

**UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>rd</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**DATE:** March 21, 2007  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Community Room  
Oshawa Campus

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**GOVERNORS:** Patrick McNeil, Chair  
Dave Broadbent  
Joanne Burghardt  
Garry Cubitt  
Allan Furlong  
Denise Jones  
Manon Lemonde  
Fraser McArthur  
Lyn McLeod  
Mark Moorcroft  
Jim O'Donnell  
Phillip (Rocky) Simmons

**PARTICIPANTS:** Rhonda Christian  
Aileen Fletcher  
Karen Hodgins  
Deborah Kinkaid  
Leah Myers  
Charlie Peel  
Darrell Sewell  
Gerry Warman

**PRESIDENT:** Ron Bordessa

**SECRETARY:** Karen Spearing

**RECORDING  
SECRETARY:** Erin Boniface

**SENIOR STAFF:** Ralph Aprile  
Bev Balenko  
Terry Caputo  
David Chambers  
Margaret Greenley  
Richard Levin  
Craig Loverock  
Ruth MacKay  
Richard Marceau  
Ann Mars  
Brian Marshall  
Paul McErlean  
Donna McFarlane  
Gerry Pinkney  
Cathy Pitcher  
Ken Robb

**REGRETS:**

**GOVERNORS:** Peter Bagnall  
Peter Berg  
Kimberley McCartney  
Beth Wilson



**MOTION  
#301**

Moved by Garry Cubitt

Seconded by Joanne Burghardt

“That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the revised tuition and ancillary fee schedule for 2007-08 as presented.”

CARRIED

**UOIT Coat of Arms**

President Bordessa reported that a process has been commenced to develop a coat of arms for UOIT and requested endorsement of a request to the Government of Canada for the granting of the coat of arms.

**MOTION  
#302**

Moved by Garry Cubitt

Seconded by Mark Moorcroft

“That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology endorse a resolution to request of the Crown that a Coat of Arms be granted to UOIT.”

CARRIED

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Report on Incidents of Falling Glass**

Ralph Aprile, Vice-President of Ancillary Services, presented a report on incidents of falling glass in the UA-Science Building on campus. He indicated that tests are currently being conducted and the findings will be reviewed the second week of April and recommendations will be made at that time.

**Report on Athletic Centre Capital Project**

Paul McErlean, Vice-President of Finance and Strategy, presented a report on the Athletic Centre capital project. He advised that in order to ensure financial integrity and transparency as we move forward, the Finance team has implemented a review of all construction projects at least six months prior to completion. He indicated that this report outlines the outcome of the review of the Athletic Centre expansion, which is scheduled to open in August 2007. He reported that as a result of the increase in the size of the athletic facility, additional costs have been incurred. He further reported, however, that as a result of securing a lower interest rate over a longer term there has been a decrease in the annual interest cost of approximately 25%, which serves to absorb the additional capital costs.

The Board of Governors recognized the efforts of the Finance team and acknowledged that the revised procurement process, approved by the Board of Governors in February 2007, will serve to eliminate this type of situation from occurring in the future.

Vice-President McErlean reported that the Finance team will continue these reviews as part of the risk management process currently underway.

**UOIT 2005-10 Strategic Plan Follow-up Report**

Richard Marceau, Provost, presented a comprehensive overview of the implementation status of the 2005-2010 Strategic Plan. The Board requested that the presidents of UOIT and Durham College report back to the Boards of Governors in November 2007 regarding partnerships and/or articulation agreements between the two institutions.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **President's Report**

President Bordessa reported on the highlights of his activities over the past month. He also circulated the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Trent University, signed in February 2006, as a follow-up to his report to the Board of Governors in February 2007 regarding 2007-08 applications to UOIT. As well, he circulated a document entitled, "Overview of UOIT", as prepared by the Provost, which summarizes the activities of UOIT.

President Bordessa also reported on discussions with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities regarding the future of UOIT. He indicated that the discussions were very positive. He did indicate, however, that the Minister has indicated that he is not in a position to resolve the debenture issue at this time; however, the Ministry does recognize the critical impact of the debenture on UOIT's future.

### **Debenture Payment**

The Chair indicated that it is critical that UOIT and Durham College develop a strategic position for moving forward in light of the debenture. He further stated that this is the most significant financial issue facing both institutions as the cash flow is currently non-existent and we cannot keep turning to UOIT to cut back on academic funding in order to offset debenture payments. He stated that a resolution to this critical issue will mean UOIT and Durham College working together to remove Durham College as the guarantor – the challenge being how to legally separate assets between UOIT and Durham College.

The Board of Governors agreed that it is essential, as the two institutions move forward, that Durham College be removed as the guarantor on the debenture. The Chair stated that discussions in this regard are on-going.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

### **Board Evaluation Questionnaire**

The Chair noted that Board Evaluation Questionnaires have been included in the Board package and asked that the questionnaires be returned to the Board Secretary at the next Board Meeting and confirmed that a reminder will be sent out prior to the meeting.

### **Governor Resignations**

The Chair reported that Beth Wilson, who is currently cross-appointed to both the Durham College and UOIT Boards of Governors, has tendered her resignation from both Boards of Governors effective immediately, citing time restrictions as a result of work commitments.

He also reported that Manon Lemonde, elected faculty representative, will be resigning from the UOIT Board of Governors effective June 30, 2007 as she will be commencing research leave at that time.

The resignations were received with regret.

## **Upcoming Events**

The Chair reported on upcoming events: the official opening of OPG Engineering Building on March 30, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., the NAUBCS (National Association of University Board Chairs and Secretaries) Conference in Waterloo, Ontario on April 19-21, 2007, the ACCC Conference in Montreal, Quebec on May 27-29, 2007, the UOIT Convocation at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa on June 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and the Durham College Convocation at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa on June 22, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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

Governor Burghardt reported that the YWCA has closed its emergency housing for women and noted that she is hopeful that it is only a temporary measure. She asked governors for assistance for emergency housing through their professional affiliations.

Durham College Governor Rhonda Christian noted that tickets are now available for Leahy in concert, in support of Whitby's new Abilities Centre. The concert is scheduled for April 12. She indicated that anyone interested can purchase tickets from her directly.

## **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Chair terminated the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Patrick McNeil, Chair

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Ron Bordessa, President

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Karen Spearing, Secretary