

Seneca

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

Markham Campus
7th Floor Board Room

Wednesday, November 30, 2011
4:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Hogarth, Chair
David Agnew, President
Colleen Fleming, Vice Chair
Richard Goyder, Vice Chair
Ashif Somani, Vice Chair

Thomas Carrique
Henry Decock
Donna Duncan
Zulfiqar Gilani
Richard Lim
Case Ootes
Naki Osutei
Phil Pomeroy (by teleconference)
Frank Robbins
Mike Shaver (by teleconference)
Helen Szumigaj
Tina Tehranchian
Karen Webb

Regrets: Guled Abdulahi
Fariba Anderson
David Tsubouchi

Staff: Daniel Atlin, Vice President, Strategy and College Affairs/Corporate Secretary
Jeanette Dias D'Souza, Vice President, Finance and Administration/Treasurer
Renata Dinnocenzo, Executive Director, Office of the President
Cindy Hazell, Senior Vice President

Guests: Jody Boxall, Director, Financial Services
Tina DiSimone, Dean, Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences
Cindy Fong, Event Coordinator
Antonio Gomez-Palacio, Principal, DIALOG
Corey Long, Manager, Alumni Annual Giving
Wanita Lambert, Event Coordinator
Michael London, A.V. Technician
Krishan Mehta, Executive Director, Advancement and Alumni
Laurel Schollen, Associate Vice President Academic, Educational Excellence
Garbis Yaghdjian, Manager, Media Productions
Angela Zigras, Chair, School of International Business
Susan Zimmerman, Dean, Faculty of Business, Management & Administrative Studies

Recorder: Laura Rutledge, Board Assistant

The Chair called the meeting to order. Announcements were made and feedback was received on Colleges Ontario's Board Orientation, Higher Education Summit and the Premier's Awards.

Jeanette Dias D'Souza introduced Jody Boxall, Seneca's new Director of Financial Services.

David Agnew introduced Mark Jones who showed the short film Ormie. Seneca students from the Animation Program (ANI) and the 3D Animation Program (DAN) were part of the films production. ARC Productions recently announced Ormie would be made into a full feature film.

1. Confirmation of the Agenda

The presentation of the Campus Master Plan was moved to Item #3 on the agenda.

Frank Robbins moved, seconded by Donna Duncan, "That the Board of Governors approve the agenda as amended."

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

2. September 28, 2011 Public Session Minutes

Colleen Fleming moved, seconded by Richard Goyder, "That the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the September 28, 2011 public session."

CARRIED

3. Presentation: Campus Master Plan

Daniel Atlin introduced Antonio Gomez-Palacio, DIALOG, who presented an overview and next steps for the Campus Master Plan. Approval will be considered later on the agenda. The final campus open house is at King Campus on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

The Campus Master Plan will be used to guide decisions regarding capital development over the next 40 years and to foster Seneca's leadership in terms of sustainability, design and access.

4. President's Report

In addition to his written report, the President noted the following:

- elements of the recent throne speech including the 30% tuition rebate for student, its funding impacts and implementation.
- the opening of the Confucius Institute event, noting Henry Decock is a co-director with a member from Northeast Normal University in China.
- the 2011 United Way Campaign closes on Friday, December 2nd with an event to announce the grand total raised.

David Agnew presented photos of his trip to South Korea and China highlighting the roles and opportunities for postsecondary education. He also presented Seneca's Fall 2011 Enrolment Report.

5. Committee Updates

- a) Academic Planning and Student Affairs Committee

The minutes of the October 4, 2011 and November 10, 2011 Academic Planning and Student Affairs Committee meetings and their 2011-2012 work plan were received. Richard Goyder noted certificates were approved for language proficiency in French, Chinese and Spanish.

b) College Affairs Committee

The minutes of the October 18, 2011 and November 15, 2011 College Affairs Committee meetings and their 2011-2012 work plan were received.

College Master Plan:

Colleen Fleming moved, seconded by Case Ootes, "That the Board of Governors approve the Seneca College Campus Master Plan."

CARRIED

Sustainability Statement:

Colleen Fleming moved, seconded by Phil Pomery, "That the Board of Governors approve the College's statement of commitment: 'Seneca College embeds an environmental imperative from its boardroom to the classroom, managing all aspects of its activities by incorporating the ethical perspective of sustainability and the action perspective of regeneration.' "

CARRIED

c) Finance and Administration Committee

The minutes of the October 12, 2011 and the November 16, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee meetings and their 2011-2012 work plan were received.

Travel and Expense Policy:

Ashif Somani moved, seconded by Helen Szumigaj, "That the Board of Governors approve the Travel and Expense Policy."

CARRIED

Independent (External) Auditors:

Ashif Somani moved, seconded by Karen Webb, "That the Board of Governors approve the re-appointment of the firm KPMG as the Independent (External) Auditor to Seneca College for purposes of completing the Main College Audit for the fiscal year 2011-2012; and that the firm YALE & PARTNERS LLP be re-appointed as Independent (External) Auditor to Seneca College for purposes of completing Trust Fund and Small Program Specific Audits for the fiscal year 2011-2012."

CARRIED

6. Internal Elections

a) Returning Officer Appointment

Thomas Carrique moved, seconded by Richard Lim, "That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Hilda Moessner as the Returning Officer for the 2012 internal elections."

CARRIED

b) Policy Revision: Election of Internal Members

Tina Tehranchian moved, seconded by Colleen Fleming, “That the Board of Governors approve the Election of Internal Members Policy.”

CARRIED

c) 2012 Internal Board Member Election Dates

Donna Duncan moved, seconded by Ashif Somani, “That the Board of Governors approve the dates for the 2012 internal Board election activities.”

CARRIED

d) Election Review and Appeal Boards

Call for candidates for the Election Review Board:

Case Ootes moved, seconded by Colleen Fleming, “That the Election Review Board consisting of three current Board Members be approved.”

CARRIED

Call for candidates for the Election Appeal Board:

Case Ootes moved, seconded by Colleen Fleming, “That the Election Appeal Board consisting of three current Board Members not sitting on the Election Review Board be approved.”

CARRIED

The call for candidates to sit on the two Election Boards will be sent to the Board members by e-mail. Membership will be appointed based on the Governors’ responses.

7. Board Work Plan – Revision Summary

The revised Board work plan was received.

8. Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Richard Goyder moved, seconded by Donna Duncan, “That the public session adjourn at 5:43 p.m.”

CARRIED



Chair



Secretary