Confederation College

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING NO. 423
February 22, 2008

MINUTES
Place: Shuniah Boardroom

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Meeting with Negahneewin Council

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
Present:
Hartley Multamaki, Chair
Dick O'Donnell, Vice Chair
Marilyn Gouthro, Vice Chair
Percy Champagne, Executive Committee
Matt Belanger
Gwen DuBois-Wing

John Kantola
Nora Logan
Rod Sompi
John St. Amand
Bill Trochimchuk
Sid Wintle

Ray Zuliani
Patricia Lang, President
Reg Jones, Secretary / Treasurer (Non-Voting)

Regrets: M. Hardy, L. McLeod

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF
Present: S. Brenda Small, Dean, Negahneewin College of Academic and Community Development
Mary Burak, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION:

"That the agenda of Board meeting No. 423 be approved as distributed."

Moved by R. Zuliani
Seconded W. Trochimchuk
Carried.

3. Conflict of Interest
No conflicts were declared at this time.
4. **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair provided a brief report on the Colleges Ontario 2008 Conference which was held on February 10-11, 2008 in London, Ontario. He advised the proposed re-organization of Colleges Ontario was passed at the AGM. The modification put forward by Confederation College was accepted as a friendly amendment to their proposed Governance Model. Governors will now report to the President and CEO of Colleges Ontario under their strategic plan. He advised the revised organizational chart will be forwarded to Board members once it is received. Governors O'Donnell and St. Amand were invited to provide their comments regarding the conference.

The ACCC (Association of Canadian Community Colleges) 2008 Conference will be held in Prince George, BC, on May 25 – 27, 2008. This conference will be hosted by the College of New Caledonia and the conference theme is "Forests of Change". Governors that are interested in attending the conference are to contact M. Burak.

He advised that student elections took place February 21st and the results will be reported after the break, once ballots have been counted.

Please note that Percy Champagne has agreed to attend the NOACC Spring Meeting that is taking place in Geraldton on April 24-26, 2008.

Reminder: Negahneewin Council will join our meeting at 11:30 a.m. today, followed by an agreement signing ceremony with Seven Generations Education Institute at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Commons. Lunch will be available in Rumours following this event.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

It was noted the following statement contained in item #9.3 of the minutes should read: Governor Champagne has offered to serve the Fort Frances region.

**MOTION:**

"That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 422 as amended."

Moved by D. O'Donnell  
Seconded J. St. Amand  
Carried.
5.1 Monthly Evaluation Summary – Information item.

As part of the evaluation feedback, one Governor questioned the positive comments made by some Governors regarding REACH. A brief discussion ensued and it was recommended the item 'strategic directions for health and community services' be tabled at a future meeting to delineate how such new College initiatives tie into our Ends Policies and to clarify the Board’s role in the process. The President advised a second draft of the REACH proposal would be retabled at a later date for further input.

6. IN-CAMERA - None

7. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

7.1 Advisory Committee Minutes – Information only.

7.2 Negahneewin Council Minutes – Information only.

7.3 Advisory Committee Appointments – Information only.

7.4 Meeting with Negahneewin Council (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

As part of the ownership linkage, Negahneewin Council meets with the Board on an annual basis. This year their dialogue focused on the importance of partnerships with Aboriginal communities, and the need for professional development for all staff to understand the impact of racism (written submission attached).

The following Council members were in attendance:
Jerry Perrault, Chair of Negahneewin Council
Darren Borg
Eugene Lefrancois
Anne LeSage
Leona Scanlon
Andrew Joseph, President of Oshki-Anishnawbeg Student Association
Janice Battiston, Counsellor
Paul Johnson, Professor
Stewart Kallio, Associate Dean
Kaija Skalesky, Administrative Assistant

8. ENDS DISCUSSION

8.1 Nil
9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Governance Process Policy Review - None

The Governance Process Policies are currently under review and the Chair of the Governance Committee advised the Committee will reconvene on February 29th. A report will be tabled at the March Board Meeting.

9.2 Executive Limitations Policy Review

9.2.1 EL9 – Treatment of Clients – No change.

9.2.2 EL 10 – Tuition Fees – No change.

9.3 Board of Governors' Employee Awards

MOTION:

“That the Board of Governors' Employee Awards of Excellence for Faculty, Administrative and Support Staff be approved as outlines in the memorandum dated February 8, 2008.”

Moved by R. Zuliani
Seconded G. DuBois Wing Carried.

Governor Belanger joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

9.4 Board By-Laws Review

R. Jones outlined the format for the renewal of By-Laws #9 and #10. When the Charter was modified, he met with legal counsel to determine the necessary changes which were notated in the meeting package. R. Jones reviewed the areas requiring change and noted the Board’s comments. He advised the Board’s feedback will be reviewed with legal counsel and a revised draft, noting the tracked changes, will be brought back for further discussion. Discussion will continue next meeting on By-Laws #13 and #14.

A short break was called at 10:45 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:56 a.m.
The Chair reported the ballots from the Student Elections were counted and Matt Belanger will return as Student Governor for the 2008/09 period. Congratulations were extended to M. Belanger for a successful campaign.

10. Monitoring

10.1 EL 7 – Communications & Counsel

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-7 Communications & Counsel be accepted.”

Moved by P. Champagne
Seconded by R. Zuliani Carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Nil

12. INFORMATION Items

FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE

Billion Dollar Trust Fund

The President advised details on this fund are not yet available. In the meantime, College proposals have been submitted to access the fund.

PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

Visit from the Honourable John Wilkinson

The President advised the Minister of Innovation and Research, the Honourable John Wilkinson, visited the College as part of his colleges and universities tour. His comments were favourable and he advised his Deputy Minister will be visiting Confederation in a few weeks.
Whitaker Report

Presently, the government has requested responses to the recommendations put forth by Mr. Whitaker. The President advised the impact of the recommendations will not be known until the fall.

Rosehart Report

The Rosehart Report will be presented to the Forest Council on April 16th. The President asked the Board if they were interested in having Dr. Rosehart present his report at the April Board/Chairs of Advisory Committees Forum. A confirmation will be sent should this occur.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Vice President, Academic & Student Services Update

The President reported the College has hired a new Vice President of Academic & Student Services, Judi Maundrell. The new VPA came highly recommended and her start date is June 2, 2008.

Kenora Council Visit

As a result of the President’s Community Panels, the College was asked to assist the Kenora Council in implementing their new vision. R Jones assisted them with the process this past month. He advised it was very productive and as a result, the Council has a better understanding of Confederation College. Rick Moore, Kenora Campus Manager, has been asked to join their Economic Development strategy.

Hangar Sale

The Moffat Hanger has been sold to Activation Laboratories Ltd. (ACTLABS). The company will support the mining exploration industry by providing an assay lab to study the geology and chemistry of base and precious metals. R. Jones advised it will provide Thunder Bay with 60 new jobs this year.

Enrolment Update

R. Jones reported offers were sent out early this month and that an update will be provided at the March meeting.
**Budget Update**

R. Jones reported no change since last month. The College still faces a $2 million dollar gap and it's in the midst of trying to minimize the deficit.

**12.2 Seven Generations Education Institute Agreement** – Information item.

The President reiterated the official signing of the agreement would take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Commons, following the Board/Negahneewin Council meeting.

**13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

**13.1** D. O'Donnell was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Recorder:** Mary Burak

**Chair's Signature**