1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   MOTION:

   “That the agenda of Board meeting No. 421 be approved as distributed.”

   Moved by D. O’Donnell
   Seconded R. Somppi

   Carried.

3. **Conflict of Interest**

   No conflicts were declared at this time.
4. Chair’s Remarks

Board members were reminded of the Colleges Ontario 2008 Conference which takes place February 10-11, 2008 in London, Ontario. Interested Governors were asked to contact Mary as a decision will be made at the January Board Executive meeting.

A fundraising dinner was held last night in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission. The guest speaker was Frank McKenna. Our students provided the cuisine and it was a superb event.

Board members were reminded that the Natural Resources Forum will be held on Thursday, January 24th from 1-4 p.m. followed by a dinner with Past Governors.

A reception for Retirees will be held on December 5th from 4-6 p.m. in Rumours. Please feel free to attend.

Due to Governor Hoszowski’s absence, Percy Champagne was asked to cover agenda item #13.1 – the self-evaluation process.

The Chair advised both he and the President will be attending the Colleges Ontario General Assembly meeting on Monday, November 26th followed by a dinner with the new Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, John Milloy.

As an information item, the Board was advised the College’s Christmas Ball being held on December 8th was sold out in one week’s time.

SUCCI has organized the 2nd Annual Stock the Bank Challenge. The Board of Governors has been grouped with the Senior Team. Please feel free to donate canned goods or money prior to December 7th.

5. Approval of Minutes

Follow-up to the Negahneewin Minutes – S.B. Small provided clarification on the inquiry related to barriers to student success. She advised this relates to the admissions criteria as set by the Ministry guidelines and that discussions have taken place internally on how to improve the process for Access students seeking entry into the postsecondary stream.

Clarification was provided by P. Lang – the College was presented with an award from the Ontario Power Authority on November 16th.
MOTION:

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 420 as distributed.”

Moved by L. McLeod
Seconded P. Champagne
Carried.

5.1 Monthly Evaluation Summary – Information item.

6. IN-CAMERA – See item #12.

7. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

7.1 Advisory Committee Minutes – Information only.

7.2 Negahneewin Council Minutes – Information only.

7.3 Advisory Committee Appointments – Information only.

8. ENDS DISCUSSION

8.1 Program Renewal

Alice Clark, Manager of the Centre for Learning and Teaching, provided a in-depth presentation on the College’s program renewal process. She advised the Committee’s overall goal was to look at the self-regulation of programs.

The following members of Academic Council provided reports on the effects of the renewal process as it related to their respective areas:
Bill Gregorash, Program Coordinator, Cook Apprentice Program;
Shirley Stevens, Program Coordinator, Native Child and Family Services Worker Program; and
Gail Murdock, Dean, School of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts.

The staff were commended for their informative presentations.
Graduate Employment Trends

Khaled Sadeddin, Confederation’s new Institutional Researcher, provided a comprehensive report on the 2006 graduate employment profile. The following program clusters were reviewed: Applied Arts, Business, Health Sciences, Indigenous Studies and Technology & Skills. K. Sadeddin advised his next area of research will pertain to trends.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Governance Process Policy Review

M. Gouthro reviewed the proposed modifications to Governance Policies # 1-13. After a brief discussion, the Governance Committee agreed to review the role of the Chair as steward (governing style) in GP5; and to further address the subject of attendance under GP9 – Code of Conduct. It was suggested that it needs to be clear but not legalistic, if possible. It was also noted GP-12 should be Governance Process not Ends.

It was noted that there is a need to review potential changes and additions to the by-laws to ensure harmony between the by-laws, policies and the Charter changes of several years ago. The Board Secretary will continue the review with counsel and bring those to the committee for consideration.

9.2 Executive Limitations Policy Review

9.2.1 EL3 – Compensation – No change.

9.2.2 EL8 – Program & Services – No change.

9.2.3 EL3 – Public Image – No change.

10. Monitoring

10.1 EL 1 – Constraints

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-1 Constraints be accepted.”

Moved by J. Kantola
Seconded by R. Zuliani
Carried.
10.2 **EL 15 – Partnerships**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-15 Partnerships be accepted.”

Moved by S. Wintle  
Seconded by L. McLeod  
Carried.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA – Nil**

12. **INFORMATION Items**

**FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE**

The College was informed the previously approved $500,000 in funding from FedNor, for the Learning Commons Project, was denied. After a brief meeting with Minister Clement, the President reported it may resurface on the approved list.

**PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Deputy Minister’s Meeting with President of Northern Colleges and Universities – November 19, 2007**

The President advised the Northern Presidents had a very productive meeting with Deputy Minister Steenkamp on November 19th. He reaffirmed his support of northern and rural colleges and advised the Ministry is presently looking at a system redesign. The following items are presently under consideration: a potential increase for the Aboriginal Strategy Fund; a growth plan for Northern Ontario; and a plan for student mobility across the north.
LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Vice President, Academic & Student Services Update

The Board moved In-Camera for this item at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION:

The Chair requested that the meeting move in-camera at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION:

“That the Board move In-Camera.”

Moved by D. O’Donnell
Seconded by B. Trochimchuk

Carried.

The meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Budget Update

R. Jones reported mid-year review has been completed and that the College is projecting a slightly higher deficit than the reported $1.0 million dollars. In an attempt to reduce this amount, the College has implemented some cost saving measures.

Enrolment Update

R. Jones reported enrolment was down 3% from last year and up 4% across the province.

13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

13.1 P. Champagne was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.