BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING NO. 458  
March 23, 2012

MINUTES

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Shuniah Boardroom A219

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Gwen DuBois-Wing, Chair  
Anne Krassilowsky  
Jim Madder, President

Dennis Wallace, Vice Chair  
J.P. Levesque  
Bob Backstrom, Vice

Paula Sdao, Vice Chair  
Paul Noonan  
President, Student &

Leona Scanlon, Member-at-Large  
Susan Prezio  
Corporate Service

Glenn Brassard  
Doris Rossi  
and Board Secretary /

Don Campbell  
John St. Amand  
Treasurer

Chris Fralick  
Bill Trochimchuk

Meaghan Gibson  
Cheryl L. Vaccher

Regrets:  J.P. Levesque, S. Prezio, D. Rossi and J. St. Amand

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Present:  Judi Maundrell, Senior VP Academic  
S. Brenda Small, VP Aboriginal Relations  
Mary Burak, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

2.1 **Consent Agenda**

   2.1.1 Advisory Committee Minutes
   2.1.2 Advisory Committee Appointments

**MOTION:**

“That the agenda and consent agenda of Board meeting no. 458 be approved as distributed.”

Moved by D. Wallace  
Seconded by G. Brassard  
Carried.
3. **Conflict of Interest**

Governor Bill Trochimchuk advised of a possible conflict of interest as he assisted with the preparation of the financial reports.

*Secretary’s Note: Conflicts of Interest are declared by Governors pursuant to the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2002.*

4. **Chair’s Remarks**

*Today, the Board will meet with Negahneewin Council over lunch from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Rumours Dining Room. At this time the Chair advised the Board of her regrets for the luncheon due to personal reasons.*

*A presentation on Aboriginal Education will be made today as a follow-up to the Board Retreat. Joining Brenda today for the presentation on Aboriginal Education are the following members from Negahneewin Council: Estella Howard, Eugene Lefrancois and also Leona Scanlon. Estella is from Oshki Pimach-O-Win Education and Training Institute and Eugene is from the Métis community as a Member-at-Large.*

- Following the presentation, the Board will address some of the questions provided in Brenda’s memo in preparation for today’s luncheon meeting with Negahneewin Council.

*Student elections took place earlier this month and I would like to report that Confederation’s new Student Union President is Katie Arpin. Katie is presently in the Business-Marketing Program and she is also a graduate of the Travel and Tourism Program. Katie has previously held the position of Director of Athletics on the SUCCI Board. Marlene Bearinger is the new Student Governor and she will replace Meaghan on the Board in September 2012. Marlene is presently working on diplomas in Accounting and Human Resources as well as a certificate in Aboriginal Canadian Relations.*

*The Provincial Budget will be announced on March 27, 2012 and it is expected the budget will outline tough austerity measures. A copy of the Provincial budget highlights from Colleges Ontario and ACCC will be sent to you once they are received.*

The Chair reported she will be away until the end of April and during her absence, the 1st Vice Chair will act on her behalf. She advised Governor Wallace will participate on the upcoming teleconference with the College Employer Council pertaining to CEO remuneration.
4.1 **President’s Remarks**

The President briefly reviewed the items on the agenda and noted the critical discussion today will take place on Aboriginal Education. He looked forward to the Board’s feedback.

Governor Sdao joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 457 as distributed.”

Moved by C. Fralick  
Seconded by C. L. Vaccher  
Carried.

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

6. **IN-CAMERA**

The Chair requested that the meeting move in-camera at 8:45 a.m.

**MOTION:**

“That the Board move In-Camera.”

Moved by D. Wallace  
Seconded L. Scanlon  
Carried.

A short break was taken following the in-camera session and the regular meeting reconvened at 10:12 a.m.
7. **ENDS DISCUSSION**

7.1 **Aboriginal Education Presentation**

A report on the history of Aboriginal Education was pre-circulated and the VP of Aboriginal Relations, S. Brenda Small, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the highlights of the report. Joining her for this presentation were the following Negahneewin Council representatives: Eugene Lafrancois, Estella Howard, Patricia McGuire (faculty representative), Leona Scanlon and Jennifer Oja (administrative assistant).

