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BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING NO. 422
January 25, 2008

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
Present:
Hartley Multamaki, Chair
Lyn McLeod, Past Chair
Dick O'Donnell, Vice Chair
Marilyn Gouthro, Vice Chair
Percy Champagne, Executive Committee
Matt Belanger
Gwen DuBois-Wing
John Kantola
Nora Logan
John St. Amand
Bill Trochimchuk
Sid Wittle
Ray Zuliani
Patricia Lang, President
Reg Jones, Secretary /
Treasurer (Non-Voting)
Regrets: M. Hardy, R. Somppi

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. 422 be approved
as distributed.”

Moved by D. O'Donnell
Seconded R. Zuliani Carried.

3. **Conflict of Interest**

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

The Chair confirmed attendance for the Colleges Ontario 2008 Conference - February 10 & 11/08 – in London, ON:
- Board members: Dick O’Donnell, John St. Amand, and Hartley Multamaki.
- College reps: Pat Lang, Reg Jones, Don Bernosky, Gail Murdock and Joe Vieira.

The Chair advised that Governor Cathe Hoszowski tendered her resignation in December. Due to her work commitments, she is not able to continue to serve on the Board. She requested her name be kept on our potential Board member list for future consideration.

The Chair was pleased to report that John Kantola returned from his secondment as Manager of the Fort Frances Campus in December, and he has now undertaken another secondment as the Manager of Foundations for Success – Research Project. Congratulations, John.

Please note the NOACC Spring Meeting is taking place in Geraldton on April 24-26, 2008. This will coincide with our April Board meeting. If anyone is interested in attending on the Board’s behalf, please let us know.

Update re Meeting with Lakehead University’s Board Executive: Due to the difficulty in finding a compatible meeting date, it has been suggested that our Board meet with Lakehead University’s Board Executive during one of their meeting dates. We suggest Wednesday, April 16th over lunch in Rumours Dining Room. The consensus was to proceed with making the arrangements and notifying the Board once details have been confirmed.

The Chair was pleased to report the College will receive $300,000 in funding this year, from the Ministry for the ‘First Generation Access Routes Project’ plus $600,000 over the next two years. As a result of this project, Confederation College will contribute to an understanding of the unique issues and needs faced by First Generation students in NWO.

Please note the 2006-07 Annual Report will be available on the College website. The College has chosen to make it available in this format rather than printing.

ACCC has sent out a call for Board members to participate on the Selection Committee for the ACCC Awards Program. If you’re interested, please let us know. The Awards showcase the extraordinary contribution of individuals to their college and highlight the role of our institutions in social, cultural and economic development.
A media event was held on January 17th announcing Confederation College will host the Green North Eco-Conference on March 18-19, 2008. This will be an intensive 2-day conference that will feature renowned speakers from both Canada and the United States to discuss best practices for sustainable municipalities, the promotion of green regional business and the development of alternative energy enterprises for Northern Ontario.

The following were noted as items of information regarding the February Board meeting:

- As part of the ownership linkage, we will be hosting our yearly luncheon with Negahneewin Council following the meeting from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Rumours Dining Room. Also, we may have a formal agreement signing with Seven Generations Education Institute and their representatives will be invited to join us for lunch.

- We are in the midst of inviting our local MPs/MPPS to the March Board meeting as a follow-up to their request to attend one of our Board meetings.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION:

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 421 as distributed.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
Seconded M. Gouthro Carried.

5.1 Monthly Evaluation Summary – Information item.

6. IN-CAMERA

MOTION:

“That the Board move In-Camera.”

Moved by J. Kantola
Seconded R. Zuliani Carried.

Note: Staff did not leave as the Board moved in-camera to approve minutes only.
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 **Natural Resources Forum Follow-up**

The purpose of the January 24th Forum was to give Governors an opportunity to discuss current and future activities in the Natural Resources Sector. The College staff presented our current and future planned initiatives in the natural resources sector. The presenters were:

Don Bernosky, Executive Director, Innovation and Skills Development
Brian Kurikka, Manager, Forestry Centre
Joe Viera, Dean, School of Engineering Technology

The following expert presenters were asked to identify three trends or opportunities and illustrate how Confederation College could be involved:

John Harrison, Manager of Abitibi-Consolidated Ltd., Fort Frances
Andy Lemmetty, Forestry Specialist, MNR
David Mackett, TEK Project Coordinator
Chris LeBlanc, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Waterworks Inc.
Dan Gagnon, Mine General Manager, Goldcorp Inc. Red Lake

An in-depth discussion took place on the information provided by the panelists. The President noted that as the College discusses repositioning itself, the input will be taken into consideration.

