

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

February 4, 2016

The Open Session of the regular Board meeting was held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room (F303).

The following members were present:

T. Bachelder
M. Berube (chair)
T. Curry (skype)
C. Dennis
G. Durnan (vice-chair)
G. Jodouin
S. McLeod
S. Portelli (polycom)
J. Zimbalatti
D. Forget
M. Webster
D. Shogren
S. Minor
C. Pigeau
D. Geden
R. Gendron
N. Maynes
M. Saari
M. Byblow (left meeting at 6:24)
M. DeGagné, President & Vice-Chancellor

Board Officers: H. d'Entremont, Provost Vice-President Academic & Research
B. Keech, Vice-President Administration
K. Murphy, Office Manager/University Secretary

Board Secretary: K. Murphy

Recording Secretary: C. Zimba

Guests: J. Graham, C. Richardson, M. Tuncali, C. Sutton

Absent with Regrets: J. Evans, C. Miller, T. Palangio, A. Deugo, J. Andrews, D. Ratcliffe

Welcome/Special Guests/Introductions

The Board Chair extended a warm welcome to new Board member Chief Scott McLeod as well as all of the guests in attendance, asking each to introduce themselves, many of whom were from Muskoka.

It was asked why the visitors from Muskoka were not on the agenda and allowed to make a presentation, The Board Chair spoke to this as public presentations are not heard at Board meetings.

In response to the question as to why the motion from senate was not on the agenda, the Chair added it to the agenda of the May 5th board meeting.

Adoption of the Minutes from the December 3, 2015 Board meeting

Resolution: 2016-02-01 Moved by Robin Gendron, seconded by Trevor Bachelder that the minutes of the Open Session of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on December 3, 2015 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

Question was raised as to why the minutes from the November board meetings were in closed, the Board Chair confirmed that it had been a closed meeting.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Board Chair recognized Rick Vanderlee's team on being awarded a grant of \$200,000, she also congratulated Tom Palangio in his new role as president of Sudbury Area Mining Supply and Services Assoc. (SAMSSA).

The Board Chair reported that she and the President had attended the COU conference, discussion about Executive Compensation and Funding Review took place and will be ongoing. The stewardship role of the board and how boards have evolved was discussed. Province is taking more of a role and reminding board members they are responsible for the financial accountability and sustainability of their university. The Board Chair also noted that at Senate it was asked to review the closure of the Bracebridge campus, stating that it was recommended in June 2015 that the campus be closed after extensive discussion over time.

Comment received regarding the motion of censure against the President for not capturing emails for faculty during the labour disruption at the December 11th meeting of Senate.

Discussion amongst board members took place regarding question of privilege and the rules regarding raising the matter of notice given for the closing of the Bracebridge campus. It was stated that no notice was reported in the minutes of the June 2015 Board meeting.

A Board member noted that the letter requesting time to speak was sent on January 20th, which would have been more than 10 days prior. The Board Chair and Board Secretary confirmed that the letter had only been received on January 29th. Reference was made to Section 13 of the by-laws stating "all matters of inclusion on the agenda of the Board must be in the hands of the Board Secretary 10 days prior. Unless prior notice is given no new matters will be dealt with".

It was suggested there should be a motion to consider allowing the Bracebridge group to proceed with their presentation and if the majority rules, the item can then be discussed. The motion was referred to Other Business.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President welcomed everyone in attendance. He spoke about the COU meetings and provided high level comments. Noted that all University's in the province are being affected by the funding process. Sue Herbert's report highlights 4 principle elements:

- Experiential Learning
- Programs should be job focused
- Outcome measures
- Data

Ministry is focused on equitable access to education. The outcome will be how we are supporting our learner's success and retaining the best. There is a push for a strong interface between Colleges and Universities to ensure that we work well together.

The first town hall meeting is scheduled for March 1st which will be a presentation of the PWC report and will give an opportunity to ask questions. The President clarified that the PWC report is not consultative and the town hall meeting will be an opportunity for it to be explained and understood.

Concerns were voiced regarding the PWC report as to the ability of the auditors to acquire the necessary information. A discussion ensued about this with conflicting points of recollection. The Chair of the Board stated that she remembered information regarding this point and it would be discussed during closed session.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

No remarks at this time

DEANS' REMARKS

The Dean of Education, Dr. Carole Richardson reported that early in the new term volunteer faculty members spoke to prospective students by phone. This event was organized by recruitment. This has proven to be effective in the past.

The Dean of Arts & Science, Dr. Murat Tuncali reminded the Board that Research week is at the end of March, the undergraduate conference will be April 1st & 2nd. He thanked Hillary Earl for organizing the conference. Comment was made acknowledging the 3 people earning the research achievement awards, Dr. Michelann Parr, Dr. Logan Hoehn and Dr. Steven Arnocky

The Dean of Applied and Professional Studies, Dr. Rick Vanderlee, was not in attendance and had not submitted remarks.

QUESTION PERIOD

Clarification regarding the closure of the Bracebridge campus was requested. The Chair of the Board explained that the sustainability of the campus was visited regularly over the years, all aspects were considered coming up to June 2015. The President replied to a question regarding transparency, indicating that all board members had access to necessary financial statements. The Board Chair reiterated the pressure the board was under dealing with a \$12 Mil deficit. Gord Durnan spoke to potential of the Bracebridge campus, and the importance to the town. Further requests were made to allow the Muskoka guests to speak. This request was denied as unsolicited presentations are not heard at the Board level, however an offer was extended to meet. Gord stated that all letters received from concerned parties will go on record as part of the institution's history.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The Chair advised that the Special Governance Committee has been formed and they have had their first meeting. The Chancellor's Selection committee will meet on Monday February 8th. Next year the Board Retreat will be held closer to the first Board Meeting in September.

