

REGRETS

The Chair noted regrets from Governors Mike Shields and Phillip (Rocky) Simmons, and Executive Team members Bev Balenko, Richard Levin, Don Sinclair and Ross Stevenson.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

At the request of the Chair, Ann Mars acknowledged Neil McCallum and Derek Lindsay, second year Journalism students representing the Chronicle newspaper.

At the request of the Chair, Michael Finlayson introduced Allan Shapira, a senior consulting actuary with Hewitt's Retirement and Financial Management Practice.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None was noted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Bill Hunter declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 13.1, Compensation , Pension and Benefits Programs Draft Policy. Bill suggested it seemed reasonable that any staff should not be present. Gary replied he was not aware of anyone having a conflict other than Michael Finlayson who was presenting item 13.1. Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann noted that a perception of conflict of interest must be considered. Bill stated that the University Board was not bound by the proposed Council of Regents' Conflict of Interest Guidelines. He stated that resources being held jointly may decrease resources available to the College so that it could be a perceived conflict of interest. The question then becomes how does a College Governor make a reasonable decision?

Garry Cubitt stated that the College internal Governors are non-voting members of this Board. He posed the scenario that it is an open meeting and a large number of DC faculty could observe the meeting and does this differ from the non-voting members of the Board?

Joanne Burghardt commented if the non-voting members could participate in the decision, this could be perceived as influencing the decision. Doug Wilson agreed but noted it must be determined first if they have a conflict. He felt a conflict existed if they derive some benefit but noted that the University and the College are separately funded when it comes to pension and benefits. Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann stated there may be a conflict of interest and caution and due diligence must be exercised also to support the internal Governors. Gary agreed with Doug as the College faculty and staff compensation is negotiated centrally through the CAAT system while the University's compensation is negotiated locally.

Bob Strickert noted that conflict of interest was one area of governance to be discussed and established. He stated work was ongoing. As the Chair, he asked that Bill and other internal Governors of the College leave the room for this issue.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no errors or omissions in the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 8, 2002, the Chair declared the minutes accepted as presented.

DECISION ITEMS

Appointment of Treasurer and Secretary

Bob Strickert noted last spring the Durham College Board re-affirmed the appointment of officers. At the September Board meeting the College Board appointed the Governors to the University Board and the University Board now needed to appoint the Secretary and Treasurer.

Moved by Denise Jones

Seconded by Gail MacKenzie

MOTION #6 “Be it resolved that the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the following appointments with effect from June 27, 2002:

Treasurer

- Don Hargest

Secretary

- Cathy Pitcher.”

CARRIED

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Don reported that the University financial report will become more meaningful over time. He stated at this time only expenses and interest amounts are known. Don advised that the budget had been submitted to the Government and transitional funding was still being worked on.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Compensation, Pension and Benefits Programs Draft Policy

It was agreed to refer this item to the UOIT In-Committee Board meeting agenda.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

PEQAB Site Visits/Program Approvals

Catherine Drea advised that we were anticipating approval of the Nursing and Education programs soon.

First Meeting of Academic Council

Gary advised the first meeting of the Academic Council had been held earlier today and it had been a successful meeting. He noted this was another milestone for the University and felt the Academic Council would add a lot of value.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Process for Board Retreat Follow-up

Bob reported that a number of issues relating to governance had been raised at the Retreat and would be referred to the Executive Committee, supported by members of the Board Retreat Committee, which would meet on November 26 to start the process. Bob welcomed any Governors to attend this meeting. He noted the intent was to develop a governance manual by next spring. As part of this process a number of issues will be reviewed including Governor appointments, LGIC appointees, committee structure and frequency of meetings. Bob stated that when the Board meets in June a governance package will have been established which will stand the test of time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Bob Strickert, Chair

Gary Polonsky, President