

Open Session

Present: A. Vezina, (Chair), A. Plastino, S. Roach, M. Nadeau, C. Denomme, C. Chamberlin, C. Sayers, B. Teller, P. Antunes, P. Boniferno, S. Horn

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

Regrets: M. Muncaster, M. Nogalo, S. Shoemaker, W. Barnes, B. Asghar, C. Jamieson, A. Avery

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, A. Vezina called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair introduced M. Pitcher and S. Schell. Both have been recommended by the Nomination and Governance committee for positions on the Board. Vezina explained that both had completed the Orientation Session for new Board members and were attending the public Board meeting as part of their orientation.

The Chair shared that she along with Chancellor S. Horn and other representatives recently attended the Archives of Ontario event: *Family Ties: Ontario Turns 150*. This exhibit features Chief Shingwauk as one of the four Ontario families being featured. Vezina described the event as a wonderful tribute to our history and to the Shingwauk family. She thanked those from the University who had worked in partnership with the Archives of Ontario to support the development of the exhibit. The exhibit will make its way to Sault Ste. Marie in 2018.

Vezina also shared with the Board that the CCOU conference was being held on October 28-29, 2016, in Toronto. Vezina and M. Muncaster will be attending on behalf of the AU Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Nogalo/Antunes

That all items listed under the date October 6/2016 consent agenda be approved.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Board Monitoring of Strategic Plan Implementation

The Board received the board note, as prepared by President Chamberlin. Chamberlin noted that the next steps for implementation involve taking the high level objectives from the plan and turning them into action items. The president explained that the implementation of the Strategic Plan would be driven through the President's Council with main responsibilities held by his senior administration team

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S. Dwyer and R. McCutcheon. In the upcoming weeks, Chamberlin will also be calling a special meeting of the President's Council to focus on the Strategic Plan implementation and monitoring and suggested that specific monitoring reports be prepared at the 100 day, six month and one year marks. Chamberlin indicated he plans to have an action plan for implementation completed by February 2017.

Some Board members suggested that the date of February 2017 for the development of an action plan was excessive and questioned why it would take so long to get action plans in place when the strategic plan was approved by the Board in June, 2016. Chamberlin indicated that he would consider this and could move the date up but his goal was to align the implementation of the Strategic Plan to the April 2017 Budget.

The Board stressed the importance of accountability and monitoring when establishing the 'action plan' and suggested that the President ensure the use of SMART goals with timelines that would measure the implementation efforts/impact going forward.

The Board requested that the implementation of the strategic plan be a standing agenda item for future Board meetings alongside enrolment and recruitment.

Enrollment Update

Board members received an Enrolment update as of September 19-2016.

Student Recruitment Strategy

The Board received a 3 month progress report with updates on established targets.

Local secondary student enrolments were up from projections, varsity athletics were acknowledged for doing a great job recruiting American students. The increase in "Other International", is mainly from Japan and Korea.

Areas for further focus include: college grads/transfer students, GTA students, and students from Saudi Arabia (due to the changes in scholarship funding).

Krmpotich noted that the Recruitment team will be reviewing the establish targets for the identified international markets.

Policy Review Cycle

Board members reviewed the Policy Review Cycle for information. The Board identified a number of policies that remain outstanding. The Boards expectation is that by the end of year two (April 2017) all policies will be reformatted and updated.

Ontario Student Grant/OSAP

The Board was presented with a board note outlining current changes in OSAP funding for information.

Executive Compensation AU Policy Development Strategy

Information on the Broader Public Sector's Executive Compensation Framework was presented to the Board for information. Once further guidance is received from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), the Board will need a strike a committee to focus on the development of this Policy.

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Algoma University By-Laws 7.0

The “Past-Chair” will be removed as from the By-Laws as presented as an Officer of the Board. The Board needs to establish clarity around the role of the Past Chair and define list of duties for the position.

MOTION: Plastino/Antunes

To approve the Algoma University By-Laws 7.0 as amended.

Carried.

AU Board Retreat

Details for the upcoming AU Board Retreat were shared and governors asked for feedback on the planning to date. The agenda includes a presentation by Laurentian University sharing their lessons learned specific to successful strategic plan implementation; a learning opportunity for governors on the history of Algoma University and the importance of SET and CSAA partnership; and a presentation by Michael DeGagne on Truth and Reconciliation and the role of the Board. Vezina indicated that once plans were finalized a detailed agenda will be circulated.

AU Board Member – Senate Representative

The Board was reminded that the Senate representative position remains vacant; governors were encouraged to notify the nomination and governance committee through Steven Shoemaker if interested.

President’s Report – The President provided a written report.

NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

Draft Audited Financial Statements

There were not known risks identified for the institution based on the audit.

It was noted through the presentation that the University is in need of an upgrade to its accounting software.

MOTION: Plastino/Roach

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the approval of the Draft Audited Financial Statements as at April 30, 2016.

Carried.

MOTION: Antunes/Plastino

The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the approval of the appropriation of the surplus of \$1,290,221 for future capital projects.

Carried.

Operating Statements

MOTION: Nadeau/Plastino

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The Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the acceptance of the Operating Statements as of August 30, 2016.

Carried.

QUESTION PERIOD – no questions

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Nadeau/Plastino

That the Board move into the Closed Session of the October 6/2016 meeting.

Carried.

MOVE BACK INTO OPEN

MOTION: Plastino/Roach

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sayers/Roach

That the October 6/2016 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.