

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of November 28 - 2013
Doc Brown Lounge**

Open Session

Present: T. Lavoie, R. Linklater, R. Myers, A. Plastino, S. Shoemaker, W. Johnston, C. Denomme, P. Nolan, L. Bell-Murray, W. Barnes, S. Roach, C. Chevrier-Cachagee, P. Boniferro,

Absent: G. Walsh, J. Caicco, R. DeRosario, C. Sayers, D. Mitchell

Guest: S. Dwyer, N. Landon, D. Schantz

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chair welcomed Wayne Barnes to the Algoma University Board of Governors.

The Chair noted that he would like to see more formality with respect to the Board of Governors packages, he requested that committee chairs have agenda items and materials prepared 10 days prior to the meeting date, in order to prepare and meet distribution deadlines the meeting package. The Chair also noted that there will be no items added to the Agenda after the agenda is distributed.

The Chair noted that a Board Orientation is scheduled for December 10, 2013 for new members, and extended an invitation to all members of the Board as a refresher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Plastino/Chevrier-Cachagee

To approve the OPEN agenda November 28, 2013 as presented

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Linklater/Shoemaker

To approve the minutes of October 3, 2013.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Board Self- Evaluation / Institutional Plan – Strategic Priorities – The Chair presented, a Board Note and a Self-Evaluation Report to the Board for consideration and approval.

A comment was made that survey results may be too vague in the way they are presented, if the results are not spelled out as action items, a concern is that some of the recommendations may get lost if there is no specific action plan attached to the individual recommendations.

It was proposed that each committee of the Board review the results and take away items that belong to each committee, with set dates and parameters, for committee feedback.

It was noted that some of the items are not action items, some are individual items for Board members. It should be incumbent on each Board of Governors member to act accordingly. The idea of giving an update of the list of these specifics at each Board meeting was discussed.

Lavoie noted that the idea of the exercise was to improve the Board of Governors table. The summary of the results was to capture the essence / consensus of what the group was saying.

The Chair and vice-Chair and / or the Board Executive committee will work together to try to implement some of the recommendations.

Committee Chairs are asked to review this document with their respective committees at the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION Linklater/Plastino

That the Board accepts the updated Self Evaluation Report as written and adopt the recommendations.

Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Myers distributed the November 2013 Presidents Report.

NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

Operating Statements

MOTION: Linklater/Denomme

The Finance Committee recommends the Operating Statements as of October 31, 2013 to the Board of Governors for approval.

Carried.

Draft Audited Financial Statements of the pension plan

MOTION: Shoemaker/Denomme

The Finance Committee recommends the acceptance of the draft audited statements of the pension plan as at June 30, 2013.

Carried.

Draft audited financial statements of the Algoma University Foundation

MOTION: Johnston/Shoemaker

The Finance Committee recommends the acceptance of the draft audited statements of the pension plan as at June 30, 2013.

Carried.

Dissolving the AU foundation

Further discussion on this item will continue at the Finance Committee level a recommendation will come to the February 2014 Board meeting.

MOTION: Linklater/Chevrier-Cachagee

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that the Finance Committee develop a proposal to dissolve the Algoma University Foundation.

Carried.

Nominating and Governance

2014 Retreat Planning

Board reviewed and discussed the proposed topics of the 2014 Board retreat. It was decided that the Board would like to see an examination of the broader 10yr landscape. Myers has proposed to bring Ken Steele to campus. Ken is well known in the University Sector as a presenter of post-secondary landscape – future positioning / effective marketing & recruitment. Ken Steele will work with AU to get specifics.

This will be an excellent way to initiate the next round of the AU's 5yr strategic / institutional plan.

The Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday February 8/2014. There is a Senate meeting scheduled for Friday February 7/2014. Myers would like have the opportunity for a general presentation from Ken Steel to Staff, Faculty and Students on Friday Feb 7th, 2014.

Suggestions re timing of Retreat:

1. Retreat following Friday's presentation – into the evening, with a regular Board meeting at a later date
2. Friday presentation, Saturday Retreat- to include Board meeting

The Office of the President will send out a proposal to reflect the above, Board members will be notified of the results.

Recommendation to Finance Committee

MOTION: Plastino/Denomme

The Nomination and Governance committee recommends the appointment of Board of Governors member Wayne Barnes to the Finance Committee.

Carried.

Anishinaabe Peoples' Council

Declaration of Partnership with CSAA

The Board would like to have more information from a historical perspective in regards to the relationships and partnerships with CSAA and SKG/SET.

MOTION: Chevrier-Cachagee/Roach

The Anishinaabe Peoples' Council recommends to the Board of Governors the adoption in principle of the Declaration of partnership with the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association.

Carried

Tenure and Promotions Committee

It is noted that W. Johnston abstained from the Tenure and Promotions Committee considerations as he sits on the committee.

MOTION: Linklater/Shoemaker

The Peer Review Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the awarding of sabbatical leaves from July 1, 2014-December 31, 2014 (6 months) for Dr. Gayle Broad.

Carried

MOTION: Shoemaker/Plastino

The Peer Review Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the awarding of sabbatical leaves from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 (6 months) for Dr. Linda Burnett.

Carried.

MOTION: Linklater/Myers

The Peer Review Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the awarding of sabbatical leaves from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (12 months) for Dr. Istvan Imre.

Carried.

MOTION: Chevrier-Cachagee/Myers

The Peer Review Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the awarding of sabbatical leaves from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (12 months) for Prof. Krishna Kadiyala.

Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

MOTION: Shoemaker/Plastino

That the Board receive and accept the written open session reports for information as attached for the month of November 2013.

Carried.

Board Committees	Board Executive	Armando Plastino (Chair)	Minutes of Sept 16-2013
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	received
	Nominating and Governance	Tim Lavoie (acting Chair)	received
	Anishinaabe Peoples' Council	Evelyn Theriault (Chair)	received
	Campus Development Committee	Don Mitchell (Chair)	No report
University Bodies	AUSA		No report
	SASA		No report

	Senate	Rose Linklater	received
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QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked in regards to the Residence Revenue, is it currently less then what AU had planned?

S. Dwyer answered the question saying that the FNCE committee had asked for a review on R4 in terms of predictions of occupancy, when it was built in June of 2012, AU has not quite met the predicted occupancy rates, this will be monitored as we move along and review the idea of any future builds.

MOTION: Johnston/Shoemaker

That the Board ratify any decision from the Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Johnston/Chevrier-Cachagee

That the November 28/2013 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.