

Open Meeting File 2011-05-19, approved June 16, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Bruce Clarke
Peter Kendrick, Vice Chair
Scott McAlpine, President (ex-officio)
Elizabeth McCausland,
Education Council Chair (ex-officio)
Raj Dehal Nibber
Sydney Tomchenko**
Jim Utley**
Don Valeri
Shelley Williams

Administration

Kathy Denton, Vice President, Academic
Shelagh Donnelly, Executive Assistant to the College Board; recording
Blaine Jensen, Vice President, Educational Services
Karen Maynes, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Guangwei Ouyang, Associate Vice President, International Education
Hazel Postma, Associate Vice President, External Relations
Wanda Sanginesi, Associate Vice President, Employee Relations
Dave Taylor, Director, Marketing and Communications Office (MCO)
Chris Worsley, Director, Finance

Observers

Cathy Pham, DSU

GUESTS

C. Churpita*, K. Churpita*, R. Churpita*, M. Herbold*, P. O'Shaughnessy*

REGRETS

Board Member(s)

Daniel Fontaine
Mary Hemmingsen, Vice Chair
Aiko Lim
Mike Russell
Paul Wates, Chair

Administration

Maureen McGee, Administrative Assistant; administrative support

Observer(s)

Mark Ferley, BCGEU
Sandra Hochstein, DCFA

* departed subsequent to consideration of associated agenda item ** late arrival

1. CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR'S REMARKS

Acting Chair Peter Kendrick called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.; he relayed regrets from those unable to attend, and welcomed guests.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Shelley Williams, seconded by Bruce Clarke, and unanimously resolved, subsequent to the establishment of quorum:

20/2011 *THAT the College Board approve the agenda and approve/acknowledge the following items on the consent agenda*

- 2.1 Minutes of the April 14, 2011 Open Session Board Meeting – approved
- 2.2 Report: Douglas Students' Union (DSU) – acknowledged
- 2.3 Report: College President – acknowledged
- 2.4 Report: Correspondence and Events – acknowledged

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 2010 AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Acting Chair introduced and congratulated Ms. Kelli Chorpita, recipient of the College's *2010 Award for Educational Excellence*. In presenting the award, the Acting Chair noted Ms. Chorpita's exceptional aptitude, achievements and contributions – within Douglas College, as a recently graduated nurse, and in the community at large – and noted accolades from instructors Dan Nagel and Linda von Tettenborn, among others.

3. PRESENTATIONS, cont'd**3.2 SUPERIOR LEARNER PATHWAYS – Performance, Strategy and Risks**

The Vice President, Academic (VPA) presented on one of the key elements of the College's Strategic Plan, Superior Learner Pathways. *A copy of the presentation is contained in Appendix "A".* The VPA reported on the expansion of the SFU (Simon Fraser University) – Douglas College Degree Program and offered details on the Douglas College Foundation Year initiative, which will create a flexible alternative entry point into second year courses. The College has designed the Foundation Year initiative in order to enable students to enter a program in its second year of courses without loss of credit. Extensive discussion ensued, and the VPA and her colleagues responded to queries posed by the Board.

Reference: <http://www.douglas.bc.ca/ways-to-study/sfu-douglas-degree-program.html>

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Douglas College 2010 – 2015 Strategic Plan: Update

The President reflected on reports contained in the agenda package and highlighted the College's ongoing progress in attaining student Full Time Equivalent (FTE) goals.

5. FOR REVIEW/APPROVAL**5.1 Douglas College Student Aid**

Board members considered and asked questions of a report on student aid provided by the College. The Vice President, External Relations prepared the report subsequent to expression by the Douglas Students' Union (DSU) Constituency Group Leader, during the April 2011 Board meeting, of students' concerns over affordability of education and financial demands. Board members asked that the College provide, at an upcoming meeting, an income statement/cash flow summary for the Douglas College Foundation.

6. OTHER REPORTS**6.1 Report: Board Executive and Governance Committee (BEGC)**

The Acting Chair advised that he would provide a report during the in camera meeting.

6.2 Report: Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

Committee Chair Peter Kendrick reported that the Committee, which typically meets monthly from September to June, had no need of a meeting in the month of May 2011.

6.3 Report: Human Resources Committee (HRC)

The Acting Chair noted the absence of Committee Chair Mike Russell.

6.4 Report: Chair, Education Council

Education Council Chair Elizabeth McCausland responded to questions of her report on Education Council's approval of revisions to the Academic Performance Policy. Education Council approved a reduction of the cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) threshold – from 1.70 to 1.50 – below which students are placed on academic probation, since the higher threshold had created challenges rather than encouraging student success.

Language difficulties had been identified as an issue, and placing students on probation at the lower threshold can create opportunities for students to undertake development work and/or repeat a course with the benefit of tutoring support.

6. OTHER REPORTS, cont'd**6.4 Report: Chair, Education Council, cont'd**

Students whose GPA in subsequent courses does not increase sufficiently to be taken off probation will no longer be required to withdraw from the College for a semester; instead, they can choose to meet with the Registrar to develop a remediation plan, which may include a referral to a counsellor. The President observed that this change would enable the College to focus efforts on helping guide students toward success.

6.5 Liaison Report: Douglas College Foundation

Douglas College Foundation Liaison Bruce Clarke reported on the Foundation's recent undertakings.

6.6 College Board Development

The Acting Chair advised that he would offer comments during the in camera meeting.

6.7 College Board: Succession Planning

The Acting Chair reported that the Notice of Position for the Board's July 31, 2011 vacancy had closed, that the College had relayed its recommendation to the provincial Board Resourcing and Development Office (BRDO) and that we looked forward to receipt of the BRDO's recommendations. The vacancy would occur with the conclusion of Mike Russell's service to this Board. The College had also previously submitted recommendations to the BRDO for the reappointment of three Board members – Peter Kendrick, Sydney Tomchenko and Jim Utley – whose current terms would conclude July 31, 2011.

6.8 Board Portal and Reductions to Board Footprint

The Executive Assistant to the Board reported on significant reductions to usage of paper and other resources, and elimination of the Board's need for courier services given this Board's transition away from paper-based operations. She thanked Board members for their patience and support of the transition, which began in March 2010, and noted the contributions of colleagues Victoria Acheson, Ricky Chew, Bryan Hoff and Anne Swinton.

6.9 Board Chair's Report

The Acting Board Chair noted that Board member Rajbinder (Raj) Nibber would be among the graduates whose accomplishments the College would celebrate during its June 2, 2011 graduation ceremonies, and extended congratulations to Ms. Nibber, who had already secured employment as a nurse. The Acting Chair advised that the College's first two Honorary Fellows, Tim Agg and Bill Hughes, would be honoured during afternoon ceremonies on June 1 and 2, 2011.

7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m., with the next Open Session meeting confirmed for a 5:00 p.m. start in the New Westminster Campus boardroom on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

CHAIR

PRESIDENT