

CAMOSUN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Monday, March 3, 2008 Interurban Campus

- I **CALL TO ORDER**
Kim Hesketh called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
The agenda was approved as distributed.
- III **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
The minutes of February 4, 2008 meeting were adopted as distributed.
- IV **UNION REPORTS - nil**
- V **ORIENTATION PRESENTATION - Industry Training Authority (ITA) Training Accord**
Tom Roemer, Dean of the School of Trades and Technology gave the Board an overview of the ITA and Camosun's relationship with the provincial government agency. The ITA became operative in 2004 and has a legislated responsibility to govern and develop the industry training system in BC. It funds trades education in the form of apprenticeship, foundation and non-ITA foundation programs. The College offers apprenticeship and foundation programs. Camosun may set educational standards while most curricula, outcomes and durations are generally mandated. Tom noted that the College submits a 3-year training plan 6 months prior to the start of each fiscal year; Camosun's training plan for 2008/2009 is estimated at \$5.1 million.
- VI **NEW BUSINESS - nil**
- VII **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. **Finance Committee - nil**

- 2. **Executive Committee**

Kim Hesketh noted that Peter Lockie had provided the committee with an update on what the College is doing to identify and reduce its carbon footprint. The college has been undertaking an Energy Management project since last year with an Energy Manager funded by BC Hydro. A full assessment of the Interurban Campus has been completed and recommendations made for cost savings and reduction of greenhouse gas and energy use; if fully implemented the result will be a 35% reduction in greenhouse gasses at that campus. The Energy Management project is a good match for the Province's recently announced program; a proposal will be submitted for \$3M (cost of Interurban recommendations.) An assessment of the Lansdowne campus will be undertaken; completion and preparation of another proposal for Provincial funding is expected to take 12 months. Peter will be giving the Board a presentation on all aspects of the college's sustainability (environmental, economic and social) at its April meeting.

Funding levels for the College will be announced on March 12. Kim reminded the Board that at the Finance Committee meeting on March 26th the proposed operating and capital budget for 2008-2009 will be presented; all Board members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Thanks to the efforts of David Johns, two names of potential Board members to replace him when his terms ends in July have been sent to the Board Resourcing and Development office.

3. Advocacy Committee - no report

4. PISE Board of Directors

David Johns gave a verbal report of the February Board meeting. The Board approved the main lease between PISE and Camosun College. Topics discussed included development of guidelines for the Board, creation of Board sub-committees, transitioning financial record keeping and administration to the Society, and budget for furniture, fittings and equipment. The project is slightly behind schedule but remains within budget. Minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting were distributed as part of the Camosun Board agenda package.

VIII BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Chairman's Report

No report.

2. President's Report

Liz Ashton reported that the Chargers women's basketball team finished first in the season and won silver in the BCCAA Championships this past weekend; the men's finished the season in third place and won bronze at the playoffs. Gord Thatcher (men's head coach) and Brett Westcott (women's head coach) received Coach Excellence Awards and the student athletes won a total of six All-Star and All-Rookie awards.

The second annual Tea Festival was held February 17th at the Conference Centre. The event which is a fundraiser for Camosun College Child Care Services was a great success with over 600 tickets sold. Child Care Services staff and volunteers from the College were on hand to assist with the event.

The College hosted the Skills Canada BC South Island Regional Competition and the Business Simulation Case Competition at the Interurban campus last week. Hundreds of high school students took part in the competitions and participated in campus wide exploration activities.

Upcoming events include the first of the Insight Speakers Series talks on April 9th with Dr. Margaret Somerville, the annual Camosun College Open House on April 24th, and the Foundation's annual fundraising dinner on March 28th.

Liz advised the Board that she anticipates a negative article in the Nexus newspaper due to part of a speech she made to faculty and staff at the February 15th Connections Day event. Liz noted that her comments, which have been taken out of context, were not intended to be construed as negative and expressed regret that they have been seen in this way.

Over the past weekend, the Times Colonist newspaper ran stories on two women in Cameroon who were there as interns in a Camosun College CIDA-funded program.

Recent political unrest in the country spread to the town in which the interns were posted and necessitated their quick removal. Throughout the period, Camosun International staff were in contact with the two women and their families, the Canadian Embassy, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Nipissing University (who also had interns in the region), and a Canadian military contact in the region. Unfortunately, the newspaper articles made no mention of Camosun's involvement, support or initiative with respect to the safety of the women.

3. Foundation

Susan Haddon noted that there are still a few tickets left for the Foundation's fundraising dinner on March 28th. The Foundation's strategic plan has now been completed.

4. Education Council

It was noted that the minutes of the January 21, 2008 Education Council meeting were included in the Board agenda package.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved April 7, 2008