

**Algoma University, Board of Governors
Meeting of September 25/2014 – 2014
Doc Brown Lounge**

Open Session

Present: T. Lavoie, R. Myers, A. Plastino, S. Shoemaker, W. Johnston, , J. Caicco, R. DeRosario, S. Roach, C. Chevrier-Cachagee, C. Denomme, , L. Bell-Murray, P. Boniferro, M. Muncaster, , R. Linklater, Mark Nogalo, A. Avery, A. Vezina

Absent: P. Nolan, D. Mitchell, W. Barnes, G Walsh, C. Sayers

Guests: S. Dwyer, N. Landon

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Chairs Comments

The Chair welcomed Amanda Avery, Asima Vezina, and re-welcomed Mark Nogalo.

The Chair noted that he had attended the June 2014 Convocation. The venue was superb and he enjoyed seeing the smiles on the faces of Algoma University's 200 graduates.

The Chair recently attended the Induction Ceremony. This ceremony welcomes all new students, staff and faculty to Algoma University and each receive a ceremonial scarf.

The Chair noted the resignation of the Vice-President Academic and Research. It has not been decided on how and when AU will fill the vacant position. The President has agreed, in the meantime, to handle the responsibilities of the VPAR's Office.

Rick McCutcheon, the new Academic Dean arrived on campus His role as Academic Dean does not begin until January 2015 in August 2014. In the meantime he is teaching two courses and is familiarizing himself with AU.

The Presidential Search is underway – full update as an agenda item.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy over the summer months – full update as an agenda item.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Linklater/Lavoie

To approve the OPEN agenda of September 25, 2014 as presented.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Sayers did not attend the June 2014 meeting.

MOTION: Myers/Muncaster

To approve the OPEN minutes, of June 19/2014, as amended.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Chancellor- The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Note and Terms of Reference (TOR) as presented for a Chancellor Selection Committee.

A review of comparator University's TOR's showed that most Chancellor Selection committees are made up of equal numbers of Senators and Board members. Through discussion at the Board table it was determined that the Board-Senate Liaison committee could be the base for this committee.

Membership for the Chancellor Selection Committee is as follows:

- Members of the current Board Senate Liaison Committee
- The Chair of the Anishinaabe Peoples Council
- The President of the University
- The President of AUSU (or designate)
- The Board Chair

The TOR's will be updated to reflect the new membership. The committee should aim to have a Chancellor appointed for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

MOTION: Myers/Lavoie

To approve the Terms of Reference for the Chancellor Selection Committee with the duties as presented and with the amended Membership.

Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Update – Fall enrollments are projected to be 4.5% ahead of last year. As of today, September 25/2014 enrollment is 3.6% ahead of last year . The 2014-2015 budget was based on a 2.7% increase.

Orientation Week – It was noted that AU has not done enough in the past to recognize the history of it's site/location. This year there was a 1.5hrs time slot dedicated, where students were provided with a history brief and visited various historical locations on campus. Students were also acquainted with the Special Mission of AU.

Brampton – overall enrollment for Brampton is at 110 students.

Ontario University Fair (OUF)- Myers noted that historically AU's participation in the OUF does not directly result in attracting a significant number of students to AU . This year, AU therefore decided to reduce it's cost of attending OUF by scaling down the AU booth which also required less personnel to attend.

IT Grads - Myers is exploring a collaboration with the City's SAP lab for business and IT students. While 12% of AU students are in the Computer Science program, the average for other Universities is 2.5%.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DECISION

Finance Committee

Operating Statements- S. Dwyer noted that several departments went over budget, however, overall spending is still well under budget.

MOTION: Bell-Murray/Shoemaker

The Finance committee recommends the acceptance of the draft Operating Statements as of April 30/2014.

Carried.

CSAA Presentation – The Board received a letter from the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association in regards to a renovation and restoration project within the Shingwauk Auditorium. The CSAA would like to transform the current Auditorium space in to a national level archival center for people to visit and learn about the history of the Residential School. The CSAA envision the Auditorium operating as a fully functional theatre and auditorium that will be remodeled to recognize the experience and memories of residential school survivors while at the same time being able to accommodate its' current uses.

The Algoma University Board endorses further exploring the concept presented along with various options..

Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) – The Board was provided with an Interim Report on the SPC work to date.

The report summarized and outlined the Mission Statement, the results of the SWOT analysis with its key points, a proposed Strategic Direction, and outlined the next steps.

Board members engaged in discussion and offered suggestions as to what other elements could be considered in the strategic plan as the process of further developing the plan continues.

It was further suggested that at the appropriate time a session of the Board be convened to further discuss the key points of the Strategic Plan.

MOTION: Lavoie/Shoemaker

To accept the draft report and to move forward with the next steps as outlined in the report.

Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

MOTION: Myers/Linklater

That the Board receive and accept the written open session reports for information as attached for the month of September 2014.

Carried.

Board Committees	Board Executive	Armando Plastino (Chair)	June 5/2014 July 7/2014 Aug 11/2014
	Board Finance	Lisa Bell-Murray (Chair)	June 25/2014
	Nominating and Governance	Steven Shoemaker (Chair)	No meeting
	Anishinaabe Peoples' Council	Evelyn Theriault (Chair)	No meeting
	Campus Development Committee	Dom Mitchell (Chair)	No meeting
University Bodies	Senate	Rose Linklater	Sept 12-2014

QUESTION PERIOD

MOVE INTO CLOSED

MOTION: Lavoie/Myers

That the Board ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Linklater/Sayers

That the September 25, 2014 meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Carried.