



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2020
TIME: 5:00 pm
ONLINE: Teams

BOARD MEMBERS:

Laylee Rohani, Chair
Bijan Ahmadi
Sherri Bell, President
Monty Bryant, Vice Chair
Tanya Clarmont
Joanne Cumberland
Brenda McBain
Margie Parikh
Emily Rogers
Rob Smythe
Mike Stubbing
Al van Akker
Lindsay JD van Gerven
Phil Venoit

ADMINISTRATION:

John Boraas, VP Education
Heather Cummings, VP Student Experience
Deborah Huelscher, CFO & Interim VP Administration
Rodney Porter, Exec. Director, Communications & Marketing
Barbara Severyn, Exec. Director, Human Resources
Geoff Wilmshurst, VP Partnerships

REGRETS: nil

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: Heather Martin

I CALL TO ORDER

Laylee Rohani, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

II APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

III BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**1. Chair's Report**

Laylee Rohani, Chair, met with virtually with Sherri Bell several times for planning. The spring 2020 election for Education Council and Board of Governors representation took place April 7 to 9. There are two student positions available on the board with a term of August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021. Congratulations Lindsay JD van Gerven and Fillette Umulisa. Laylee acknowledged Rob Smythe for his contribution during the last two years. The board will thank him formally at the June meeting, as his term ends July 31. Thank you Monty Bryant for representing the Board at the Lunch for the Skills Canada Regional Competition at the Interurban Campus on March 6. The Board took part in three COVID-19 update teleconference meetings with Sherri Bell. We have also received many written updates.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Laylee thanked Sherri Bell and the College Executive Team (CET) for their excellent leadership in the past month. They have worked tirelessly to address the COVID-19 issues. They had to deliver education differently and had to make the changes happen very quickly. Their leadership in arranging for emergency funds to help with the basic needs of the students, working with the Foundation, was very much appreciated as well. Congratulations on a job well done!

2. President's Report

Sherri Bell, President, advised that she and CET have been working to meet the emergency needs of the students. They worked with Jody Kitts, Director, Advancement and Alumni Engagement, to launch a fundraising campaign 'Erasing Barriers'. Financial Aid is working hard to deposit \$200 directly into the students' bank accounts. Over 1000 students applied and we distributed to 370 students (\$92K) so far. The Government then gave every institution \$140K to be used to assist domestic students. Our international students who stayed here, who were without jobs, needed help as well. Today the Foundation approved \$200K for emergency funds for students. The three funds together will go to students, and will assist a second round of emergency funding.

The college's COVID-19 team has been working hard, and all have taken on different, very important roles. John Boraas is working with the Deans to finish this term, and is working on the summer and fall. Student Services switched entirely to off-campus support of the students. Sybil Harrison, Director, Learning Services, helped the Bookstore move to e-books, and supported faculty to work remotely. The COVID-19 Team meets daily at 8:30am. They meet with the unions once a week. The Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training holds weekly meetings with the post-secondary leads, and Sherri meets weekly with the BC College Presidents.

On the domestic side, 1379 have registered for spring/summer, as compared to 2496 last year. There are 510 registered in International, and there were 682 last year at this point. The numbers are not solid yet.

We were approached by Island Health to set up a clinic at each campus. The clinics will be for low risk, non-COVID-19 patients. They are waiting for the health authority to give approval to move forward if necessary.

One hundred and eighty students signed a petition requesting a pass/fail grade rather than a letter grade for this term. It is 1% of our student population. It falls under Education Council's purview, and they will address it this week.

Premier John Horgan called Sherri last week to thank her for what Camosun Innovates is doing to support the health workers with the design of a new face shield. They are in production now at Camosun Innovates.

3. Foundation

Monty Bryant, Foundation Liaison, noted there was great news today for the 'Erasing Barriers' fund. The Foundation board approved a motion to set aside \$200K to be disbursed to the students. When the market first fell 20% due to COVID-19, the Foundation's investments only fell 5%. It was a credit to their cautious investments. They continued to generate good interest rates. It has rebounded to almost where it was. Monty thanked the Foundation Finance & Audit committee for their skills that have saved the Foundation a great amount of money.

Geoff Wilmshurst, Vice President Partnerships, reiterated that the Foundation Executive and the Finance & Audit committee have done a superb job managing the Foundation.

4. Education Council

Bijan Ahmadi, Education Council Chair, noted the March meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19, but the April 15 meeting will go forward using Teams. There will be a report next month.

5. Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE)

Phil Venoit, PISE Board of Directors member, noted they have not met. The staff are all working remotely due to COVID-19. PISE will meet next in May.

IV BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Committee

Laylee Rohani, Chair, Executive Committee, reported that the Executive met virtually on March 25. We received a detailed update on the COVID-19 situation at the College. We discussed the Board of Governors 'Award for Innovation and Community Partnership' for 2021.

V APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

VI NEW BUSINESS

1. Bargaining Update

Barb Severyn, Executive Director, Human Resources, provided an update on bargaining for information.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.



Laylee Rohani, Chair

May 19, 2020
Date

Heather Martin, Recorder