

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2009

It was moved by Michael Hwang, seconded by Bruce Clarke and unanimously resolved:

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THAT the minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting be approved as distributed.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising.

7. INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION**7.1.1 BC Government and Service Employees' Union**

Mark Ferley reported that his nomination for a two-year term as BCGEU Chair had recently been approved, and the Chair congratulated him on this news.

7.1.2 Douglas College Faculty Association (DCFA)

The Chair acknowledged Peter Wilkins' report and invited questions; there were none. Peter Wilkins extended a welcome to the new Board members.

7.1.3 Douglas Students' Union (DSU)

The Chair reported that DSU representative Alessandro Iachelli was writing an exam rather than attending the evening's Board meeting, and acknowledged his written report.

8. REPORTS**8.1 Board Chair**

The Chair reported on the October 23, 2009 meetings at the David Lam Campus with the Hon. Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development (ALMD), the Hon. Iain Black, Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development, Coquitlam – Burke Mountain MLA Douglas Horne and Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart. These meetings coincided with a visit from His Excellency, the Vice President of Uganda, Prof. Gilbert Balibaseka Bukenya and His Excellency, George Abola, Ugandan High Commissioner to Canada, and all parties were able to meet.

The Chair updated Board members on College events such as *A Class Act*, the *Employee Retirement Dinner* and The Training Group's *Entrepreneur of the Year Awards*. He noted the generous accolades and presentations from the Centre for International Education during the *Board Recognition* evening.

8.2 Education Council**8.2.1 Acting Chair's Report**

Elizabeth McCausland invited questions of her report; there were none.

8.2.2 Education Council Advice to the Board: Mini Budget 2009/10

Elizabeth McCausland elaborated on the advice Education Council provided on the proposed budget.

8.2.3 Board Liaison's Report

Board members looked forward to Liaison Peter Kendrick's return from travels the following week.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chair reminded Board members of upcoming events: the December 3, 2009 *Long Service and Employee Recognition* evening, the December 6, 2009 *5th Annual Envision Financial Light the Lake* event and the December 17, 2009 New Westminster Campus *Seasonal Social* preceding the Board meeting.

12. ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETING

At this point, Paul Wates sought inclusion of an additional agenda item, inviting Scott McAlpine to speak about the new Education Quality Assurance (EQA) designation. Launched by Minister Stilwell on November 17, 2009, this voluntary designation is intended to assure international students of the quality of education at institutions that secure the EQA designation. British Columbia's EQA brand will form part of a national system that is in development.

On invitation, Guangwei Ouyang reported on the rationale for development of such a designation. Canada's ability to recruit international students is hampered in that it is the only country within the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCED) that does not have national educational accreditation. Provincial certification, supported by a national brand logo, will signify quality to international students and their families. Guangwei Ouyang noted that Douglas College will apply for the EQA designation as soon as the mechanism is in place.

13. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair explained, for the benefit of new Board members, that this standing agenda item had been incorporated so that Board members could update one another on matters of College or Board interest. While the question of whether or not to maintain this as an agenda item would be considered at a future meeting, he invited and received Board members' reports and observations.

14. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, December 17, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the New Westminster Campus boardroom. Board members were encouraged to attend the campus-wide seasonal social preceding the Board meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

CHAIR

PRESIDENT