to participate in future CCOU meetings either in person or by teleconference.

Finally, in response to questions at the last Board meeting, it was noted that By-laws 7.0, Section VI. Meetings of the Board 13) – identifies what items can be placed within a closed agenda. It was explained that the Open Board Meeting policy is currently under revision, with this section of the By-laws being incorporated.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Johnston/Avery

That all items listed under the date February 4-2016 consent agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Strategic Planning Process – The Board was introduced to the Strategic Planning Process through a presentation from Dr. Pedro Antunes, internal facilitator for the 2020 Strategic Plan Team.

Discussion ensued around whether an Environmental Scan would be part of the Strategic Planning Process. The Board was assured that the committee would follow-up with the consultant.

Concern was voiced about the absence of Administration and Board representation on Strategic Planning Committee. Chamberlin explained the rationale to the Board.

When questioned about the timelines, Antunes noted that the established timelines are aggressive, however, the facilitation team would like to stick to the set timelines, and will update the Board if the timelines become a concern. Antunes plans to have a drafting workshop with the Board prior to the SP coming to the Board in April 2016.

The Board noted it would like Erik Lockhart, external facilitator to participate in future meetings of the Board, in relation to the Strategic Plan discussions as a proactive way to ensure all questions could be answered during future Board meetings.

MOTION: Muncaster/Lavoie

The Board of Governors approve the 2016 Strategic Plan process as amended to include a framework for an environmental scan.

Carried.

Enrollment Update –President Chamberlin presented to the Board an Enrolment report as of January 27-2016. It was noted that the 2015/16 Winter numbers are now official.

International Recruitment- B. Krmpotich walked Board members through a presentation on the current International Recruitment Strategy.

Krmpotich noted that markets will continue to be revisited as they continue to change.

Board noted it was nice to see data, targets and how AU is tracking. For the April 2016 meeting Board requested additional information including reports from exit surveys, ROI's, retention data, previous 5 yr trends and updates on current targets and tracking.

It was suggested that AU work with SCAAT on the International Recruitment, as many students from international market look for a “degree”. Krmpotich noted that he is meeting with the SCAAT new head of the INTL department. With SCAAT, Krmpotich would like to develop degree completion programs and joint admissions policies. Krmpotich sees the two institutions sharing resources and promoting SSM as a destination, as well as working with local school boards.

Policy Review Cycle - President Chamberlin introduced the updated boardnote on the AU Policy Review Cycle.

Board requested that an updated report on the Policy Review Cycle be a standing item to the Board.

Institutional Re-organization – President Chamberlin presented an update on the status of the Institutional Re-organization. Chamberlin noted that he is pleased with the progress and information that has been provided. Faculty are engaged in the process. Town hall meetings have been well attended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

Operating Statements Chamberlin noted the administration is projecting a modest surplus in the budget this year.

Lavoie questioned if there was a rationale for the variance in the residence occupancy. Chamberlin noted that INTL students tend to live off campus.

MOTION: Johnston/Teller

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

Carried.

Nomination and Governance

2015-2016 Board and Board Committee Meeting Dates – Board members received an updated meeting calendar.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – Consent Agenda

Board Committees	Board Executive	A. Vezina (Chair)	Minutes – Nov 23/2016
	Board Finance	M. Muncaster (Chair)	Minutes – Nov25/2016
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	Report on Jan 13/2016
	Anishinaabe Peoples’ Council	Lori Rainville (Chair)	No mtg to report
University Bodies	Senate	C. Langille	Report on Jan 8/2016

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked.

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Avery/Barnes

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the February 4/2016 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Avery/Denomme

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sayers/Roach

That the February 4/2016 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.