MINUTES

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Place: Valhalla Inn

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Present:
Marilyn Gouthro, Chair John St. Amand Patricia Lang, President
Dick O'Donnell, Vice Chair Paula Sdao Bob Backstrom, Vice
Percy Champagne Bill Trochimchuk President, Student &
Sharon Cole-Paterson Cheryl L. Vaccher Corporate Services and
Susan Macey Janice Vauthier Board Secretary/ Treasurer
Owen McCullough Sid Wintle

Regrets: G. DuBois-Wing, A. LeSage, N. Logan, D. Wallace

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Present: Judi Maundrell, Vice President, Academic
S. Brenda Small, Dean, Ngeahneewin College of Academic and
Community Development
Mary Burak, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION:

“That the revised agenda of Board meeting No. 437 be approved
as distributed.”

Moved by D. O’Donnell
Seconded J. St. Amand 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**

Board members were advised the November 6th grand re-opening of the Dorion Building was postponed. Governors will be notified of the new date.

As part of the Committee of Presidents’ meeting this coming week, there will be a session with Board Chairs to review the proposed structure of the new College Employer Council. The Chair advised she will be attending on the Governors’ behalf and their feedback was welcome.

The Chair advised Greg Rickford is unable to attend the November Board meeting but may join the Board in February 2010 for an informal luncheon. Governors will be advised once a confirmation has been received.

A media event was held at the College on October 23rd with Minister Smitherman. He announced the unveiling of the Northern Ontario Growth Plan. President Lang was called upon to provide some background information on the new plan.

S. Brenda Small joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 436 as distributed.”

Moved by J. Vauthier
Seconded P. Sdao  

Carried.

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

5.2 **Annual Evaluation Summary 2008-09** – Information item.

6. **IN-CAMERA**

The Chair requested that the meeting move in-camera at 8:42 a.m.

**MOTION:**

“That the Board move In-Camera.”

Moved by J. Vauthier
Seconded P. Champagne  

Carried.
The regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 a.m.

7. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

7.1 *Advisory Committee Minutes* – None.

7.2 *Negahneewin Council Minutes* – Information only.

7.3 *Advisory Committee Appointments* – Information only. In order to monitor gender balance, it was suggested the appropriate columns be completed on all forms.

8. ENDS DISCUSSION

8.1 Ends Monitoring Report 2008-09

The Chair advised rather than repeating the data from the May 2009 Ends Monitoring Report, the mid-year report focused only on the items that had changed. The content was reviewed and J. Maundrell provided a brief explanation on the results of the Dental Programs and advised corrective measures are being taken.

8.2 *Draft Strategic Plan / Debrief on Retreat and Board Agenda Cycle / Board Ends and Governance Discussion Priorities 2009-10*

A discussion took place on the Retreat the previous day and Governors provided their views and feedback. The President advised their comments pertaining to the Ends statements will be taken into consideration. When the draft Ends document is circulated, Governors will be asked to contemplate what the document means to them, and their feedback will be utilized as the basis for their discussions in November. The word ‘attitudes’ and its relevance in the Ends statements was discussed and the President advised research will be done on the concept as requested and their findings will be provided next month. The Chair suggested the first 2 hours of the November agenda be set aside for the Ends discussion.

Governors reviewed the agenda cycle and discussion priorities for 2009-10. It was recommended these items be revisited with the full Board in November to ensure everyone’s input.
8.3 2010 – 2011 Budget

B. Backstrom provided a presentation on the upcoming 2010-2011 budget highlighting the economic environment, government funding, the Ministry’s future agenda, the cost/revenue pressures facing Confederation, and budget projections for the upcoming year. A brief discussion took place regarding the potential deficit this year and the Chair advised the Board needs an outline of the impacts facing the college for review and discussion at the November Board meeting.

A short break was called at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Policy Review – None.

9.2 Executive Limitations Policy Review

9.2.1 EL5 – Fiscal Condition – No. change.

9.2.2 EL7 – Communications & Counsel – No change.

10. Monitoring

10.1 EL3 – Compensation

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL3 – Compensation be accepted.”

Moved by D. O’Donnell
Seconded by J. Vauthier

Carried.

10.2 EL8 – Programs & Services

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL8 – Programs & Services be accepted.”

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

Carried.
10.3 EL12 – Public Image

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL12 – Public Image be accepted.”

Moved by J. Vauthier
Seconded by B. Trochimchuk
Carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Nil

12. INFORMATION Items

12.1 PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE

ACCC on Parliament Hill

In October, the ACCC Board met with senior federal officials to discuss the contributions and challenges of colleges, institutes and polytechnics. As a result of this meeting, college presidents have been invited to dialogue with federal ministers on November 16 & 17th.

PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

Academic Negotiations

The President advised negotiations resumed on October 20th. Since then talks have broken off and they plan to reconvene in November.
Role of Employer Council

As a result of new Provincial legislation, a new employer bargaining agency – the College Employer Council – has been created. Colleges Ontario and the College Compensation and Appointments Council want to define and confirm the governance and organization of this new entity. A meeting will be held at the end of October with the Committee of Presidents and Board Chairs to obtain their input and support. The Chair advised she will accompany the President to the October meetings and Governors were asked for their comments.

Unionization of PT Employees Update

Throughout the month of October, Ontario’s 24 colleges will host votes on part-time employees joining the union. Once the votes are completed, it’s in the hands of the Ontario Labour Relations Board. Presently, a date for the publication of the results has yet to be determined.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Enrolment Update

J. Maundrell reviewed the enrolment statistics to date. The College presently has 3,375 full-time students – a decrease of 71 students since September. The President advised to assist the students at risk, we have increased staff to provide more counseling and tutoring.

Budget Update

The September financial statement was reviewed by B. Backstrom. He reported the College is presently undergoing mid-year budget review and the process will assist in identifying the variances for the November report.

2009-10 College Preliminary Funding Allocations

B. Backstrom advised he will report on the new funding model at an upcoming Board meeting. Governors were asked to contact him directly if they require more detail other than the preliminary documentation provided.

12.2 Confederation College’s Economic Impact Study

The study presents a review of the economic trends in Thunder Bay together with an analysis of Confederation College’s impact on our communities. Highlights of the report were reviewed by the President.
13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

13.1 J. St. Amand was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.

13.2 Assignment of Evaluation Leader – November 27, 2009 – P. Sdao

MOTION:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Moved by P. Champagne
Seconded by O. McCullough Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Recorder: Mary Burak Chair’s Signature