Advancement Committee

Gord Durnan, Committee Chair advised that the Advancement Committee Meeting for January 18, 2016 had been cancelled.

Audit and Finance Committee

Cheryl Sutton reviewed Statement of Operations detailing the financial status of the University, noting that revenue is tracking below projections. Expenses continue to be reduced partially due to lower faculty salaries due to strike. These results are as of the end of December 2015.

Human Resources Committee

Colin Dennis, Committee Chair had nothing to report.

Plant and Property Committee

Plant and Property Committee Meeting for January 18, 2016 was cancelled.

University Governance Committee

Trevor Bachelder, Committee Chair noted that the minutes for the meeting on January 18th showed that a letter from David Tabachnick would be more appropriately discussed at the SGC. The Bylaw committee is behind schedule due to the strike but is hoping to complete in the near future. Suggestions will include a change from 5 Board meetings to 6 meetings per year which should allow for more effective communication. Board vacancies are an ongoing issue, advertisement has been put in the Nugget and circulated to the university community. The Governance Committee is looking to improve timing of information and agenda items in the Board package.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

Alumni Advisory Board

Board members were advised that the Alumni awards have been determined and they are currently organizing the awards ceremony. Homecoming planning has begun and they are currently looking for members to sit on the planning committee, contact Bridgette Perron if interested.

Aboriginal Council of Education

Donna Forget reported on many events put on by OAI. From January 25 to 29 Dr. Shauneen Pete, visiting scholar did presentations discussing Indigenization Today. On February 2nd there were Wampum Talks with Maurice Switzer and Ken Maracle, there was also a drop-in beading session with traditional artist Brenda Lee. On February 25th and March 3rd there will be Cultural Awareness Training.

Brantford Regional Campus

Nothing to report

Bracebridge Regional Campus

Gord Durnan reported that the Muskoka campus students in partnership with the Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault services are working on their annual Ending Violence Against Women Awareness week. Muskoka student, 91 year old Ed Salai was announced as an Honorary Alumni award recipient. Our members of the student union hosted a skating trip to Arrowhead park for students to skate the outdoor paths which was a great success. During reading week the Muskoka campus will host 100 teachers, students and volunteers from the Simcoe Muskoka District Catholic School Board as they provide a day long exercise called The Poverty Game. Recently a group of Muskoka students travelled to North Bay to visit the main campus. Conference services remains very busy.

Nipissing University Student Union

Madison Bylow, Student Representative, advised that voting for the NUSU elections would close at 11:59 pm on February 11th and the new executive would take office on May 1st. The new executive

would consist of only 5 positions with new titles and job descriptions. The United for Equity event is a multi-faceted campaign that will run all of February, this campaign challenges the system of oppression on campus. The Cultural Forum event is scheduled to run in March. The first week of April is Wellness Week as it is a very stressful time of the year for students. Ms. Byblow also advised, the closure of the Wall has been announced for April 20th, due the lease ending. NUSU is currently conducting by-weekly meetings regarding the new building with the architect, and is also currently looking to hire a new student through the Canada Summer job program.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution: 2016-02-02 Matti Saari moved, seconded by Donna Forget that the Board of Governors re-consider the closure of the Bracebridge campus.
A secret ballot was requested.
Ballots were counted by Trevor Bachelder and the Board Secretary.
DEFEATED

Resolution: 2016-02-03 Matti Saari moved, seconded by Robin Gendron, that the guests from Bracebridge be allowed to speak.
A secret ballot was requested.
Ballots were counted by Trevor Bachelder and the Board Secretary.
DEFEATED

Research Ethics Board Annual Report

Resolution: 2016-02-04 Moved by Mark Webster, seconded by Trevor Bachelder, that the Board of Governors receive the Research Ethics Board Annual Report as circulated.
CARRIED

Resolution: 2016-02-05 Moved by Gord Durdan, seconded by Gary Jodouin, to consider the motion that Notwithstanding the requirement of the Senior Academic Appointment Policy (3.1.2012.B) which states that, "All senior academic administrative openings, except when the Reappointment Committee recommends reappointment, will be advertised internally and externally." The Board authorizes that any replacement for the position of Associate Vice-President, Academic, or any other position designated as a replacement for such position, be advertised internally only.
CARRIED 2 opposed

Concerns were raised to limit the time of this consideration, it was agreed to add a 12 month limitation. A question was also raised regarding the cost of an external search. It was estimated to be \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Resolution: 2016-02-06 Moved by Marianne Berube, seconded by Mark Webster, that the Board of Governors approve the consideration of the matter relating to the Senior Academic Appointment Policy, Notwithstanding the Requirement of the Senior Academic Appointment Policy (3.1.2012.B) which states that, "All senior academic administrative openings, except when the Reappointment Committee recommends reappointment, will be advertised internally and externally. The Board authorizes that any replacement for the position of Associate Vice-President, Academic, or any other position designated as a replacement for such position, be advertised internally only. This motion is valid for 12 months.

CARRIED

4 opposed – Nancy Maynes, Robin Gendron, Donna Forget, Matti Saari

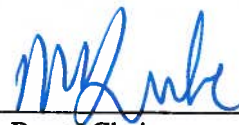
ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 2016-02-07 Moved by Trevor Bachelder, seconded by Mark Webster, that the Open Session of the Board of Governors' regular meeting now adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED



Secretary



Board Chair