8.2 **Health Sciences Follow-up – REACH Proposal**

Brian Campbell, Director of Resource Development, made a presentation on the College’s newest initiative – REACH (Regional Education Alliance for Community Health). Presently, the College does not have the facilities required to meet the needs of our health and community services education and the intent of REACH is to use the approach of an Interprofessional health and community services education model. This will also allow the College to expand its programs and increase alternate pathways for students. The feedback provided by the Governors will be used to further enhance the proposal. B. Campbell was thanked and commended for his presentation.
A short break was called at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

8.3 **Colleges Ontario Governance Review**

Colleges Ontario is proposing a change in their governance model and they have requested input from all colleges regarding its proposed new structure. The pros and cons were debated by the Board and the following motion was put forward:

**MOTION:**

“That a letter be sent to Colleges Ontario from the Chair supporting, in principle, the new Colleges Ontario structure but with recommendations for strengthening the voice of Governors, as discussed.”

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

It was noted the letter will be circulated to the Board upon completion.

9. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

9.1 **Governance Process Policy Review** - None

Presently under review.

9.2 **Executive Limitations Policy Review**

9.2.1 **EL1 – Constraints** – No change.

9.2.2 **EL 13 – Partnerships** – No change.

9.3 **Nominating Committee Report**

The Committee Chair, L. McLeod, reported as a result of Cathe Hoszowski’s resignation, Governor Champagne has offered to serve the Dryden region. There is now a vacancy in the Kenora region. A potential candidate has been approached for this area but the Chair is presently awaiting a response. The Nominating Committee will meet following the Board meeting to discuss this vacancy along with upcoming vacancies.
10. Monitoring

10.1 **EL 5 – Fiscal Condition (Budget Update – item #6 only)**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-5 Fiscal Condition (Sub-Section 6 – Budget Update) be accepted.”

Moved by M. Gouthro
Seconded by P. Champagne Carried.

10.2 **EL 9 – Treatment of Clients**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-9 Treatment of Clients be accepted.”

Moved by R. Zuliani
Seconded by D. O’Donnell Carried.

10.3 **EL 10 – Tuition Fees**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-10 Tuition Fees be accepted.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
Seconded by M. Gouthro Carried.

Governor Gouthro left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.
11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Approval of Tuition Fees

MOTION:

“That the 2008-09 tuition fees be approved as outlined in Sections 2.1 to 2.8 of the Monitoring Report EL-10 Tuition Fees, dated January 25, 2008.”

Moved by S. Wintle
Seconded by M. Belanger
Carried.

12. INFORMATION Items

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

China Trip – January 6-12, 2008

The President traveled to China to sign formal agreements with three public sector colleges plus a student/faculty exchange agreement with a private university in Xi’an. Presently, our staff is in the midst of negotiating on two additional license agreements. Confederation also met with the Canadian Embassy in Beijing to present the College’s joint venture activities.

FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE

Retraining Funding Announcement

The President advised a funding announcement has been made for retraining but we do not understand the implications of this announcement. The College will stay in touch with our local MP’s office to obtain up-to-date information.

As a follow-up, the President advised the $500,000 in FedNor funding for the Learning Commons Project was approved by Minister Clement.
PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

HealthForceOntario’s Interprofessional Care / Education Fund

HealthForceOntario is the Province’s multi-year Health Human Resources strategy and is being led by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in collaboration with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. The President advised the College received funding this year from the HealthForceOntario’s Interprofessional Care / Education fund.

Employer’s Association

Last summer, the government announced it was going to review the Colleges Collective Bargaining Act, with a view to extending bargaining rights to part-time employees. The Chair of the Ontario Labour Relations Board, Mr. Whitaker, was appointed by the Minister to conduct a review and develop recommendations by January 2008. A CCAC report was tabled for information.

CAATS Notice to Bargain

Information item only.

Update re Part-Time Employees Issue

R. Jones provided a brief update on the Council’s approach to this issue and he advised that the Unions may use pickets as a means to disseminate information. The Board will be advised should this take place.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Vice President, Academic & Student Services Update

The President advised interviews for the VPA position will resume early in February with three potential candidates.

Seven Generations Agreement – February Board Meeting

As noted by the Chair earlier, the President reiterated the College may have an agreement signing ceremony with the Seven Generations Education Institute following the February Board meeting.
Enrolment Update

R. Jones reported there was an increase in 1st year applications across the college system but our applications were slightly down at this time.

Budget Update

R. Jones advised the College is still projecting a million dollar deficit this year and two million for the following year. Presently there is money in reserves to offset these anticipated deficits and the College is still waiting for direction from the government regarding future funding. The plan for 2008-09 is to operate at only $1 million deficit, resulting in the need to make significant budget cuts.

Governor DuBois-Wing left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

13.1 N. Logan was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Recorder: Mary Burak

Chair’s Signature