

SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PUBLIC SESSION

HELD: APRIL 24, 2014

Presentation of Student Petition

The Board received a student petition on International Student Fees. Two current students, Jesse Cullen and Baker Baha, delivered a brief presentation on the topic and requested that the Board address student concerns in the 2014-2015 year.

Chair's Report

The Chair acknowledged the recent passing of Jim Flaherty. She reflected on his significant contributions to UOIT and remarked that he will be sadly missed by the university community. The Chair discussed the recent Board election and noted that there was an excellent participation rate by candidates from the non-academic staff group, graduate students and undergraduate students.

President's Report

The President reiterated the Chair's remarks with respect to Jim Flaherty. He discussed Mr. Flaherty's tremendous accomplishments in the research and innovations sectors and acknowledged Mr. Flaherty's extraordinary contributions to the Province of Ontario and UOIT. The President spoke about mental health issues on campus noting that the university takes this topic seriously and is continually working to improve access to campus mental health services. The President congratulated Dr. Deborah Saucier on her recent appointment as Provost and Vice President Academic.

Co-Populous Member Report – G. Cubitt

G. Cubitt advised that Durham College exceeded its most recent growth targets and has seen an increased number of applicants ranking the College as their first or second choice. He advised that the recent budget represents the sixth consecutive balanced budget for the College. He noted that this growth budget will fund and deliver 6 new programs and also includes a considerable capital component.

Highlights from Committee Reports / Action Items

Governance, Nominations and Human Resources Committee:

- The Board approved a revised Board Recruitment & Succession Policy.
- Amirmohammad Ghandehariun was announced as the new Graduate Student representative to the Board.
- Theeben Jegatheesan was announced as the new Non-Academic Staff Member representative to the Board.

Audit & Finance Committee (including Investment Committee):

- The 2014-15 Budget was approved by the Board.
- The Board approved an expenditure of up to \$6 million for the procurement of laptops for the 2014-15 year.

Quality Assurance and Introduction to 2012-13 Program Reviews

The Provost delivered a presentation on Quality Assurance at UOIT. She discussed the local and provincial elements of the QA planning process. She briefly discussed the programs reviewed in the 2012-2013 year (Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences, Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering).

Legislative Update

C. Foy discussed the implications of Bill 151 (Strengthening and Improving Government Act) and Bill 179 (Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act) in the university sector. She also discussed Canada's new anti-spam legislation which comes into force on July 1, 2014.