

Langara College Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023, 5:30 pm
Board Room B141 and via Zoom

Board Members:

Maria Alonso	Tess MacMillan, Chair, Education Council
Mary Lynn Baum	Ian Mass (regrets)
Paula Burns, President and CEO	Raza Mirani
Armor Valor Corrales	Scott Murray
Krishna Dhaliwal	Rose Palozzi
Janelle Dwyer	Cole Rheaume (via Zoom)
Stephen Howard	Melissa Roberts
Michal Jaworski, Board Chair	Sophie Won

Employee Resources:

Margaret Heldman, Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Michael Koke, Vice-President, Administration and Finance

Constituent Groups:

Steven Brouse, Representative, CUPE Local 15/VMECW
Pauline Greaves Aylward, President, Langara Faculty Association (via Zoom)
Rosi Woodley, Chair, Langara College Administrators Association

Guest(s):

Pedro Cabrera Alfaro, Langara Student
Anne Baxter, Director, Organizational Risk and Internal Control
Elizabeth Barbeau, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Community Programs
Eileen Chin, Director, Financial Services
Simone Le Blanc, Director, College Advancement and Executive Director, Langara College Foundation

Recorder:

Alice Hsu, Executive Assistant to the President

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a Quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. He conveyed regrets from those unable to attend and welcomed all guests.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Board Chair acknowledged that Langara College is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. He also acknowledged the Indigenous peoples of all the lands the online participants were calling in from remotely to the meeting. He acknowledged the importance of the lands that we each call home. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility to reconciliation, and to the importance of our relationships with First Nations and Indigenous peoples.

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with *Board By-Law 200: Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest*, Board Members were provided an opportunity to declare conflicts of interest for any agenda item that would relate to the ongoing business of the institution. With none disclosed, the meeting proceeded.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by AV Corrales and seconded by R. Mirani

THAT, the Langara College Board approve the agenda, and approve and acknowledge the items and motions on the consent agenda:

4.1 Minutes of Meeting held March 23, 2023 – Approved

4.2 Chair's Written Report – Acknowledged

4.3 President's Written Report – Acknowledged

4.4 Notice of Election of Board Chair – Acknowledged

4.5 Confirmation of Remittances – Acknowledged

4.6 Greetings from Minister Selina Robinson (March 21, 2023) – Acknowledged

4.7 Former Langara College Board Member Named First King's Counsels – Acknowledged

Carried Unanimously.

5. LANGARA COLLEGE FOUNDATION ANNUAL PRESENTATION

P. Burns introduced S. Le Blanc to give a self-introduction about her background and her role at Langara and provide the Board with an update on the state of the College Advancement Office and the Langara College Foundation. During her presentation, S. Le Blanc shared the highlights from 2022 noting that the results were from the work done in 2021 or even 2020; success stories of the Writer in Residence program and the Studio 58 seat campaign, which are examples of the kind of programs and initiatives that can help elevate the College's profile; her observations on the positive things the College and the Foundation have and areas for improvement that will lead to the work the Foundation team will be doing in the next 12 – 18 months, and their goals for 2023/24. At the end of the presentation, S. Le Blanc shared some stats on the impact of the Langara employees giving noting that roughly one in four Langara employees are making their gifts and the College's decision to match employee donations is a huge incentive to the College community.

Discussions ensued. In response to the Board members' questions, S. Le Blanc shared her thoughts on how the College Board can get involved and help connect with potential prospects, and advised what the Board can expect in the next Foundation update. P. Burns added that Langara has many great programs to offer and it would be great if we could find ways to seek donors who would be interested in innovation and can support larger projects.

The Board Chair thanked S. Le Blanc for her presentation and all the work she has been doing for the College and the Foundation. ML Baum, who also sits on the Langara College Foundation Board, added her appreciation to S. Le Blanc's leadership and the efforts made to turn the ship in a slightly different direction, and recognized that changes could take time to see the results.

S. Le Blanc thanked the Board for their recognition and encouraged Board members to reach out for any questions.

6. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

The Board Chair referred to his Chair's written report included in the agenda package and thanked all the Board members for taking time to come out for all the College events mentioned in the report. He encouraged Board members to keep doing so and build connections with the College community.

