

REGRETS

The Chair noted regrets from Governors Michelle Carter, Bill Hunter, Denise Jones and Mark Moorcroft, and participant Carol Beam.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

At the request of the Chair, MaryLynn West-Moynes acknowledged Craig Loverock, Director of Budgets and Financial Planning.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Agenda items 8.4, Campaign Prospect Clearance Policy, 14.7, National Award, and 14.8, Science Bus Announcement, were added.

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 March 12, 2003, the Chair declared the minutes accepted as presented.

ACTION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was noted that Gary had updated the Board re COU Executive Committee's recommendation to endorse UOIT's application for membership.

DECISION ITEMS

Research Policy

Michael Finlayson reported that this policy had been reviewed at the February meeting and had also been reviewed and approved by Academic Council in March. He noted these policies were based on two principles: the right to publish and the obligation to develop an overall strategic plan with respect to research. He noted additional, detailed policies with respect to research will be reviewed at Academic Council and brought to the Board in May. Doug Wilson asked if faculty were pleased with the subject policy and if it fits within usage of the trade? Michael replied yes. He stated the original policy presumed the appointment of a senior research leader which would happen in due course. Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann noted the section entitled "Research Activities Having Potential Effects on the Environment" and that this section was still to be developed. Michael stated this section would be removed.

Action: The section entitled "Research Activities Having Potential Effects on the Environment" will be removed from the Research Policy.

Moved by Garry Cubitt

Seconded by Doug Wilson

MOTION #28 "That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the Research Policy, as amended."

CARRIED

Banking Resolutions

Don Hargest stated the need for the subject banking resolutions in order to establish bank accounts for UOIT, and that the resolutions were standard procedure.

Moved by Doug Wilson

Seconded by Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann

MOTION #29 “That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the Banking Resolutions for the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank of Canada, as presented.”

CARRIED

Affirm Decision Item(s) from Joint Boards of Governors Meeting

Fundraising Campaign Name

Moved by Doug Wilson

Seconded by Garry Cubitt

MOTION #30 “That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the name “Campaign for the New U” for the fundraising campaign.”

CARRIED

Campaign Prospect Clearance Policy

Bob Strickert noted this policy had been adopted by the College and was presented now for approval as a University policy.

Moved by Joanne Burghardt

Seconded by Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann

MOTION #31 “That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the Campaign Prospect Clearance Policy, as presented.”

CARRIED

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Don Hargest reported that expenditures were being recorded as they occur and it would be a “break even” year. He noted funds not spent would be rolled into next year’s budget.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Joanne Burghardt commented she had attended an event with the Editorial Board at OPG and OPG had commented on and promoted the School of Energy Engineering and Nuclear Science at UOIT. Joanne was also going to e-mail Dean George Bereznoi.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None was noted.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

UOIT Open House

Michael Finlayson advised that UOIT's Open House, held on March 14 and 15, was deemed a success. He noted 500 prospective students had visited and met with Deans and attended lectures.

UOIT Applications

Michael Finlayson commented that we had received approximately 4,500 applications. He advised we don't have an accurate fix yet on the number of students we'll have in September and have no track record to base this number on. Bob Strickert asked if we were still accepting applications? Gary responded we would accept them right up until September.

Ontario College of Teachers' Education Site Visit Update

Michael Finlayson advised that the Ontario College of Teachers' site visit had taken place on April 2 and we would receive the outcome of that visit on April 25. Michael noted the visit went well and we were optimistic of a positive outcome.

Vision Update

Gail MacKenzie commented on the articulation between college and university transfer and stated it was the clearest agreement she has read and thought it was tremendous. Gary agreed it was a Canadian milestone. He noted this initially applied to Durham College Business grads with an "A" average moving directly into Year 3 of the B. Com program, but would probably be extended to Ontario and Canadian college grads. Grads with a "B" or "B+" average would be required to take a bridge semester prior to entering Year 3. As well, Durham College grads of a non-Business, two-year program would be eligible to enter a bridge semester and then enter Year 3 of the B.Com. (Hons) program. MaryLynn noted we were working on a communication strategy which included a message to help with the conversion of college students. She reiterated the initial target was Durham College grads.

Bob Strickert asked how many grads would have an "A" average? MaryLynn stated about 8.6% across the College which would translate to about 30 students for the subject program. Bob noted a College grad could receive both a diploma and degree. MaryLynn agreed and stated it would be a rigorous bridge semester. She noted the potential of 300 students being interested in "2 + 2" and bridge program.

Bob questioned if the Ministry is aware of this? Gary replied staff were but we would send the Minister a letter.

Action: Cathy to prepare a letter for Bob's signature to the Minister re the articulation agreement.

Joanne Burghardt questioned if non-Business meant any program except Business Administration? MaryLynn replied yes. Doug Wilson asked if we were in a position in September 2004 to have 3rd Year programs. Gary replied maybe not until September 2005 although Dean Bernie Schell was contemplating as early as January 2004. Doug noted the message to students needed to be clear as to the timing. Bob congratulated the staff on this accomplishment.

Academic Council Meeting held March 18, 2003

Michael remarked that the minutes had been circulated and noted that several new programs had been approved by Academic Council.

Energy Research Consortium mentioned in Ontario Budget Speech

Gary advised that we have our first research institute which was announced in conjunction with four other universities in the energy field. He noted the Government would be meeting with the universities involved soon. Bob asked if it would be called the Energy Research Consortium? Gary advised it was yet to be formally named.

National Award

Gary commented that the UOIT promotional video had won a national award as the third best university promotional video in the country.

Science Bus Announcement

Gary advised the Ontario Government was creating a “Science Bus” which was to travel through the province promoting science and was looking to associate this bus with a university. He advised UOIT will partner with this, along with Pfizer and be called the UOIT/Pfizer Science Bus. He noted an announcement would take place here, tentatively scheduled for April 24. We will keep Governors advised of the details of this announcement.

Region of Durham

Gary advised that we had asked for \$10M from the Region for the University and had felt this was supported. He stated, however, that at a recent Region Finance Committee meeting, there were a significant number of Councillors who signalled they could not support this and the Chair deferred the decision for three weeks. Gary stated there would be a story in the local paper regarding this issue and Gary was invited to the next Finance Committee meeting. Gary remarked this would cost the average family \$14.60 per year for the next 5 years. He stated non-support of this would compromise our campus vision and encouraged Governors to contact members of the Finance Committee. We will e-mail Governors with the names of those who sit on the Finance Committee.

Bob Strickert asked that Gary e-mail Governors outlining the concerns and statement of the problem. Gary agreed. He noted we are flexible with the terms of this \$10M commitment such as applying it to infrastructure and receiving funding over a number of years. Gary stated he would advise of an advocacy strategy over the next few days. Bob noted this \$10M leverages other funding and could cause problems if our local Region could not support the University. He felt the economic impact of the University on the Region needed to be restated in our request for support.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Bob Strickert, Chair

Gary Polonsky, President