

# Langara College Board Minutes

## MAY 28, 2015 PUBLIC SESSION

5:00 p.m. Room C408, Boardroom

**Present:** Charlene Barkman Jeff Lowe

David Bowra, Chair Claude Painter
Stacey Edzerza Fox Anthem Postnikoff
Kwin Grauer Vanessa Reakes
Peter Huron Jas Sandhu

Gerda Krause Lane Trotter, President

**Regrets:** Zdenka Buric Jacob Cutts

**Employee** 

**Resources:** Deanna Douglas, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance

Ian Humphreys, Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development

Vivian Lee, Director, Financial Services

Brad O'Hara, Provost and Vice President, Academics and Students

Dawn Palmer, Associate Vice President, Human Resources

**Constituent** Cheryl McKeeman, Representative, Langara Faculty Association

**Groups:** Kristine Nellis, Representative, CUPE Local 15/VMECW

Sue Street, Chair, Langara College Administrators' Association

**Guests:** Julie Longo, Dean, Faculty of Arts

Kajan Karunaneithi, Biology Student

**Recorder:** Diana Falcon, Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors

#### 1. STUDIO 58 PRESENTATION

Board Members received a 30-minute presentation and tour of Studio 58 which included an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and information on the Studio 58 Legacy Fund (document attached).

## 2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board Chair delivered the following acknowledgement that Langara College rests on the land of the Musqueam peoples:

I would like to acknowledge the unceded territory of the hə""əmi"ə" (hun ga mi num) speaking  $x \sim \partial k \partial w$  (Musqueam), on which Langara College is located.

#### 3. CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR'S REMARKS

There being a Quorum present, Chair David Bowra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He conveyed regrets from those unable to attend, and welcomed guest Julie Longo, Dean, Faculty of Arts, and visitor Kajan Karunaneithi, Biology student.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by C. Painter, seconded by P. Huron and unanimously resolved:

# THAT, the Langara College Board approve the agenda and approve/acknowledge the following items and motion on the consent agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of the Public Meeting held March 30, 2015 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 Board Calendar: April 2015 March 2016 Acknowledged

#### 5. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

The Board Chair reported that government have reappointed Kwin Grauer for an additional two-year term to July 31, 2017, and Stacey Edzerza Fox and Jas Sandhu for an additional three-year term to July 31, 2018.

The Board Chair distributed at the table a Statement from the Ministry of Advanced Education dated May 22, 2015 regarding board member expenses (copy attached). Government expectations are clearly outlined in the taxpayer accountability principles introduced in 2014 and board members were reminded of the need for the organization to operate in the best interest of the taxpayers.

C. Painter provided a report on her attendance at the CICan Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 24-26, 2015. Highlights included:

- Manitoba's Institute of Trades and Technology offering high school students the opportunity to attend high school and graduate job ready into a specific trade;
- a mousepad from Assiniboine Community College used as a reference tool for every ACC employee;
- an anti-radicalization plan for colleges; and,
- M. Heldman, Dean, Faculty of Science as a guest speaker on Building Capacity and Awareness B.C. Applied Research and Innovation Network.

The conference provided excellent networking opportunities and the college was encouraged to complete applications for the annual awards to celebrate the achievements of its employees. C. Painter thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the CICan conference and advised that she would summarize and share her notes.

#### 6. VICE-CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

## 6.1 AGB Conference Update

K. Grauer, Second Vice Chair, made a presentation on the AGB conference held in Phoenix, Arizona from April 19-21, 2015 and highlighted his written report attached to the agenda for information. He noted that the pre-conference sessions were insightful and encouraged more board member attendance.

#### 7. PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT

L. Trotter provided a verbal report on the following:

- Education Mission to China from April 1-5, 2015. On April 4<sup>th</sup> Langara College signed a
  Memorandum of Understanding with Maple Leaf Educational Systems (MLES) who
  deliver the BC accredited high school curriculum. MLES has more than 15,000 students
  and was the first Canadian offshore foundational education (K-12) school in that
  country. Minister Wilkinson oversaw the ceremony and announced a \$50,000 jointly
  funded scholarship program that will support MLES graduates pursuing their postsecondary education at Langara.
- Jim Reed, President of BC Colleges announced his retirement effective the end of September 2015. L. Trotter is on the search and selection committee formed by BC College Presidents to find the next President of BC Colleges.
- As part of the First Nations priority of the Academic Plan, the college will be expanding
  its priority registration to First Nations and Indigenous people. This priority
  registration is currently offered to international students and has been instrumental in
  attracting a number of international students that resulted in the achievement of a
  balanced budget and in meeting the provincial government's international student
  enrolment objectives a year early. At the same time, priority registration will also be
  extended to Youth-In-Care students.
- Convocation ceremonies will be held on June 3-4, 2015. Minister Andrew Wilkinson will be a keynote speaker at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> afternoon ceremony.

