

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of March 5-2015
Doc Brown Lounge**

Open Session

Present: A. Plastino (Chair), R. Myers, W. Johnston, R. DeRosario, M. Muncaster, C. Sayers, R. Linklater, Mark Nogalo, A. Vezina, W. Barnes, D. Mitchell, P. Nolan, S. Shoemaker, C. Denomme, J. Caicco, D. Fecteau, Y. Garwan, J. Buckell

Absent: S. Roach, C. Chevrier-Cachagee, T. Lavoie, L. Bell-Murray, P. Boniferro, A. Avery

Guests: S. Dwyer, N. Landon

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair welcomed new Board member Joe Buckell present at the meeting.

Transition Leadership Advisory Team (TLAT) – A TLAT has been put in place to primarily prepare for the arrival of the new President. The team members have a broad base of experience and knowledge of the University affairs. The TLAT is chaired by Dr. Richard Myers, with members including; Sean Dwyer (VP Finance and Administration, Dr. Richard McCutcheon (Academic Dean), Dr. Celia Ross (former AU President and current AU faculty member). Prof. Jim Gibson (former AU Dean, former AU Acting-President, and retired faculty member. Plastino introduced the TLAT to the Board members.

The TLAT is meeting t on a weekly basis. The meetings are attended by A. Plastino, T. Lavoie and/or A. Vesina.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Linklater/Johnston

To approve the OPEN consent agenda of March 5/2015 as presented.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Fundraising Campaign Plan (targets & objectives)

A Board note was circulated for this agenda item to provide an overview of fundraising at Algoma University.

Essential Elements Campaign

Myers requested that the campaign be redefined to provide formal closure in the light of the fact that the \$1.5 million targeted in the campaign for the Fine Arts and Music Education Centre is no longer relevant. This particular project turned out to be problematic and was ultimately rejected by the University. Declaring the campaign complete will allow AU an opportunity to start a fresh campaign. A donor recognition wall will be unveiled during the 50th Anniversary Celebrations over Convocation Weekend in June.

MOTION: Myers/Linklater

That the target for the ECC be recalibrated to \$4.5 million in recognition that we no longer need to raise funds for the FAME Center, and that the ECC be declared complete.

Carried.

Special Campaign

As discussed at the January meeting of the Board, Myers provided further detail on the restoration project for the Shingwauk Auditorium. The project will entail resurfacing of the walls, restoration of the original hardwood flooring and the removal of the large gallery that the University added in the 1970's. It is estimated that cost for this project will be around \$200,000. Funding for this project is available through Heritage Canada, which will assist with the architectural designs.

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations, AU administration is recommending a special 50th Anniversary Campaign targeted towards this project with a goal of raising \$100,000.

MOTION: Myers/Mitchell

That the Board approve a special 50th Anniversary Campaign aimed at raising \$100,000 toward the restoration of the Shingwauk Auditorium.

Carried.

In the coming months the AU Fundraising / Foundation Office will be undergoing an external review to assess whether changes to the normal practices and activities might allow for an upward adjustment of fundraising targets.

RESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report for the Board was distributed – March 5-2015.

Student Recruitment: Domestic – The numbers presented in the President's Report are current numbers for 101's and 105's. The number of accepted offers, year on year stands at 47 in comparison to 52. Myers noted that there will be challenges ahead and various initiatives to boost domestic recruitment are being explored.

Student Recruitment: International-No enrollment numbers for international students are available at this time. It is predicted that year on year the number for international students will be substantially down.

Varsity – AU currently has 103 students enrolled that also complete in CIS athletics. That number has doubled since our switch from OCAA to OUA athletics.

Marketing and Communication – It was noted that the Director of Marketing and Communication has submitted his letter of resignation. Succession planning has been discussed amongst senior administration and within the TLAT. The alternatives being explored include immediately hiring a replacement or putting in place a temporary structure until the new President has an opportunity to review the organization and decide on a permanent approach.

It was noted that the university's three Collective Bargaining Agreements are due for renewal July 1/2015. The Ad-Hoc advisory committee has met to start discussions.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION

Chancellor Selection Committee – Myers reported that the Chancellor Selection Committee had received 16 distinguished names for nominations to this role. The committee has met to review the list and has come to a decision on a recommendation. The selected candidate has accepted the nomination. The formal installation of the Chancellor will take place during the June 2015 Convocation.

Finance Committee – S. Dwyer reviewed the Operating Statement Board note.

The number of unoccupied beds at the Downtown Residence (DTR) was noted.

It was noted that without the Downtown Residence rooms, the current number of occupied beds there could be absorbed by the on-campus residences.

The Board Finance committee and the VP Finance and Administration will review the operating costs of the DTR and explore alternatives that address an overall reduction in residence costs. A report with recommendations will be prepared and presented to the Board

MOTION: Myers/Barnes

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

Carried.

Foundation Fundraising Update – Essential Elements Campaign

A Boardnote was submitted for information.

Board Executive

Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy and Program

Motion: Myers/Muncaster

The Board Executive recommends to the Board of Governors the approval of the Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention Policy and Program.

Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION – Consent Agenda

Board Committees	Board Executive	Tim Lavoie (Chair)	January 12/2015
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	January 28/2015
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	January 214/2015
	Anishinaabe Peoples'	Lori Rainville (Chair)	No report

	Council		
	Campus Development Committee	Dom Mitchell (Chair)	No meeting to report
University Bodies	Senate	Rose Linklater	February 6/2015

QUESTION PERIOD

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Mitchell/Sayers

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the March 5/2015 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: DeRosario/Myers

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Denomme/Mitchell

That the March 5/2015 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.