

REGRETS

The Vice Chair noted regrets from Governors Michelle Carter and Gail MacKenzie. He noted we were unable to contact Bob Strickert via telephone.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

At the request of the Vice Chair, MaryLynn West-Moynes acknowledged Donald Wallace, Director, Academic Planning, UOIT; and Derek Lindsay, a Journalism student representing the Chronicle newspaper.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None was noted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None was noted.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no errors or omissions in the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 12, 2003, the Vice Chair declared the minutes accepted as presented.

DECISION ITEMS

None was noted.

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Don Hargest reported that expenditures were being recorded as they occur and revenue was based on the transitional funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None was noted.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

PEQAB Education Site Visit Update

Bill Hunter noted we had received a positive recommendation from the site visit. He gave credit to the team, particularly Catherine Drea and Jane Lowe. Bill advised that PEQAB had since approved the program and the Minister had signed the letter granting ministerial consent two days later. He stated a letter had been sent to the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) and they were currently seeking public comment on the UOIT application. There is the potential for a site visit with OCT on April 2. Pending a successful site visit, approval would be received by April 30. Bill stated we did need to let student applicants know that this approval was still pending. He advised we had 140 excellent applicants for 50 planned seats.

Vision Update

Garry Cubitt remarked on the amount of activity and congratulated Gary and his team for making it all come together. Bill Hunter noted that the Minister's approval must be obtained to offer honorary degrees

in the first year. Gary advised we did plan to offer Honorary Degrees and we would turn our sights to that in the months ahead.

Academic Council Meeting held February 11, 2003

No questions or comments were noted.

Enrolment Target Agreement

Donald Wallace reviewed the Enrolment Target Agreement noting this was a vehicle MTCU was using for the double cohort and was a way to deal with the basic operating grant and funding. He noted UOIT was in a unique position and it was difficult to project enrolment. He noted initially there were penalties if universities did not meet its enrolment targets but these provisions had since been removed. Donald advised we were closer now to knowing our enrolment numbers but initially had not provided a projection for 2004-05 as we did not want the ETA to be used as an operating grant funding mechanism. He stated we had now provided projections for 2004-05 and had increased this by 20% for 2005-06 to allow for new programs.

Letter to COU

Gary commented that the letter to COU had been sent and the COU Executive Committee was meeting on Friday to review UOIT's application. He advised he would e-mail Governors with any update.

Action: Gary to advise the Board re COU Executive Committee's decision.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Letter to Dr. Marc Renaud, SSHRC, from Michael Finlayson dated February 5, 2003

Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann questioned if it would be appropriate to acknowledge Professor Carolyn Byrne's application for a Community University Research Alliance. Michael advised that this request had been turned down.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Bob Strickert, Chair

Gary Polonsky, President