

Open Board of Governors Minutes

Algoma University - Board of Governors

Nov 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM EST

@ Virtual

Attendance

Members Present (Remote):

Paul Dupuis, Rebekah Gwynn, Sonja Kosuta, Rose Linklater, Mike Moraca, Jake Pastore, Elaine Pitcher, Mark Pitcher, Shelley Schell, Hugh Stevenson, Shannon Taylor, Mario Turco, Asima Vezina

Members Absent:

Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik

Guests Present (Remote):

Craig Fowler, Andrew Judge, Paul Quesnele, Donna Rogers, Kramer Rousseau, Mary Wabano-McKay, Colin Wilson

1. MEMBER'S MEETING

 [BOG - Member's Meeting Agenda - Nov 25, 2021.pdf](#)

2. OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

2.1. Acknowledgement 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.

2.2. Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair reminded Board members of the communication memo indicating that all Board related meetings will continue with virtual delivery at least until the end of the current cycle (June 2022) or until public health protocols regarding COVID-19 are lessened.

2.3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion:

To approve the motions that were made in the Closed Session.

Motion moved by Mario Turco and motion seconded by Shannon Taylor. Carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Note: The misspelling of M. Wabano-McKay's name within the Open Minutes for September 29, 2021 will be corrected for the final version.

Motion:

That all items listed under the 'Consent Agenda' be approved as amended.

Motion moved by Jake Pastore and motion seconded by Shannon Taylor. Carried.

4.1. OPEN Agenda for Board Meeting

 [Open Board of Governors Agenda - Nov 25, 2021.pdf](#)

4.2. OPEN Minutes for Previous Meeting

 [Open Board of Governors Minutes - Sept. 29, 2021.pdf](#)

5. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT (Presenters: Asima Vezina)


[November 2021 President's Report \(FLIPBOOK VIEW\)](#)

 [Nov 2021 - President's Report.pdf](#)

The President provided an overview of the November 2021 edition of the President's Report, focusing on progress made with respect to six areas of strategic priority focus. The Board expressed their thanks for the thorough report and commended all teams involved for the progress being made in each area.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Researcher of the Month Presentation - Dr. Andrew Judge


 [BOG REPORT OPEN November 25, 2021 Research Presentation-Dr. Andrew Judge combined.pdf](#)

Dr. Rogers introduced Anishinaabe Studies professor Dr. Andrew Judge who provided an overview of his Research to Board members. The Board was very appreciative of the work and thanked Dr. Judge for taking time to share his impressive research with the governors.

7. BUSINESS ARISING - N/A

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION / DISCUSSION

8.1. Academic Plan 2021-2026 (Presenters: Donna Rogers)

 [BOG REPORT OPEN November 25, 2021 Academic Plan 2021-2026 \(combined revised\).pdf](#)

D. Rogers provided an overview of the 2021-2026 Academic Plan. She outlined that extensive consultations with a number of stakeholders including students, faculty, staff, administration, community partners and community members. She advised that this is a living document will guide the academic direction of the university for the next five years.

Motion:

That the Board approves the Academic Plan for 2021-2026 as presented.

Motion moved by Shannon Taylor and motion seconded by Rose Linklater.

Carried.

- 8.2. Gift Donation Policy (Presenters: Craig Fowler, Colin Wilson, Director of Strategic Advancement)

 [Gift Donation Policy - November 2021.pdf](#)

C. Wilson provided an overview of the drafted Gift Donation Policy, outlining that this policy will guide staff on how gifts are received by the university. C. Wilson acknowledged that other policies related to donor acknowledgement and naming rights are forthcoming and will be drafted in consultation with the CRA and other educational institutions. The Board discussed the terminology related to gift donations that are in-kind, as well as the title of the policy. The labelling of the document will be reviewed in relation to other institutions. The Board also discussed the importance of determining the full costs of maintaining potential donations as a part of the criteria to evaluate donations.

Motion:


That the Board of Governors approve the Gift Donation policy.

Motion moved by Rose Linklater and motion seconded by Jake Pastore. Carried.


9. NEW BUSINESS - N/A

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1. Report on the Status of the Implementation Plan - Economics Department, SchoolBE

 [BOG REPORT OPEN November 25, 2021 Report of the Economics Department of the SchoolBE on the status of the Implementation Plan combined.pdf](#)

- 10.2. Anishinaabemowin Executive Summary Report

 [BOG REPORT OPEN November 25, 2021 Executive Summary and Implementation Plan - Cyclical Program review for the Anishinaabemowin Program combined.pdf](#)

10.3. Internal and Unaudited Financial Statements Dashboard - September 30, 2021

 [Internal Financials - September 2021 Dashboard.pdf](#)

10.4. Winter 2022 Board & Senate Retreat Reminder

The 2022 Winter Board & Senate Retreat is scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 28 and the morning of Saturday, January 29. All Board members should prioritize these sessions and RSVP via OnBoard.

10.5. Questions on Information Items

In relation to Information Item 10.1, the Board discussed that receiving additional reports from the various academic schools of the university that provide a high level overview of the current status and implementation of each would be a welcomed addition.

The Chair acknowledged Sault Ste. Marie Police Service Chief Hugh Stevenson was appointed as Member of the Order of Merit of Police Forces and extended congratulations on behalf of the Board.

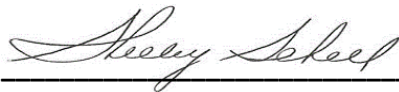
11. ADJOURNMENT (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

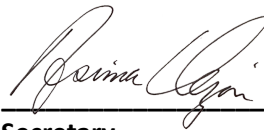
That Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Motion moved by Mario Turco and motion seconded by Shannon Taylor. Carried.

SIGNATURES



Chair



Secretary