Board of Governors Meeting
April 3, 2012
Open Session
Minutes

Board Members Present:
Nicola Gardner, Student Representative
Tejinder Grewal
Tony Gugliotta, 1st Vice Chair
Jim Laurence
Margaret McFarlane
Michael McPhie, Chair
Tajdin Mitha
Rick Roger
Laurie Sterritt
Rob Stevens, Education Council Chair
Keith Van, Student Representative
Kevin Wainwright, Faculty Representative
Don Wright, President

Administration Present:
Paul Dangerfield, Vice President, Education, Research and International
Tomi Eeckhout, Vice President, Human Resources
Pommashe Noel-Bentley, Vice President, External Relations
Lorcan O’Melinn, Vice President Finance and Administration
Joanne Schaap, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors

Regrets:
Carla Reid, Staff Representative
Adam Pion

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Justin Kohlman, Vice President, Student Services
Chris Golding, Vice President, Institute Planning, Learning & Technology Services

Mr. McPhie called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Guests in the gallery were welcomed.

MOTION:
It was duly moved by Dr. Wainwright, seconded and carried “That the Agenda be approved as presented.”

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It was duly moved by Dr. Wainwright, seconded and carried “That the Minutes of the Open Session of Feb. 7, 2012 be approved as presented.”

Mr. McPhie reported that he attended Convocation on Feb. 16. He attended a meeting for Seaspan on March 1st. He has participated in several Foundation meetings, including one connected with the Aboriginal Gathering Place.

Mr. McPhie participated in a conference call of the Human Resources and Compensation

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Committee. On Feb. 8, he was involved in the BCIT Foundation Strategic Planning Session and Board meeting. The following week he attended a PSEA meeting on behalf of Rick Roger, who was not able to attend.

Mr. McPhie has been corresponding with the Board Resource and Development Office to assist in the board appointment process and commence consultations for his replacement, since his term expires on July 31, 2012.

Governors were encouraged to attend Open House on April 13 and 14.

Dr. Wright has been focusing on government relations. The budget was recently brought in, with no change in funding from last year for advanced education, but a 1% reduction for next year, and an additional 1.5% reduction for the following year. The funding from ITA was expected to decrease, but other funding came in recently which allows BCIT to provide the same level of programming. Overall BCIT is in good shape financially. An asbestos claim for $3.3M was just granted to the Institution. The amount was put towards a retirement of debt associated with the downtown campus.

On behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee, Ms. McFarlane reported that the Committee approved the payout of the $10M Bond with the Provincial Treasury Debt Management Group which had an 8% interest rate. BCIT had some unexpected capacity to repay the bond, which results in reduced operating expenses. The payout was done before March 31st year-end.

Mr. Dangerfield presented the annual report of the Research Ethics Board. Of the sixteen files opened by the REB in 2011, fourteen were approved.

Mr. Dangerfield presented the Five Year International Education Plan, Version 2. At the last Board meeting, governors were invited to send in their comments, which were incorporated into the document.

The International Plan will be part of the Strategic Plan, which will be finalized in December 2012. With the potential for expanded e-learning, there could be more capacity for International. Comments were taken from the Board.

Dr. Stevens brought forward a request for program approval for Certificate in Global Business Studies. The original Motion was not passed based on comments expressed by the Board. EdCo will rewrite this proposal reflecting the Board's comments, and bring it back to the Board via email for approval in order to meet the timeline for a September start. Dr. Steven's suggested that many of the questions raised by the Board are likely addressed in the full proposal which is on APRIIO.

AMENDED MOTION:
It was duly moved by Dr. Wainwright, seconded and carried “That the Board of Governors
approve the Proposal for a Certificate in Global Business Studies, provided that EdCo rewrite the proposal within a reasonable length of time, to reflect the concerns of the Board."

Questions and comments may be forwarded to Dr. Stevens.

Dr. Wright brought forward draft Policy 1000 and the accompanying memo from Mr. Mitha. The contents of the memo have been incorporated into the draft policy, which defines BCIT’s policy development and management processes.

**MOTION:**
It was moved by Mr. Mitha, seconded and carried “That the Board of Governors approve the revised version of Policy 1000 as presented.”

On behalf of Mr. Golding, Ms. Zareen Naqvi presented the Key Performance Indicator Report, which is part of the complete report which will be released in the fall. Management is working towards improving the outcomes for specific programs that have challenges, with the assistance of the Director of Program Development and Review.

The Institutional Updates were introduced by the Chair and an opportunity was given for comments by the Vice Presidents.

There was no further business.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair provided an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions. There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved at a meeting of the Board

Secretary

Chair

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