The intent of the report was to commence dialogue with the Board on the process of developing a strategic approach towards an Aboriginal framework for the future. Also, to ensure the framework is congruent with Confederation's overall proposed Strategic Enrolment Management model. Questions were incorporated in the report to begin this preliminary discussion with the Board of Governors.

Following the presentation, a lengthy discussion took place on the future of Negahneewin College, its role with Confederation College and how the College can become a national leader in Aboriginal Education. The feedback provided by the Governors will be taken under advisement as the College moves forward in developing a future plan.

7.2 **Linkage Session with Negahneewin Council**

As part of the ownership linkage, the Board meets with Negahneewin Council on an annual basis. This will take place at noon in Rumours.

8. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**


8.2 **Executive Limitations Policy Review** – Currently under review.

8.3 **Board Committee Reports**

8.3.1 **Governance Committee**

The pre-circulated report was noted for information. The Chair advised the policy review being conducted by the Governance Committee is approaching completion and the proposed changes will be presented to the Board in May. As the agenda for the May 25th Board meeting is full, it was suggested a separate meeting take place the day prior to allow appropriate time for the Governance Coach to review the recommended modifications. An invitation will be extended to the new 2012-13 Governors by the President’s Office.
8.3.2 **Nominating Committee**

This item was dealt with during the In-Camera session.

8.4 **Board Communication with Public and Media**

As a follow-up to the attendance of media at the January Board meeting, it was suggested a protocol be created to formalize the process on Board communication with the public and media. A draft protocol was provided and reviewed by Sue Prodaniuk, the Executive Director of Recruitment and Communications. Governors agreed on the proposed plan of action on public engagement with the exception of action item three. It was requested that Sue Prodaniuk proceed with the development of a formal protocol and report back at an upcoming Board meeting.

8.5 **Other Items for Decision** – Report of the In-Camera Session

The report of the Board of Governors' In-Camera Meeting was unanimously accepted as follows:

a) “That the In-Camera minutes of meeting no. 457, held February 24, 2012, be approved as distributed."

b) “That Darlene Furlong be appointed as Governor of the Confederation College Board of Governors for the term September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015.”

c) “That Eric Rutherford be appointed as Governor of the Confederation College Board of Governors for the term September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2015.”

9. **Monitoring**

9.1 **EL5 – Fiscal Condition**

The President and B. Backstrom reviewed the EL5 Fiscal Condition Monitoring Report. Following a brief question period, the report was approved accordingly.

**MOTION:**

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

Moved by A. Krassilowsky  
Seconded by P. Noonan  
Carried.
9.2 **EL6 – Asset Protection**

The EL6 Asset Protection Monitoring Report was reviewed by the President and B. Backstrom. Governors questioned some of the data and requested the appropriate evidence be provided to substantiate compliance on the EL Reports. The report was approved conditional upon the evidence being provided on actions and/or responses to the Risk Assessment report prepared by College insurers.

**MOTION:**

“**That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL6 – Asset Protection be accepted conditional upon the information being provided as requested.**”

Moved by C.L. Vaccher
Seconded by C. Fralick
Carried.

10. **INFORMATION Items**

10.1 **PRESIDENT’S UPDATE**

**FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE**

**ACCC on Parliament Hill Update** – Deferred due to time constraints.

**ACCC 2012 Conference Agenda**

The ACCC 2012 Conference Agenda was provided for the Governors’ information and the Chair encouraged new Governors to attend this national conference. A decision on the attendance will be made at the April Board Coordinating Committee meeting and confirmed at the April 27th Board meeting.

**PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Informal meeting with Minister Murray** – Deferred due to time constraints.

The President reported on the number of College employees included in the publication of Public Sector Employees’ salaries for 2011.
LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

**Mining Forum Update** – Deferred due to time constraints.

10.2 **2011-12 Agenda Cycle & Governance Discussion Priorities** – Information item.

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

11.1 D. Campbell was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


**MOTION:**

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Moved by L. Scanlon  
Seconded by M. Gibson  
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Recorder: Mary Burak

Chair’s Signature