



## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Chair notes regrets from Governors Mark Moorcroft, Lyn McLeod and Peter Dixon and senior staff member Judy Moreton. She advised that Governors Dave Broadbent and Denise Jones and participant JoAnne Horruzey would be arriving late.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Donna McFarlane introduced Stephanie Ball, Dean, School of Justice, DC; Susan Barclay-Pereira, Director of Program Development, DC; Judy Spring, Dean, School of Integrated Studies, DC.

## **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The Chair noted the addition of item 5.1, Gifts for Governors.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None was noted.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Gary Polonsky advised that the baseball caps for the Governors were provided to honour the new Varsity name, the Ridgebacks, which was recently announced to the public.

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2006 were accepted, as amended.

## **ACTION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None was noted.

Stephanie Ball, Susan Barclay-Pereira and Judy Spring left the meeting at this time.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

None was noted.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

None was noted.

## **INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

Allan Furlong joined the meeting at this time.

Craig Loverock reported that there were no changes to the operating budget for the ten months ending January 31. There is still a small cash surplus projected for the end of the fiscal year.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **UOIT Student Applications Preliminary Data**

Richard Levin said that this is the third year in a row that UOIT leads in applicants.

## **College and University Applicant Survey**

Richard Levin advised that the survey is conducted annually. There are over 10,000 applicants in the system which makes this a good source of information for our recruiting efforts. The surveys for the College and University are not comparable because they have been designed for different groups.

Richard advised that for university applicants, the overall reputation of a program and the ability of graduates to obtain good jobs are important factors. Our applicants are less concerned with the reputation of UOIT, which makes sense because we are still building a reputation. Marketing efforts such as the website, viewbooks etc. are more important to university applicants than to college applicants. Richard noted that our website is ranked second for appeal and most influential. Our Viewbooks are third for most influential and fall in the middle for appeal. He noted that the University's phone contact is more influential than any other. The surveys show that while students decide to go to university early in their high-school career, they are not selecting an institution until later. To date our reputation has put us ahead of Lakehead, Nipissing, Trent, Laurentian and Brock Universities.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **Update re Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) Application Site Visit held January 23**

Gary Polonsky reported that the individuals who came to the campus were impressed. He is optimistic that they will recommend we become full member. We will know in the spring if the recommendation is made but we will not be considered a full member until their Board meeting in October. Gary thanked the Governors who were actively involved in the process.

**Action:** Cathy Pitcher to send a note to Mary Guerard on behalf of the Board to thank her for her work on the AUCC application process.

### **Update re Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Membership**

Gary Polonsky reported that the University is now a full member of the OUA. He said there was a similar process to the AUCC membership. UOIT presented the proposal to the full OUA Board in Hamilton. The approval was unanimous.

Gary noted that the first varsity teams will be tennis and rowing this fall. The following year there will be both men's and women's hockey.

**Action:** Cathy Pitcher to send a note Ken Babcock on behalf of the Board to thank him for his work on the OUA application process.

### **Ministry Intent to Grant Approval of Programs**

Richard Marceau reported that we have received a letter from the ministry advising of their intent to grant approval for the Computing Science as a first teachable in the Bachelor of Education program.

### **Provost's New Book**

Gary Polonsky advised that Richard Marceau recently published a book and congratulated Richard on his achievement.

### **Student Transit Pass**

Gary Polonsky reported that there was a student referendum in progress to vote on the student transit pass.

Ralph Aprile advised that it was the second day of the referendum. This was a controversial campaign because it is not something that will be used by all students. So far the turnout for voting has been

exceptional. Ralph was optimistic that there will be a favourable response. The cost will be \$50 per semester to ride transit through the Durham Region which is great savings when compared with the \$75/month for a bus pass.

**Action:** Cathy to forward to results to governors.

Peter Bagnall asked if the amount will be charged to every student? Ralph replied yes.

Gary Polonsky thanked Garry Cubitt for his contribution as liaison between the Student Association and the Region of Durham.

### **Update on Glass in Science Building East Atrium**

Ken Robb reported that one panel of tempered glass from the fourth floor of the Science Building East Atrium shattered and pieces fell to the floor. A piece of glass landed on a student who was taken to hospital and determined not to have serious injuries.

The area has been secured and an investigation into the cause and the sturdiness of the remaining panes is underway to ensure this doesn't happen again. The institution has hired an independent consultant in addition to the insurance company's and the contractor's teams to determine why the glass shattered.

During the fall, other panes of glass were damaged. These were removed and each of these locations is covered with plywood. Ralph Aprile said that the supplier expects to have replacement glass for Monday. He noted that the evaluation of the existing glass is underway and will continue into early next week.

Ken advised that the area is secured until it is deemed safe and will then be re-opened to the public.

Gary clarified that only a portion of the pane of glass fell, not the entirety. He also noted that the tempered glass has been used in many buildings across Canada and this occurrence is rare.

Charlie Peel asked if this was glass to the outside? Ken replied that it was on the inside of the atrium.

Joanne Burghardt asked if the glass pebbled? Ken replied yes.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair reviewed the upcoming events: ACAATO Conference, February 19 and 20 and the Nominating Committee meeting on March 6.

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Deb Kinkaid reported that she attended the Campus Bookstore Canada conference, which is open to all college and universities. She went to a booth for Stormtech and Champions, where two of the representatives were alumni of Durham College. They both spoke highly of their experiences here. One individual was being promoted to a manager position and advised he would be returning to campus to recruit for his former position.

Charlie Peel commented that as a member of Local 222, he is part of a campaign to promote the purchase of domestic products. He suggested that future clothing items purchased should be made in Canada whenever possible. He noted that he has contact information for suppliers of hats made in Canada.

### **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated 6:48 p.m.

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Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, Chair

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Gary Polonsky, President

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Cathy Pitcher, Secretary