

Open Session

Present: A. Vezina, (Chair), A. Plastino, S. Roach, M. Nadeau, C. Denomme, C. Ross, C. Sayers, B. Teller, P. Antunes, S. Horn, S. Shoemaker, B. Asghar, C. Jamieson, A. Avery, M. Nogalo, M. Cachagee

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

Regrets: P. Boniferro, M. Muncaster, W. Barnes,

INTRODUCTION

Chair, A. Vezina called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

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

Chairs Comments

The Chair noted that there is ongoing work being done on how to acknowledge the land and the territory out of respect for our Anishinaabe committee, our partners and the site we are on.

Vezina noted that she has received many thank-you cards from the recent AU Student Scholarship Awards Dinner.

Vezina and her family attended a recent AU Basketball game, she described it as an exciting event and encourages Board members to attend a game.

AU was honored by the presence of the Premier on campus. She spent time with AU students and Elders and toured the AU site. The students were great ambassadors and spoke very passionately about AU.

Vezina and Nogalo attended a recent CSAA & MAP-grant meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Shoemaker/Plastino

That all items listed under the date February 2/2017 consent agenda be approved.

Carried

REPORT FROM ACTING PRESIDENT The President provided a written report. As an update to the report, the Acting President noted that the Students Union organized a vigil on campus to honor those killed in the Quebec mosque attack.

PRESENTATIONS

1. New Funding Formula and Strategic Mandate Agreements – presented by ADM, Glenn Graney

2. "Realizing Healing and Reconciliation through Education - AU/CSAA Exhibit (MAP grant) - presented by K. Hernden, J. Dewar, I. Barbeau, D. Jackson

BUSINESS ARISING/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Endorsement of the Truth and Reconciliation Report and 94 Calls to Action – Board Chair, Asima Vezina, Board member & AU Chancellor, Shirley Horn and Acting President Celia Ross read to the Board Algoma University's endorsement. This was followed by a moment of reflection and a show of hands in support. The Board adopted AU's endorsement by consensus.

Strategic Plan (SP) - Prioritization/Budgeting/Implementation - The Board received the draft SP Prioritization document as prepared by A/President Ross.

Ross and team are currently working on an Operation Framework that will pull together the existing academic plan, research plan and strategic plan. The operational plan will identify strategies and hold administration accountable for the identified action items. The operation plan will drive the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA). Priorities will be reflected in the 2017-18 budget.

A Board member expressed disappointment to not see graduate programs as a priority within the draft Operational Framework, noting that it is within the mandate of AU's 2016-21 SP.

The Board would like to see "vibrant programs" expanded on.

Recruitment Strategy – Quarterly Report

The Board received a progress report on AU Recruitment Strategy with updates on established targets.

B. Krmpotich, attributes some of the growth in international recruitment from focusing on a smaller group of countries where AU felt there was potential. Other factors include stronger relationships that have developed with international recruiters and more flexible and aggressive pathways.

It was suggested by the Board that future reports should include aboriginal student numbers as a separate statistic.

Prioritizing Mental Health supports services on campus over the next months could be seen as a valuable recruitment & retention tool.

Executive Compensation Policy – The composition of this ad-hoc committee is complete. A meeting will be set for the near future. A draft of the proposed policy will come to the April Board meeting.

Fundraising Report- The Board received the AU Foundation report. The report included an overview, history, highlights of the foundation and identified objectives for the Foundation office as relating to AU's 201-21 SP.

The idea of establishing a Fundraising Committee was briefly discussed. A Terms of Reference proposal will be prepared and reviewed by the Board Executive.

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Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA)- The draft SMA agreement and appendices were received this week. The SMA advisor will be setting up initial meetings with Universities soon. AU will be hiring a consultant to assist with the SMA process.

ITEMS FOR DECISION/ACTION ITEMS

Finance Committee

Operating Statements

MOTION: Nadeau/Avery

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the Operating Statements as of December 31/2016.

Carried.

Nominating and Governance Committee

Policy for Approval of Board Members – the policy is presented with updates as recommended by the NG committee.

Board suggested that wording on "interviewing" potential members be added to the policy, and suggested further review of the NG cmt.

MOTION: Shoemaker/Pitcher

The Nomination and Governance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the Policy for Approval of Board Members as presented.

Carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board received the following information items:

- Five year Enrolment Projection and Budget Update
- Policy Review Cycle
- Sexual Misconduct Policy Information
- Enrolment Report

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Nadeau/Avery

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the February 2-2017 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Plastino/Nogalo

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sayers/Roach

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That the February 2-2017 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.
Carried.