

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- Present:** S. Schell (Chair), P. Quesnele (Secretary)
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| Y. Alphonse | M. Moraca | M. Turco |
| R. Assiniwai | J. Pastore | A. Vezina (President) |
| P. Dupuis | M. Pitcher | |
| S. Kousta | S. Schell | |
| B. Lloyd | H. Stevenson | |
- Regrets:** J. Belisle, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, M. Nadeau, E. Pitcher, P. Sewell, S. Taylor
- Guests:** R. Battisti, C. Fowler, S. Gruner, H. Huskins, D. Rogers, M. Wabano-McKay, K. Rousseau

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territories

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on sacred lands set aside for education as envisioned by Chief Shingwauk for our children and for those as yet unborn.

1.1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all governors and guests and reflected on the progress made during this fiscal year, and acknowledged the work underway by the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee to extend the Strategic Plan to 2023 with the anticipated final review scheduled for the June 2021 Board meeting.

1.2 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None.

1.3 Consent Agenda

- 1.3a OPEN Agenda for meeting dated March 31, 2021
- 1.3b OPEN Minutes (Special) - Dec 16/20 [**Appx. 1**]
- 1.3c OPEN Minutes - Jan 28/21 [**Appx. 2**]
- 1.3d OPEN Minutes - Mar 11/21 [**Appx. 3**]
- 1.3e Written Reports from Board Committees and University Bodies [**Appx. 4**]:

Committee/University Body	Chair	Report
Board Executive	M. Moraca	i. OPEN Jan 19/21
Board Finance	S. Taylor	ii. OPEN Jan 19/21
Board Finance	S. Taylor	iii. OPEN Feb 9/21
Nominating & Governance	E. Pitcher	iv. OPEN Nov 4/20
Anishinaabe Peoples' Council	T. Kakapshe	v. Dec 3/20
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MOTION: *That all items listed under the date March 31, 2021 'Consent Agenda' be approved as recommended.*

Moved by: M. Moraca

Seconded by: M. Turco

Carried.

2.0 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

March President's Report [LINK]

The President provided a high level overview of the updates related to each of the five strategic priorities. The Board thanked the President and her teams for the progress made in each of the areas.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Board Education - Shingwauk Site History & Partnership:

- **Shingwauk Education Trust [Appx. 5]**

The President and Chair, as part of the Board education series related to the Shingwauk site history and partnership, introduced H. Huskins, Vice President of Shingwauk Education Trust (SET). H. Huskins provided an overview of the SET, Chief Shingwauk's vision, the Covenant and its Addendum. An opportunity was provided for the Board to ask questions.

3.2 Research Advisory Committee Presentation:

- **Dr. Sheila Gruner, Associate Professor, CESD Department [Appx. 6]**

Dr. Gruner provided an overview of her research and funding related to current projects including her work with the Colombian Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Co-existence and Non-Repetition; the Experience of Exile and the Truth Commission in Canada; and Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Peoples in Colombia. She explained how this connects to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Board expressed their appreciation for the important research underway.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Calls to Action Working Group Update

The Chair provided an overview of the establishment of the working group and invited M. Wabano-McKay, Nyaagaaniid Vice-President, Anishinaabe Initiatives, Equity and Student Success, to provide a brief update on the efforts thus far. A preview of the draft was presented which included designs for an interactive, digital booklet that will outline Algoma University's progress in its commitments to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action since 2017 and beyond, along with infusing the voices of the Shingwauk Residential School Survivors throughout. The final version is anticipated to be ready in June 2021.

4.2 Recommendations from the Nominating & Governance Committee:

- **Following Board Retreat**

The Chair outlined that the Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee Chair, E. Pitcher, was unable to attend the Board meeting but that she would be delivering this recommendation on behalf of the two of them. The Chair outlined that since the last Board retreat, discussions have been ongoing at the Nominating and Governance Committee meeting wherein considerations of EDI, our Special Mission, Strategic Plan and tri-campus footprint were ongoing

with respect to the Board’s composition. The committee is highlighting the need to take a pause to look at the board composition to ensure that it reflects the university and the communities we serve, and that it aligns with the Strategic Plan and current reality of the university. The committee would like to review this closely in line with best practices, rather than simply continuing with past practice, in order to ensure that the Board is attracting members with the skills set, perspectives and lived experiences that will enhance discussions and decision making. As a result, the committee has recommended a slight pause on proceeding with any new Board member recruitment until recommendations are finalized in the upcoming months.

5.0 ITEMS FOR DECISION / DISCUSSION

5.1 Debt Management Policy [Appx. 7]

R. Battisti outlined the report and advised that the policy will aid the university in making informed and responsible borrowing decisions. He advised that a holistic approach was used to establish this policy which included market research, discussions with the Finance Committee and a consultant.

MOTION: *That the Board of Governors accept the Debt Management Policy dated March 23, 2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee.*

Moved by: M. Pitcher

Seconded by: P. Dupuis

Carried.

5.2 Reserve Management Policy [Appx. 8]

R. Battisti outlined the purpose for the policy to set principles and thresholds for various reserves to mitigate risk.

MOTION: *That the Board of Governors accept the Reserve Management Policy dated March 23, 2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee.*

Moved by: J. Pastore

Seconded by: B. Lloyd

Carried.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS ITEMS - N/A

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 English Final Assessment Report [Appx. 9]

7.2 History Final Assessment Report [Appx. 10]

7.3 Music Final Assessment Report [Appx. 11]

7.4 CCOU Professional Development Opportunity (Virtual)

- Save the Date: Friday, June 18 (10am-12pm)

Questions on Information Items

None.

8.0 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: *That the Board move into the CLOSED Session*

Moved by: B. Lloyd

Seconded by: J. Pastore

Carried.

17.0 APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: *To approve the motions that were made in the CLOSED Session.*

Moved by: P. Dupuis

Seconded by: M. Pitcher

Carried.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

The President and Chair recognized M. Nadeau for tenure on the Board and expressed their sincere thanks on behalf of the Board and the University.


MOTION: *That Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.*

Moved by: B. Lloyd

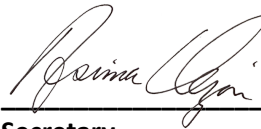
Seconded by: J. Pastore

Carried.

SIGNATURES



Chair



Secretary