1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   **MOTION:**

   “That the agenda of Board meeting No. 431 be approved as distributed.”

   Moved by D. O’Donnell  
   Seconded by B. Trochimchuk  
   Carried.
3. **Conflict of Interest**

Governor Trochimchuk declared a possible conflict of interest as he assisted with the preparation of the budget report.

4. **Chair’s Remarks**

Student Elections took place Thursday, February 26th and the results will be reported following the break.

In follow-up to our last Board meeting, the Chair thanked Board members for their diligence in submitting their evaluation forms as all forms were returned.

The College in conjunction with Investors Group is planning another speakers’ event, which will take place on March 31st at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium and the guest speaker will be Mark Tewksbury. A flyer has been distributed and if you’re interested in attending, the contact information is noted on the back.

Deborah Newman, Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, visited the College on February 20th. A tour of the Paterson Library Commons was conducted along with a tour of the Health Sciences labs. During the tour and over lunch, we were able to discuss our needs and strategic commitments for the future. The Deputy Minister was very impressed with the College and the passion and commitment demonstrated by our students and employees. A copy of her biography has been distributed.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

The following correction was noted: the last line of paragraph one, page 4 should read ‘has been secured’.

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 430 as amended.”

Moved by C. Vaccher
Seconded B. Trochimchuk

Carried.

5.1 **Monthly Evaluation Summary** – Information item.
6. **IN-CAMERA** – No Business.

7. **OWNERSHIP LINKAGE**

7.1 **Advisory Committee Minutes** – Information only.

7.2 **Negahneewin Council Minutes** – None

7.3 **Advisory Committee Appointments** – Information only.

S. B. Small joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

8. **ENDS DISCUSSION**

8.1 **Review of E1 Policy – Successful Learners with Diverse Learning Pathways**

Judi Maundrell provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Ends Policies – E1 Successful Learners with Diverse Learning Pathways. This encompassed Ends E1.1 Learner Pathways and Ends 1.2 Flexible Delivery.

Governors expressed an interest in Thunder Bay's pilot project – the **Evergreen: A United Neighbourhood** Program. The President advised a report outlining the success of the Evergreen Program will be obtained and provided at a later date.

A short break was taken at 9:55 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

The Chair reported on the results of the Student Elections – Ryan West was elected as President and Owen McCullough, was acclaimed the Student Governor for the upcoming academic year.

8.1 **Review of E1 Policy – continued:**

Vince Stilla, Director of the Centre for Continuing Education, and his staff, facilitated the Virtual College demonstration. Confederation’s Virtual College provides full-time, distance education and regional students the opportunity to have greater access to learning opportunities.

The Board was pleased with the report and thanked the Vice President for providing an in-depth view of Confederation College’s achievements as it works to meet the needs of learners in our communities.
8.2 **Strategic Planning Process**

An outline of the next steps for the development of the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan was provided for discussion purposes. Overall, the Governors were pleased with the outline. Governor Wallace expressed interest in the following items: environmental scan and what the other colleges were doing; Confederation/Lakehead collaboration; role of individual Board members as advocates; and applied research. The President advised B. Backstrom will research and provide this information.

9. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

9.1. **Governance Policy Review**

9.1.1 **GP9 – Code of Conduct**

A motion was put forth to rescind GP9 – Code of Conduct as it is now defined in the new By-Laws.

**MOTION:**

“That the Governance Process Policy GP9 – Code of Conduct be rescinded.”

Moved by M. Gouthro  
Seconded D. O'Donnell  
Carried.

9.2 **Executive Limitations Policy Review**

9.2.1 **EL5 – Fiscal Condition** – The internal monitoring statements to be reviewed by the Audit Committee.

9.2.2 **EL9 – Treatment of Clients** – No change.

Governor DuBois-Wing suggested the word ‘clients’ be revised to ‘people’ as a means to recognize students/staff/stakeholders/clients. It was recommended this be tabled at the next Governance Committee for discussion and follow-up.

9.2.3 **EL10 – Tuition Fees** – No change.
9.3 Board of Governors’ Employee Awards of Excellence

MOTION:

“That the Board of Governors’ Employee Awards of Excellence for Faculty, Administrative and Support Staff be approved as outlined in the memorandum dated February 18, 2009.”

Moved by P. Champagne
Seconded by G. DuBois-Wing
Carried.

9.4 Nominating Committee Update

The Chair reported there will be two replacements this year – replacing himself and the support staff representative, J. Kantola. Governor DuBois Wing and Governor St. Amand are up for renewals. They were asked to contact him regarding their willingness to serve for another three years.

10. Monitoring

10.1 EL7 – Communications & Counsel

The inclusion of metrics and/or data as a means to substantiate the President’s monitoring reports was discussed by the Board. It was suggested this be tabled with the Governance to determine the data required and report back.

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL7– Communications & Counsel be accepted.”

Moved by K. Kelso
Seconded by D. Wallace
Carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Nil
12. INFORMATION Items

FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE

Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Newsletter

The President reviewed the highlights of the ACCC newsletter. She noted they are seeing a difference in lobbying at the Federal level. She thanked the Chair for his efforts in meeting with our local MPPs regarding the Infrastructure Project. As part of our strategic planning process, P. Lang advised she will invite the President of ACCC, James Knight, to attend our September meeting to discuss national trends.

PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

Committee of Presidents’ Update

The President briefly reviewed the items included in the Committee of Presidents’ report.

Visit from Deputy Minister Deborah Newman

Covered in the Chair’s remarks.

Colleges Ontario 2009 Conference

The Chair provided a brief report on the February 22-23rd Colleges Ontario Conference and invited Governors to add their perspective. All agreed it’s a great networking opportunity for Governors.

Aboriginal Postsecondary Education & Training Working Table

The Ministry is moving forward to develop a more comprehensive Aboriginal Postsecondary Education and Training Strategy that will include the development of an Aboriginal Postsecondary Education & Training (PSET) Policy framework. The President advised S. Brenda Small will be the College’s representative on this Committee. She commended Brenda for her ongoing leadership role on a provincial, federal and national level.
LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Enrolment Update

J. Maundrell reported the current enrolment is 2800 students – a few over the last count and 400 over the original projection. Confederation College shows the highest increase in applications – 14% in comparison to 4% system-wide. Confederation also has recorded the highest in confirmations provincially – 31.9%.

Budget Update

B. Backstrom reviewed the financial statement and analysis report as of January 31, 2009. Presently, the College is facing a $1 million dollar deficit at year-end.

Geraldton Student Complaint

The President advised the complaint has been dealt in a timely manner and a full refund was issued to the student. No further action will be taken as the other students in the class were satisfied with the course.

13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

13.1 Governor G. DuBois-Wing was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

MOTION:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
Seconded J. Kantola
Carried.

Recorder: Mary Burak
Chair’s Signature