MINUTES

Confederation College

BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING NO. 467
February 22, 2013

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 
Place: Shuniah Boardroom

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Dennis Wallace, Chair
Chris Fralick, Vice Chair
Leona Scanlon, Vice Chair
Bill Trochimchuk, Member-at-Large
Marlene Bearinger
Glenn Brassard
Don Campbell
Rodney Dyce

Darlene Furlong – Audio
Anne Krassiowsky
J.P. Levesque
Paul Noonan - Video
Doris Rossi
Eric Rutherford
Paula Sdao
Cheryl L. Vaccher

Jim Madder, President
Bob Backstrom, Vice President,
Student & Corporate Services
and Board Secretary/Treasurer

Regrets: D. Campbell, J.P. Levesque, A. Krassiowsky, D. Rossi, P. Sdao

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Present: Anne Mauro, Administrative Assistant

Observers: Christine Bates, Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Organizational Development
Sue Prodaniuk, Executive Director Recruitment & Corporate Communications

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Changes to the agenda:
- Move agenda item 8.3 – Board of Governors Employee’ Awards – to in-camera under agenda item #6.7 Other Business.
- Addition In-Camera: Funding update – to be addressed under agenda item #6.7 Other Business.

2.1 **Consent Agenda**

2.1.1 Advisory Committee Minutes
2.1.2 Negahneewin Council Minutes
2.1.3 Advisory Committee Appointments

**MOTION:**

“That the agenda and consent agenda of Board Meeting No. 467 be approved as amended.”

Moved by E. Rutherford
Seconded by C. Fralick

Carried.
3. **Conflict of Interest**
None reported for this meeting.

4. **Chair's Remarks**
The Chair spoke to the following items:

- *The January 25, 2013 meeting process evaluation was discussed and resulting changes proposed by the Coordinating Committee. The participation of governors during the meeting was commended.*

- *The College is in a period of change and processes will be adapted to accommodate, i.e. ongoing land planning at the Land Development Committee, Endowment Fund Statement of Investment Policy development at the Audit and Endowment Committees.*

- *The challenge of regular attendance was briefly discussed and suggestions solicited.*

- *In future, the Board looks forward to working collaboratively with the Lakehead University Board of Governors and President and engaging with their respective peers at the College.*

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION:

"That the minutes of Board Meeting No. 466 be approved as distributed."

Moved by M. Bearinger
Seconded by G. Brassard
Carried.

5.1 Business Arising

5.2 Monthly Evaluation Summary – Information item.
The Chair opened the floor for additional feedback.

There was agreement that the low scores on the meeting process is simple to fix; the Board is moving in a good direction, which is reflected in the Strategic Vision scores.
6. **In-Camera**

The Chair requested that the meeting move in-camera at 8:51 a.m.

**MOTION:**

“That the Board move In-Camera.”

Moved by R. Dyce
Seconded by L. Scanlon

Carried.

Note: C. Bates and S. Prodaniuk left the meeting.

A short break was taken at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

7. **Ends Discussion**

7.1 **Applied Research and Innovation**

J. Madder provided an overview of applied research and his experience with applied research through Industry Canada. Following, he introduced Colin Kelly, the College’s Director of Applied Research and Innovation. C. Kelly spoke to the areas of focus and recent activities for our College which included:

- Aerospace/Advanced Manufacturing;
- Green Energy such as Biomass;
- Wellness and Prevention (including mental health);
- Centre for Policy in Aboriginal Learning.

The Board engaged in questions and dialogue during the presentation, and expressed interest to tour the areas using applied research, i.e.: 3-D Printer unit and Biomass.

It was noted that Honeywell has committed to a financial in-kind contribution to develop sustainability and research curriculum at the College.

The goal for applied research at Confederation College is to continue moving forward and work to secure funding for the initiatives.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be sent to the Governors.

(*Secretary’s note: visit ACCC’s website to view the media release published March 6, 2013 on “College Applied Research Investments” at [http://www.acc.ca/](http://www.acc.ca/)*)

Note: Governors Rutherford and Furlong left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.
8. **Items For Decisions**

8.1 **Policy Review**

**Governance Process**
8.1.1 GP-2d Board Secretary’s Role – No change.

8.2 **Credential Approval re Pre-Apprenticeship**

Currently a category for this credential does not exist at the Ministry. The Board was advised this certificate offers another opportunity to recognize our learners’ success.

**MOTION:**

"That the Board approve The School of Engineering Technology and Trades request for the College to issue Board of Governor Certificates to students who successfully complete a Pre-Apprenticeship training program."

Moved by B. Trochimchuk  
Seconded by R. Dyce  
Carried.

8.3 **Board of Governors’ Employee Awards**

The Board addressed this item in-camera.

8.4 **Other Items for Decision**

Report of the In-Camera session. It was:

Moved by G. Brassard  
Seconded by M. Bearinger

"That the report of the Board of Governors’ In-Camera Meeting be accepted as follows:"

a) "That the In-Camera minutes of meeting no. 466, held January 25, 2013, be approved as distributed."

b) "That the In-Camera minutes of meeting no. 465, held November 23, 212, be approved as distributed."

Motion carried.

Motions to move items from in-camera:
MOTION:

“That the Board move the approved Endowment Committee Statement of Investment Policy from in-camera.”

Moved by Chris Fralick
Seconded by G. Brassard Carried.

MOTION:

“That the Board move the approval of the list of Board of Governors’ Employee Awards from in-camera.”

Moved by Leona Scanlon
Seconded by Marlene Bearinger Carried.

9. Monitoring

9.1 EL 2a – Treatment of Learners

The President reviewed the report and advised he anticipates a more comprehensive report in one year. Following a brief discussion, the Board requested the President provide an update in two months, including a report on the number of students who participated in the survey referenced under item #2 of the report.

MOTION:

“That the Board has read and accepts the monitoring report for Policy EL 2a, Treatment of Learners, showing compliance status with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.”

Moved by M. Bearinger
Seconded by L. Scanlon Carried.

9.2 EL 2g – Communications & Support to the Board

The EL2g report was reviewed by the President. Approved as distributed.

MOTION:

“That the Board has read and accepts the monitoring report for Policy EL 2g, Communication and Support to the Board, showing full compliance with reasonable interpretation of the policy.”

Moved by C. Vaccher
Seconded by C. Fralick Carried.
10. INFORMATION Items

10.1 PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

Federal Perspective
- Challenges exist with not having a Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.

Provincial Perspective
- New Cabinet at Queen’s Park.
- There exists a state of flux with no expected funding announcements in the near future, which may signal an impending election.

Local Perspective
- Enrolment Update
  B. Backstrom reported that, currently, the winter semester is below target for domestic students but above target for international students. March 1, 2013 is the enrolment audit date.

The President also reported that student enrolment from northwestern Ontario is on the decline. Discussion followed with respect to local versus international students.

10.2 Information Item:
2012-13 Agenda Cycle Governance Discussion Priorities

11. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

11.1 L. Scanlon was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.

11.2 Assignment of Evaluation Leader – March 22, 2013 – P. Sdao

MOTION:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Moved by C. Fralick
Seconded by G. Brassard
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Recorder: Anne Mauro

Chair’s Signature

Secretary’s Signature