

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of June 25-2015
Doc Brown Lounge**

Open Session

Present: A. Plastino (Chair), A. Avery, S. Roach, T. Lavoie, M. Muncaster, L. Bell-Murray, R. Linklater, M. Nogalo, D. Mitchell, M. Nadeau, C. Denomme, P. Boniferro, A. Vezina, R. DeRosario

Regrets: W. Barnes, W. Johnston, C. Sayers, S. Shoemaker, J. Caicco, J. Buckell, D. Fecteau, C. Chevrier-Cachagee, R. Myers

Guests: S. Dwyer, R. McCutcheon, B. Krmpotich, D. Elmore

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair reminded all that the new President, Dr. Chamberlin, starts on July 1. The Chair commended all on the success of convocation on June 13. Highlights included 252 graduating students, the installation of Chancellor Shirley Horn, and a sound turnout of university supporters. The Chair thanked departing Board members for their service to Algoma University.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Lavoie/Muncaster

That all items listed under the date June 25, 2015 consent agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

No business arising.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report for the Board was distributed – June 25-2015.

The report highlights challenges with international recruitment. It was clarified Algoma University's tuition fees for international students are on the lower end when compared to other Ontario universities. It was suggested Algoma leverage local business connections to India for recruiting purposes.

Finance Committee – Operating Statements of April 30-2015

Dwyer reviewed the Operating Statement Board note.

MOTION: Bell-Murray/Nogalo

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the draft Operating Statements as of April 30/2015.

Carried.

Board Executive Hiring Policy

It was clarified that background checks will be performed at the conditional offer stage and must be initiated by the individual seeking employment. It was suggested background checks for existing faculty may make sense

Motion: Mitchell/Nogalo

The Board Executive recommends to the Board of Governors the approval of the Hiring Policy as presented.

Carried.

Nominating and Governance Committee – Algoma University Board By-Laws

Proposed changes to the Board By-Laws were summarized. These include the removal of the Campus Development Committee (with functions moved to Board Executive and Board Finance), addition of the Human Resources Subcommittee, and a refresh on the Nominating and Governance Committee terms to align with other committees. It was suggested having Board Executive solely responsible for campus planning may be a risk. It was clarified the terms of reference of the Finance Committee address this . Board Executive is charged with the overall vision for campus planning while detailed financial planning flows through Board Finance.

It was agreed to add “/strategy” after “campus development plan” on page 19, Item g), under terms of reference for the Executive Committee.

Motion: DeRosario/Nogalo

The Nomination and Governance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of Version 7.0 of the Board By-Laws as amended.

Carried.

2015 Board of Governors Retreat

It was noted Bonnie Patterson, President of the Council of Ontario Universities, has been asked to speak on future directions for the post-secondary sector at the retreat. In addition, Patricia Bovey, Board Chair for the University of Manitoba, has been asked to speak on Board governance issues. Members were encouraged to send other topic ideas to the Board Chair in advance of the retreat.

2015/16 Board and Board Committee Calendar

A calendar of meeting dates for 2015/16 was included in the Board package.

Policy Approval/Responsibility Guidelines

It was clarified that the document distributed is a summary of all institutional policies. The Nominating and Governance Committee has added a column identifying who is responsible for reviewing/updating, as well as which policies do not need to come to the Board for approval. This chart will come to the Board once per year to ensure policies are reviewed and approved on a regular cycle. It was noted Dwyer’s office is working on a ‘policy on policies’.

Motion: Lavoie/Linklater

To revise the approval bodies for the following policies from “Board of Governors” to “Administration” for the following university policies:

- Social Media Policy
- Policy on Management of Research Grants, Contracts and their Associated Funds
- Use of Information Technology Policy
- Poster and Banner Policy
- Disability Accommodation Policy
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Policy
- Intellectual Property Policy
- Student Athlete Code of Conduct
- Code of Student Conduct (non-academic)

Carried.

2015 Board Self-Evaluation

All were encouraged to complete the online survey. Elmore will send the link out again after the Board meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – Consent Agenda

Board Committees	Board Executive	Tim Lavoie (Chair)	Minutes from April 16
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	No report received
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	May 27, 2015
	Anishinaabe Peoples’ Council	Lori Rainville (Chair)	No report received
	Campus Development Committee	Don Mitchell (Chair)	No meeting to report
University Bodies	Senate	Rose Linklater	No report received

QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked.

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Mitchell/Roach

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the June 25/2015 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Lavoie/Linklater

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: DeRosario/Mitchell

That the June 25/2015 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.