

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2009

1:00 pm

Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

George Pedersen, Chair

Jake Kerr, Chancellor

Noel Best

Ron Burnett

Tracy Calogheros

Glenn Entis

Gaye Fowler

Rick Griffiths

Debra Hoggan

Meghan King

Art Perret

John Wertschek

Non-Voting Members:

Michael Clifford, Vice President Finance + Administration

Monique Fouquet, Vice President Academic + Provost

Alisha Walsh, University Secretary

REGRETS:

Ruth Beer

Graham Case

John McLean

David Wotherspoon

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair George Pedersen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved/Seconded to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 29, 2009 as circulated.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Administrative Business item 4 moved to last item on agenda.

Moved/Seconded to approve the agenda with above amendment.

Carried

4. Board Meeting Schedule 2009/10

The Board meeting schedule was distributed for information.

II. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. Motion: Approval of Audited Financial Statements + FTE Enrolment Report

Rick Griffiths reported on the Audit Committee meeting to review the audited financial statements and noted that the GNW fund has been separated from the Emily Carr funds and that the Audit Committee recommends approval of the statements.

Moved/Seconded that the Emily Carr Board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2009 as circulated. **Carried**

Michael Clifford provided an overview of the FTE enrolment report.

Moved/Seconded that the Emily Carr Board approve the audited FTE Enrolment Report 2008/09 as circulated. **Carried**

On behalf of the Board, George Pedersen thanked the Audit Committee members for their hard work.

2. Motion: Approval of Senate Policies

a) Faculty of Graduate Studies + Research: Leave of Absence

Monique Fouquet provided background information regarding the above policy and it was noted that during a leave of absence students are required to pay a nominal fee, however they do not have access to facilities or resources.

Moved/seconded to approve the Faculty of Graduate Studies + Research: Leave of Absence policy. **Carried**

b) Faculty of Graduate Studies + Research: Extension to Time Allowed for Program Completion

Monique Fouquet provided background information regarding the above policy and it was noted that an extension refers to additional time granted for degree completion.

Moved/seconded to approve the Faculty of Graduate Studies + Research: Extension to Time Allowed for Program Completion. **Carried**

3. Nominating Committee Member

George Pedersen provided information regarding the Nominating Committee and reported that Glenn Entis has agreed to contact Board members during the summer to receive nominations and determine members' interest in serving on the Executive Committee.

4. Goal Setting + Review of Draft Evaluation Survey

George Pedersen provided background information regarding Board evaluation and Tracy Calogheros referred members to the draft evaluation form. Members were asked to review the form and provide feedback to Tracy Calogheros who will review the information with the sub-committee with the intent of approving the form and process in the fall. It was noted that the results of the evaluation will assist the Board in being more effective and in developing goals and benchmarks. George Pedersen thanked the sub-committee members for their hard work.

III. REPORTS

1. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor, Jake Kerr reported on the first meeting of the GNW Board of Directors and provided an update on various projects. George Pedersen expressed his pleasure that the Chancellor will be serving on the Board. The Chancellor made note that the above was expressed in confidence.

2. Chair's Report

George Pedersen reported on recent events and meetings, including the Donor Recognition Event, Graduation Ceremony, Board Retreat and a meeting with Sarah Howard of Compton Consulting regarding the Foundation. He reported on his attendance at the Emily Carr Employee Appreciation Event and noted that on behalf of the Board he thanked all employees for their hard work and expressed the Board's recognition of the level of compensation for employees in comparison to other institutions.

3. President's Report

Ron Burnett made an announcement regarding funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC) for the Centre for Moving Interaction which will provide Emily Carr with eligibility for a Canada Research Chair.

Ron Burnett provided an update on the associations developing within the post-secondary system and reported that Emily Carr will be part of an association which will have a secretariat to act as an advocate with the Ministry.

Further updates were provided on the Mitchell Press building lease, strategic planning, sustainability and meetings with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Discovery Parks and BCNet.

4. Finance + Administration Report

Michael Clifford provided notice of motion to increase the graduation fee. Rationale for the increase was provided and it was noted that an extraordinary meeting will be held to review and vote on this item.

5. Academic Report

Monique Fouquet reported on academic activities, strategic planning, the GNW academic committee meeting and the appointment of the Dean of the Faculty of Culture + Community and the Dean of the Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media.

Moved/Seconded to approve the appointment of Susan Stewart as the Dean of Culture + Community.

Carried

Moved/Seconded to approve the appointment of Bonne Zabolotney as the Dean of Design + Dynamic Media.

Carried

6. Audit Committee Report

Rick Griffiths reported that the Audit Committee is expanding into an Audit and Finance Committee and that a new Chair will be required in the fall.

7. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Debra Hoggan reported that John McLean was impressed with the turnout and discussion at the Retreat and thanked Board members and students for participating and Monique Fouquet for her organization of the event.

Monique Fouquet presented information on the Retreat and referred members to the circulated report. It was reported that surveys will be sent out to various community groups.

8. Thank you to Departing Board Members

George Pedersen reported that Noel Best, Tracy Calogheros and Rick Griffiths have completed their terms on the Board. They were thanked for their many contributions and presented with gifts for their dedication to Emily Carr while serving as Board members.

IV. NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 24, 2009

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.