

## **SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**HELD: NOVEMBER 26, 2013**

#### **Chair's Report**

The Chair discussed University Day at Queen's Park, an event she attended with the President. She noted that the event included meetings with various ministry representatives and she indicated that there appeared to be a strong sense of support for the work that the post-secondary education (PSE) sector is doing. The Chair also made reference to a conference for university Governors put on by the COU that was attended by a number of Governors, including herself. She provided an overview of the program and noted that the conference included presentations from industry, the current Governor General and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

#### **President's Report**

The President advised the Board that the University is well into its current academic planning cycle and continues to engage in strategic discussions with the Federal and Provincial governments regarding the Strategic Mandate Agreement process. He noted that University's budget planning process (including continuing discussions regarding joint land use planning with Durham College) is also underway. He advised of a recent roundtable meeting with consultants on various aspects of the Campus Master Plan and noted that the Board would soon receive further updates in that respect. He also noted that the Honorary Degree Committee would be meeting shortly to discuss candidates for the June convocation.

The President discussed his experience at the recent Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) meeting in Ottawa.

#### **Co-Populous Member Report – G. Cubitt**

G. Cubitt discussed the highlights of the recent Durham College Board meeting which included a presentation about "Café", a program intended to assist full and part time instructors to learn more about active learning. He noted that the Café program has received positive feedback both internally and externally. He informed the Board that Durham College President, Don Lovisa, was recently named Business Person of the Year in Ajax-Pickering. He also noted that the College is very excited to launch its new Healthcare Management degree program.

## **Campus Master Plan Update**

M. Lapp provided an update on the Campus Master Plan. He advised that the firm MMM was selected as a consultant on this project and noted that the process includes a review of all of the future building needs, space and land needs for both UOIT and DC (including the North campus, Downtown campus and DC's Whitby location). He noted that a preliminary report is in progress which will include detail at a high level. The general consensus of the Board was that it would like to see the Plan reflect an intersection of learning and innovation.

## **Highlights from Committee Reports**

### Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee:

- Three Governors will be completing their terms and leaving the Board at the end of the current year.
- The criteria and timeline for evaluating new Governors has been updated to reflect current/future needs of the Board.

### Strategy & Planning Committee:

- The Committee continues to focus on issues relating to the Strategic Mandate Agreement negotiation process.

### Advancement Committee:

- UOIT's Alumni Association held its first strategic meeting in November.
- The recent Friends of UOIT dinner raised approximately \$68,000.

### Audit & Finance Committee (including Investment Committee):

- KPMG recently confirmed that all areas of audit focus at UOIT are currently rated "low" which speaks to significant improvement in UOIT's internal finance process.
- UOIT's Q2 financial statements indicate that UOIT is in a strong cash position and tracking ahead of budget (the current forecast indicates a surplus for the year).
- The Board approved the Q2 2013-2014 financial statements, amendments to UOIT's investment allocations, the Statement of Investment Policy, and Terms of Reference for the Investment Committee of the Board.