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 8.1 New Building Task Force

## a) Minutes of Meeting held May 6, 2015

The Chair of the New Building Task Force highlighted the minutes of the meeting held May 6, 2015, attached to the agenda for information. The Chair advised that the Committee received a project status report and budget review of the new building and there were no issues of concern. NBTF members received a tour of the new building site just prior to the Board meeting. The Chair distributed floor plans which identified the different programs that would occupy the space.

## 8.2 Governance and Nominating Committee

## a) Minutes of meeting held April 10, 2015

The Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) highlighted the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2015, attached to the agenda for information. She noted that the Committee discussed the board evaluation tool and will hold a facilitated session on June 19, 2015 to define/ clarify the items listed in the minutes, and use this information to develop a new board evaluation tool.

The Chair also advised that there are two upcoming vacancies on the Board and that the GNC is pursuing one candidate that possesses the competencies the board is seeking. The BRDO has also identified two candidates, and the GNC is working diligently to ensure the candidate they recommend is considered by the BRDO. The GNC will advise the Board once it has received notification from the BRDO.

The GNC received a recommendation to change Board Resolution 317 – Signing Authority Designates back to its original wording as it was clarified that the purpose of the resolution is to provide the college with authority to witness its corporate name (or seal), which only the President and Vice President, Administration and Finance can do, as identified in Section 29 of the College and Institute Act.

#### FOR APPROVAL

## 9.1 Board Resolution 317 – Signing Authority Designates

As per the minutes in item 8 above and as an attachment to the agenda:

It was moved by S. Edzerza Fox, seconded by J. Lowe

THAT, Board Resolution 317 – Signing Authority Designates be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

# 9.2 2015/16 Ministry Mandate Letter

The Board Chair highlighted the final 2015/16 Ministry Mandate Letter, attached to the agenda for information, and advised that a draft had been received by the board in January 2015 for review and feedback to the Ministry. Feedback included a recommendation to remove the wording "bend the cost curve"; however, the wording was not removed from the final document. The signature page was circulated for all board member signatures, and once signed, the letter will be returned to government by their deadline of June 30, 2015 and posted to the Langara College website.

#### 10. FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

## 10.1 Board Academy for Retired Board Members

As outlined in the report attached to the agenda, the President announced the creation of the Board Academy for Retired Board Members. The Academy will re-establish relationships with retired board members, appointed and elected, to ensure that Langara remains connected to one of its key stakeholder/college community groups. Beginning in the fall of 2015, the Langara Board Academy will consist of an annual meeting and social event where a state of the college update will be provided, public recognition of new inductees will occur, and provision of a unique lapel pin only available to retired Board members will be presented.

#### 10.2 Strategic Plan Update

As outlined in the report distributed at the table (copy attached) the Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development provided an update on the strategic plan. In response to questions, he advised that students will be engaged in the strategic planning process and the final strategic plan will come to the Board at its fall retreat.

## 11 EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORTS

The Board Chair reminded Board Members of Section 23 of the BC College and Institute Act that requires Education Council to advise the board on the development of educational policy.

## 11.1 Report of the Meeting held on March 24, 2015

The Education Council Chair elaborated upon the summary report of the meeting held on March 24, 2015 attached to the agenda.

## 11.2 Report of the Meeting held on April 21, 2015

The Education Council Chair elaborated upon the summary report of the meeting held on April 21, 2015 attached to the agenda.

It was moved by K. Grauer, seconded by C. Barkman

THAT, the Education Council Summary Reports for the meetings held on March 24 and April 21, 2015 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

## 12. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

There was no report.

#### 13. CONSTITUENT GROUP REPORTS

There was no report.

## 14. VISITORS' COMMENTS

There was no report.

## 15. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

# 15.1 Next Meeting

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2015.

## 15.2 Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

David Bowra
Chair, Board of Governors
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