The Board Chair advised that the government is focused on engagement and the Ministry has been keeping in touch and expressing their interest in learning about the sector and doing great things.

Last, the Board Chair provided a debrief on his recent conversation with the Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office (CABRO), who confirmed that two Board members are being renewed for another year, and we should be getting a new Board member sometime in the summer and potentially two more by the end of the year.

5. PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT

P. Burns advised that the Provost search is still ongoing and hoping to have a final candidate in the next few weeks. She then referred to her President's written report attached to the agenda and highlighted Minister Robinson's visit to the College and her participation in the government's launch of the Future Ready Action Plan. She noted that the Minister is very engaging, as well as the Deputy Minister Bobbi Plecas, who recently spent four hours with the BC Colleges Council of Presidents at their Strategic Retreat held in Kelowna. She also provided brief information about the new Future Skills Grant and advised that the College has seventeen programs approved for the Grant that will go live in September 2023, and the information will be available on the College's website.

Lastly, P. Burns encouraged everyone to attend the College's first Pride flag raising event to be held on campus on June 1st and advised that the College will also be raising a Musqueam flag later in June.

8. EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORTS

8.1 Summary Report of Meeting held March 21, 2023

8.2 Summary Report of Meeting held April 18, 2023

T. MacMillan referred to the summary reports attached to the agenda for the Education Council meeting held on March 21, 2023 and April 18, 2023 and highlighted two new courses (HSCI 2207 and HSCI 2230) in Health Sciences to maintain articulation with SFU, a newly created policy F1012 – Program Renewal to guide the renewal process for established programs at the College, a new course (CRIM 2104) in Criminal Justice to meet SFU's requirements, and a name change to a History course (HIST 2234).

T. MacMillan advised that the Education Council elections have all been completed. During the COVID pandemic, they had a difficult time filling the student positions but all required 20 positions are now filled.

In response to a question, T. MacMillan and M. Heldman provided information on the Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA) and DQAB – the Degree Quality Assessment Board and its role.

In response to a question, T. MacMillan and M. Roberts provided information on the new course development process.

It was moved by K. Dhaliwal and seconded by ML Baum

THAT, the Summary Reports of the Education Council meeting held March 21, 2023 and April 18, 2023 be received.

Carried Unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/APPROVALS

9.1 Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

The Board Chair advised that the Audit and Finance Committee has not held any meeting since the last Board meeting. The AFC Chair S. Murray confirmed that there is nothing to report to the Board at today's meeting but many items will be brought forward at the June Board meeting.

9.2 Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC)

a. Summary Report of GNC Meeting held May 11, 2023

The GNC Chair R. Mirani thanked J. Dwyer for stepping in for him in his absence at GNC and Board meetings held in March. He referred to the GNC Summary Report attached to the agenda and highlighted the conversation around Board assessment noting that it is now put on hold and will be revisited after the fall Board retreat where board governance will be discussed.

b. Policies and By-Laws for Five-Year Review

a. Policy 400: Vision and Mission

R. Mirani advised that Policy 400 – Vision and Mission went to GNC for its five-year review and a few minor housekeeping changes were being brought forward to the Board for approval.

In response to a comment about the title of the policy, P. Burns advised that the GNC had discussed a Board Ends policy instead of the Vision and Mission policy but decided to hold off until the Board discussed board governance at the fall Board retreat.

It was moved by S. Murray and seconded by ML Baum

THAT, the Board approve the revised Policy 400.

Carried Unanimously.

10. FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Future Ready Action Plan Announcement

P. Burns advised that her President's Report attached to the agenda had included information on the Future Ready Action Plan. In addition to the Future Skills Grant, the College will also look into other resources available for supporting Indigenous Peoples, workplace innovation fund, and student housing.

P. Burns answered a Board member's question around addressing Indigenous People's workforce priorities, and C. Rheume also shared his knowledge about a social enterprise with housing.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There was no report.

12. STAKEHOLDER MEMBER REPORTS

There was no report.

13. VISITOR'S COMMENTS

There were no comments.

14. NEXT MEETING

14.1 Thursday, June 22, 2023

The next Board of Governors Public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023.

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by AV Corrales and seconded by S. Murray
THAT, the meeting be adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Carried Unanimously.

Michal Jaworski
Chair, Board of Governors

Paula Burns
President and CEO