BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING NO. 441
March 26, 2010

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Present:
Marilyn Gouthro, Chair
Dick O’Donnell, Vice Chair
Nora Logan, Vice Chair
Dennis Wallace, Member-at-Large
Gwen DuBois-Wing
Susan Macey
John St. Amand
Leona Scanlon
Paula Sdao
Bill Trochimchuk
Cheryl L. Vaccher
Sid Wittle

Patricia Lang, President
Bob Backstrom, Vice President, Student & Corporate Services and
Bill Trochimchuk, Corporate Services and
Cheryl L. Vaccher, Board Secretary / Treasurer

Regrets: Percy Champagne, Sharon Cole Paterson, Owen McCullough, Janice Vauthier

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Present: Judi Maundrell, Vice President Academic
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 8:32 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

“That the agenda of Board meeting No. 441 be approved as distributed.”

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

It was noted Governor Trochimchuk may have a possible conflict of interest as he assisted with the preparation of the financial reports.

4. **Chair’s Remarks**

Greetings everyone. Please note that Governor DuBois-Wing will be joining by teleconference.

The President was asked to make a presentation to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology on March 25th (yesterday). This Committee was authorized to examine and report on the accessibility of post-secondary education in Canada and our President was asked to present on behalf of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

We would like to advise you that Confederation College is entering into a relationship agreement with TBayTel and we will hold a media event at the Dorion Building on Thursday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. You will receive an invitation once they are finalized. In the meantime, please make note of the date.

Please note that Global Vision/Junior Team Canada in partnership with the Summits Management Office is hosting a Thunder Bay Global Leaders Centre for youth ages 16 to 25 on March 28th and 29th, 2010 at Confederation College. The Global Leaders Centre is an interactive session that brings together youth with business, industry and government leaders to discuss global issues.

The NOMA (Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association) Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held in Marathon this year on April 21-24, 2010. This year’s theme for the conference is “Success in the Municipal Marathon”. The speaker on the Friday evening will be Jeff Adams who is a three-time Olympian, five-time Paralympian, and six-time World Champion. Please let us know if you are interested in attending this session on the Board’s behalf and we will take care of the registration.

An invitation was included in the Board package for the April 22nd Advisory Committee Forum. Please note a reply is required and we will review the agenda outline further along in the agenda.

The Board received a thank you card from one of our Award of Excellence recipients, Marjorie Kinnunen, I would like to share her comments.
5. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 440 as distributed.”

Moved by S. Wintle  
Seconded by C.L. Vaccher  
**Carried.**

5.1 **Monthly Evaluation Summary** – Information item.

At this time, the Chair requested Governor Wallace take the lead, on behalf of Governor Vauthier, regarding agenda item #13.1 – monthly evaluation questionnaire.

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.

7.4 **Advisory Committee Forum**

The President reported on the suggested format for the April 22\textsuperscript{nd} Advisory Committee Forum. A student panel will present their experiences related to College life identifying three strengths of the College and three areas for improvement to the quality of learning and services at the College. Governors were in agreement with the plan.

8. **ENDS DISCUSSION**

8.1 **Draft Strategic Plan**

Governor Nora Logan facilitated the ongoing discussions on the draft strategic plan. Following a lengthy discussion, consensus was reached on the revised Mission and Vision statements as well as the Ends Policy 1, 2 and 3 overarching statements and sub-ends. The sub-ends statements pertaining to international and applied research under the Ends Policy 3 will be addressed at the April Board meeting.
A short break was called at 10:35 a.m. and the formal meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Policy Review

9.1.1 GP1 – Governance Commitment – No change.

9.1.2 GP2 – Effective Governance – No change.

9.2 Executive Limitations Policy Review

9.2.1 EL5 – Fiscal Condition – No change.

9.2.2 EL7 – Communications & Counsel – No change.

9.3 Honorary Diploma

Confederation College recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the college, and/or the community of Northwestern Ontario and beyond in the areas of leadership, innovation and partnership.

MOTION:

“That the Honorary Diploma in Three-Year Business Administration be awarded to Mayor Anne Krassilowsky at the June 2010 Convocation.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
Seconded by S. Wintle
Carried.

Comments regarding acknowledging politicians and upcoming elections were duly noted by Governor Logan.

9.4 Fellow of Confederation College

The Fellowship of Confederation College is an honour bestowed on individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to education or the general expansion of knowledge, particularly in Northwestern Ontario. The President advised Dr. Gary Polonsky has been a long-time supporter of Confederation College and a leader in Canadian post-secondary education.
MOTION:

“That the Board of Governors approve the nomination of Dr. Gary Polonsky to receive the 2010 Fellowship of Confederation College.”

