

SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

HELD: MARCH 11, 2015

Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed members to the first Board Meeting of 2015-16 academic year. She noted that the UOIT/DC annual joint meeting was scheduled to take place that evening. She encouraged all to attend as it represented a great opportunity to foster the collaborative relationship between the two institutions.

President's Report

The President was encouraged by the number of applicants for the upcoming academic year and reported that UOIT was one of very few universities in the GTA to see any increase over last year. He noted that an increase in enrollment would strengthen UOIT's proposal for the Major Capacity Expansion Grant.

He advised that UOIT was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship which will go a long way to support student exchange programs with other institutions in the Commonwealth. UOIT was featured in the Porter Airlines Inflight Magazine as a cutting-edge, innovative and career-related university. Minister Holder made a guest appearance at a recent economic club meeting as part of a campaign to inspire young Canadians to study science, technology and engineering.

The President also advised that the search for a Chancellor was underway and that four recipients would be selected to receive honorary degrees at Convocation. He invited Board members to attend the ceremonies on June 4 & 5, 2015.

Co-Populous Member Report

P. Tremblay was pleased to announce that the Service Level Agreement between Durham College and UOIT was finalized and would be signed at the annual joint meeting later that evening. He noted that it marked an important milestone for the maturation of the two institutions and was a product of hard work and extensive collaboration. He advised that the DC Board will be discussing leadership and succession planning at its upcoming retreat in April as a number of senior administrators will be retiring in the coming years. He concluded his report by sharing that the DC men's basketball team had placed third and the women's volleyball team had placed second at the OCAA provincial championship.

Alumni Association Report

Alumni Association Council President, M. Fawcett delivered a very comprehensive presentation that summarized the year in review. He advised that the Council had updated its terms of reference, instituted a new election model and developed sub-committees to pursue strategic initiatives. Highlights from the year included: homecoming, the graduating class challenge, the new Alumni magazine and Digital Wall, and various alumni receptions. Currently, Council was working on affinity partnerships, alumni merchandise and finalizing its 2015-16 work plan.

Highlights from Committee Reports / Action Items

Audit & Finance Committee (including Investment Committee):

- The Board of Governors approved the following items:
 - The laptop procurement expenditure to support the Tele program and meet internal needs for 2015-16 academic year
 - The endowment disbursement for student awards for 2015-16 year
 - Tuition and Ancillary fees for 2015-16 year
 - An amendment to the Statement of Investment Policy
 - The Expendable Funds Policy

Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee:

- The Board approved the following items:
 - The Student Association Accountability Policy and the Policy on the Recognition of Student Organizations
 - The amended Research Board Terms of References
 - The amendment to the Defined Contribution Pension Plan that afforded early release of assets for Shortened Life Expectancy

Advancement Committee:

- The Advancement Committee Chair advised that an open RFP was conducted to secure fundraising planning and support for the upcoming campaign. The contract was awarded to KCI for its customized approach and vast experience in the sector. The pre-planning phases of the campaign was already well underway. Gotta Purpose, a separate service provider was retained to develop an alumni engagement strategy.