

**Algoma University, Board of Governors  
Meeting of January 22-2015  
Doc Brown Lounge**

**Open Session**

**Present:** A. Plastino (Chair) T. Lavoie, R. Myers, W. Johnston, R. DeRosario, L. Bell-Murray, P. Boniferro, M. Muncaster, C. Sayers, R. Linklater, Mark Nogalo, A. Vezina, W. Barnes, D. Mitchell, P. Nolan, A. Avery, S. Shoemaker, C. Denomme, J. Caicco, D. Fecteau

**Absent:** G Walsh, S. Roach, C. Chevrier-Cachagee

**Guests:** S. Dwyer, N. Landon

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

**Chairs Comments**

The Chair welcomed new Board member Duane Fecteau present at the meeting.

The Chair also welcomed AUSU representatives, Yasir Garwan, AUSU President and Baffa Yusuf, Vice President External.

**Presidential Search-**The Presidential search is progressing well according to the established timeline. The search committee arrived at a short list of six from the original list of +30 that the search consultant had reduced to a long list of 10. One of the six withdrew their application, leaving five candidates for the first interview. Three candidates have been invited back for a second interview scheduled for Jan 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>/2015. The search committee will arrive at a preferred candidate following these interviews

**AU/SCAAT Collaboration** – The MTCU has given support for engaging in an independent study to review opportunities for collaboration. We are in the process of finalizing the details of such a study with an approach of biasing the study towards more internal participation but with external input. The view is that between AU and SCAAT there is adequate background, expertise and resources to study collaboration. Participation of an independent third party is essential however, to ensure all possible opportunities are uncovered and vetted from an external perspective. This approach will result in a lower cost. Due to the current transitional state at AU, the timing of this study has yet to be determined.

**AU Student Awards** – Plastino attended the student awards celebration held at Algoma's Water Tower Inn on January 21/2015. The Chair noted how great it was to see so many donors and supporters of Algoma University at the event. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony. The student recipients of the awards were genuinely pleased by the ceremony and by the generosity of the donors.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Johnston/Lavoie

To approve the OPEN consent agenda of January 22/2015 as presented.

**Carried.**

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

T. Lavoie raised a concern regarding the timing of financial information being disclosed to the Board. Lavoie noted that there is a significant gap in information that is being presented to the Board in regards to the Financial Operating Statements. At the November 2014 meeting of the Board, the Board received the September 2014 operating statements. It is now January and the Finance committee has not met since November and, therefore, there are no Operating Statements presented at this meeting. The next opportunity for the Board to review and receive operating statements will not be until the March 2015 meeting.

This gap of information has occurred since the Board adopted the bi-monthly meeting schedule.

It was noted that the Board approved the Board and Committee meetings dates 2014-2015.

Plastino suggested that this item be put on the Nomination and Governance agenda for review and discussion. Ideally, all Board committee meetings should be held prior to Board meetings to ensure the Board receives the most current information available.

## **RESIDENT'S REPORT**

**A written report for the Board was distributed – January 22-2015.**

Myers encouraged board members to take in as many events as they can during the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Kick-off weekend. The History Lecture that is scheduled for Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>/2015 may be of particular interest to Board members.

Bell-Murray questioned if there would be hires for September to help stabilize the Social Work program. Myers noted that some hires have been made and others are in progress.

Under the *Office of the Registrar report*, it was questioned if AU was in compliance with the Multi Year Accessibility Plan 2014-2019.

Lavoie noted, that once the Foundation/ Essential Elements Campaign is wrapped up there is a need to get the next fundraising plan in place. Lavoie would like to see a Fundraising Plan (targets and objectives) presented at the next Board of Governors meeting in April.

Lavoie noted that it was good to see that a Mental Health collaboration with SCAAT and AU being explored.

Denomme questioned the status of the George Leach Centre expansion project. Myers noted that the general contractor is committed to the completion date of February 9<sup>th</sup>-2015. Following this date, there will be clean up and inspection(s) that will need to take place prior to the official move in date. The elevator will be delayed a couple weeks after the Feb 9/2015 date. Varsity events are being held at the GLC now with the AU teams using the home lockers.

## **NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**Chancellor Selection Committee** – Myers reported that the Chancellor Selection Committee had its first meeting. The Terms or Reference were confirmed. The committee identified the duties and

characteristics of a Chancellor. Myers would like to see a recommendation for AU’s Chancellor at the April Board meeting, in preparation for Installation Ceremony of the Chancellor as part of the June 2015 convocation.

A “call for nominations” has been sent out to the AU community and will be sent to the community at large . Nominations are due by February 16/2015.

**Naming Committee** – In the near future Myers will be confirming the members of a “Naming Committee”. Myers would like to see the unnamed roadways, classrooms, buildings etc as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. The recommendations will go through Board Executive and to the Board for approval prior to June Convocation.

**Board Retreat** – From discussions at the Nomination and Governance committee level, the topic of this year’s Board retreat will focus on *Role of a Board Member and Board Governance*. A facilitator will be in attendance to lead the Retreat. Unfortunately however, less than half of the Board members were available for the proposed retreat date. Considering this and the fact that six Board members are ending their terms in June, it was considered to be more appropriate to host the Board Retreat in the Fall when new Board members could be in attendance and to give current Board members ample notice. A date will be confirmed at the next Nom/Gov meeting and be forwarded to the Board members.

**WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – Consent Agenda**

<b>Board Committees</b>	Board Executive	Tim Lavoie (Chair)	November 3-2014 December 8-2014
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	No meeting to report
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	No meeting to report
	Anishinaabe Peoples’ Council	Evelyn Theriault (Chair)	No meeting to report
	Campus Development Committee	Dom Mitchell (Chair)	No meeting to report
<b>University Bodies</b>	Senate	Rose Linklater	attached

**QUESTION PERIOD**

The March Board of Governors meeting will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> /2015 – notice will be sent to the Board Members.

**MOVE INTO CLOSED**

**MOTION:** Mitchell/Vezina

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the January 22/2015 meeting.

**Carried.**

**MOVE BACK INTO OPEN**

**MOTION:** Barnes/Sayers

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

**Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Johnston/Lavoie

That the January 22-2015 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

**Carried.**