Moved by D. O’Donnell
Seconded by L. Scanlon

Carried.

The award will be conferred at the June 2010 Thunder Bay Convocation ceremony.

10. Monitoring

10.1 EL5 – Fiscal Condition

The following correction was requested under item #2 of the EL5 monitoring report: under the Interpretation heading – ‘CMA accounting designations’ should read ‘professionally accredited designations’.

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL5 – Fiscal Condition be accepted.”

Moved by D. O’Donnell
Seconded by D. Wallace

Carried.

10.2 EL6 – Asset Protection

The President advised she will include additional data on the College’s investment portfolio in her yearly report to the Board in May.

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL6 – Asset Protection be accepted.”

Moved by C.L. Vaccher
Seconded by P. Sdao

Carried.
11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Program Approval – Recreation Therapy Program

The Recreation Therapy Program is a two-year Ontario College Diploma Program which is designed to prepare students to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate a wide range of leisure services for children, adolescents, and adults who experience a barrier to a healthy leisure lifestyle.

MOTION:

“That the Board approve the Recreation Therapy Diploma Program.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
	Seconded by S. Macey
	Carried.

11.2 Bio-Energy Project

B. Backstrom presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Bio-Energy Plant Learning and Research Centre project. The following assisted with fielding questions from the Board: Brian Campbell, Executive Director of Government Relations; Rick Sitarski, Manager of Facilities & Maintenance Services; and Mike Pringle, Business Development Manager of Energy Services with Honeywell.

MOTION:

“That the Board approve the proposal for the Bio-Energy Plant Learning & Research Centre project with a total cost of $5,388,942.00.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
	Seconded by N. Logan
	Carried.

MOTION:

“That the Board approve the financing of $4,068,942.00 for the proposed Bio-Energy Plant Learning & Research Centre less any future project specific grants in compliance with the Financial Administration Act, Section 28.”

Moved by P. Sdao
	Seconded by N. Logan
	Carried.
12. INFORMATION Items

12.1 PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

Appointment of Governors to College Boards

As previously reported, effective April 1, 2010 responsibility for collective bargaining on behalf of colleges will transfer from the College Compensation and Appointments Council (CCAC) to a new College Employer Council as per the Colleges Collective Bargaining Act, 2008. As part of this change, it is the Minister's intention to ask the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make amendments to the present regulation to provide that two-thirds of college board members be appointed directly by college boards and one-third by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. If approved, this amendment will take effect October 1, 2010.

Northern Presidents’ Meeting with the Northern Caucus – March 31, 2010

The Northern Presidents will meet with the Northern Caucus on March 31st to present their feedback on the Northern Growth Plan.

College Mathematic Project 2009

The President provided a brief overview on the College Mathematics Project (CMP). This is a collaborative program of research and deliberation concerning mathematics achievement of first-year college students in Ontario. The research team concludes that there is a consensus that both schools and colleges are actively seeking ways to increase student success and that there is a continuing interest in sharing both research and experiences in this area.

Second Career Update

The President advised that the Ministry will support another intake of Second Career students but the funding mechanism is uncertain at the present time.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Enrolment Update

J. Maundrell advised Confederation’s current enrolment is 3,025 full-time students. The original projection targeted 2,760 students and the revised fall projections were 3,039 students. She noted there has been a 12% increase in applications to date.
Budget Updates

- **2009-2010**
  B. Backstrom reviewed the 2009-2010 financial report as of February 28, 2010 and the financial statement which included the forecasted budget to March 31, 2010 and the quarterly capital and endowment statements.

- **2010-2011**
  B. Backstrom reviewed the 2010-2011 budget report as distributed. As a result of the March 25th Ontario budget announcement, the staff will begin the analysis process to identify the impacts to our College.

Future Capital Projects

This item was deferred to the April Board meeting.

Meeting with Mayors

Due to conflicts in scheduling, the April meeting with the Mayors has been postponed until June 25th. In preparation for the meeting, the President advised she will invite the mayors to meet with her personally while attending the June regional convocations.

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

13.1 Dennis Wallace was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.

13.2 Assignment of Evaluation Leader – April 23, 2010 – J. Vauthier

**MOTION:**

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Moved by L. Scanlon
Seconded by C.L. Vaccher

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Recorder: Mary Burak
Chair’s Signature