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MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ALGONQUIN COLLEGE WHICH WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M. AT ALGONQUIN COLLEGE, WOODROFFE CAMPUS IN THE ROSSER BOARDROOM

Present: Shirley Westeinde, Chair
James Robblee, Vice Chair
Vini Bhindi
Fred Blackstein
Robert Gillett, President
Wayne McIntyre
Peter Quinn
Sterling Hartley
Lana March
Amelita Armit
Michael Tremblay
Carman Joynt
Randy Williams

Regrets: David Wallace, Past Chair
Veronica Engelberts
William Johnson

Vice Presidents seated at the table:

Raymonde Hanson, Academic
Robert Letourneau, Administration
Kent MacDonald, Student Services and Development

Resource Personnel and Observers:

Norm Bruce, Chair, Police & Public Safety Institute, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies
Luc Presseau, Director, Human Resources Services
Deborah Rowan-Legg, Registrar
Doug Ouderkirk, Executive Director, Academic Operations & Planning
John Harrison, Coordinator, Security Management, Police and Public Safety Institute
Stephen Finnagan, Chair, School of Advanced Technology, Electronics/Electrical Mechanical Studies Management
Claude Brulé Executive Dean, Faculty of Technology and Trades
Dave Donaldson, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Hospitality
Altaf Sovani, Chair, School of Hospitality and Tourism, Faculty Business and Hospitality
Marlene Tosh, Chair, Allied Health, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies
Gerry Barker, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies
Brenda Rothwell, Executive Director, College Foundation
Dawn Dubé, Executive Director, Advancement
Marguerite Donohue, Executive Dean, Academic Development
Russ Mills, Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Media and Design
Brian Burns, Director, Institutional Research and Planning
Andrew McKelvey, Acting Manager, Media Relations, Advancement
April Flor, Algonquin Times Reporter

Miranda Wilson
Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. The Board of Governors participated in a tour of Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies Animal Health Care Facility today prior to the Board meeting.

08-01 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

08-02 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Williams and Blackstein

that the minutes of the meeting held on December, 10 2007 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

08-03 BUSINESS ARISING

Governor March inquired about the internal nominating process, following the resignation of Governor Wilson at the December Board meeting, for a faculty representative on the Board of Governors. The President responded that the Election Committee of the Board of Governors, for the faculty representative position, is scheduled to meet on January 15th. The call for nominations is tentatively scheduled for January 28th. Canvassing will be held for two weeks starting the week of February 11th and elections may be held on February 25th and 26th. The President added that a new Governor may be appointed and available for the March Board meeting with a possibility of two 3-year terms as a maximum.

08-04 PRESENTATION

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

K. MacDonald, Vice President, Student Services and Development, provided an update on development of the draft 2008-2013 Strategic Plan adding that the final plan would be presented to the Board in February, 2008.

K. MacDonald reviewed what the College was facing in 2002, such as high capital equipment needs, accumulated deficits and the erosion of government funding. Quality, Service, Technology and Financial Stability were the 4 pillars of

08-04 PRESENTATION (cont'd)**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE** (cont'd)

the last plan. A comparison of the Key Performance Indicators from 2003 to 2007 was also presented.

K. MacDonald reviewed the major shifts in trends and projections for the future as noted in the book by Thomas L. Friedman, *A Flat Earth* and a video on YouTube

The emerging themes were identified: academic excellence, operational excellence, preparing students for a global community, focus on the environment and international offerings and achieving financial sustainability. The overriding focus is student success, which occurs when a graduate achieves academic success and leaves the College with the skills to work in their chosen field.

K. MacDonald reported that this is the first time a Virtual Town Hall has been used to interact with faculty, staff, Alumni, the Board of Governors and Advisory Committee members. He addressed the changes made to date.

Questions/Comments:

- Governor Blackstein commented on the significant changes in technology throughout the College.
- *Governor Williams questioned the reference to it being a five-year plan and asked if it is a rolling strategy.* K. MacDonald responded that the plan is based on where the College is today and what it anticipated for the future. It was noted that even with a five years plan, the College also must establish and meet objectives on an annual basis and provide an annual progress report.
- Governor Williams added that the advantage to using a rolling strategy is that the plan would only have to be adjusted on an annual basis for the plan to remain active. The College will examine this option.
- *Governor Williams requested a clear definition of Student Success, how the College defines students' career choice and what is the current student population. He also asked which is more important, the quantitative or qualitative goal.* The definition of Student Success will be presented to the Board in February. The President responded that currently there are 16,000 full-time students and that the College would always strive for quality over quantity.
- *Governor Joynt questioned, in terms of the information provided in the video, what the College is doing to address future needs and if there is a "think tank" to assess and address what courses should be offered in the future.* R. Hanson responded that there is a Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) which meets on a regular basis and monitors what is happening in our community, in terms of the demand and shifts in the workforce. Advisory Committee members and Algonquin staff also ensure that identified areas are addressed. The challenge is a limit in space and resources, therefore, the

08-04 PRESENTATION (cont'd)**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE** (cont'd)*Questions/Comments: (cont'd)*

- College must carefully examine what can be launched while considering what space and equipment would be required. K. MacDonald added that a position was added to provide additional insight from an environmental perspective.
- *Governor Joynt questioned the College policy when launching or suspending programs (eliminate bad for good).* R. Hanson responded that it takes between six to nine months to successfully launch a new program and that every year the College suspends two to three programs. In most instances, this is due to the lack of enrolment.
 - Following a request from Governor Quinn, the Strategic Plan Update PowerPoint presentation will be forwarded to the Governors.
 - *Governor Quinn inquired whether Student Success could be defined on a global level.* K. MacDonald responded that Student Success could be defined using the textbook definition, however, the College wanted to define it based on what it means to our students. This suggestion has been taken under advisement.

Colleges Ontario Proposed Governance Model / Colleges Ontario Governance Review

The President noted that a package had been provided to Governors detailing the proposed governance changes at Colleges Ontario, the steps taken to date and the next steps in the process. The rationale and comparisons were also provided. He added that the new model is being proposed at the request of the Board Chairs who felt that their time was not being used effectively. ACCC has adopted this model and has received positive feedback. The benefit to this model is that Governors could attend committee meetings based on their expertise and interest which would make better use of their time.

A vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting at the Colleges Ontario Conference in London. The President asked Governors to review the model to ensure everything has been captured accurately and to forward any comments to the Board Office so that they may be presented at the conference.

Questions/Comments:

- The Chair agreed that the talents of the Governors could be used more appropriately and that a revised reporting system would be beneficial when attending workshops or conferences at a provincial level.
- Governor Blackstein commented that he would have requested feedback from the Governor Wallace, the past Chair, but the President had already provided an appropriate response. He agreed that the Chairs are required to give up a day's work and that to date it has not been worth their time.

08-04 PRESENTATION (cont'd)Colleges Ontario Proposed Governance Model / Colleges Ontario Governance Review (cont'd)*Questions/Comments: (cont'd)*

- *Governor Armit asked what the prevailing opinion is.* The President responded that this model is based on feedback and consensus reached at the last General Assembly meeting; however, it was not unanimous.
- *Governor Quinn requested more information regarding the vote.* The President reported that only the Chair of the Board and the President could vote.
- *Governor Williams questioned if the major change is that Colleges Ontario would be represented by the Presidents and not the Board Chairs.* If the proposed governance model is approved, only the Presidents will have a vote.
- *The Chair agreed that the structure is currently not working as it currently stands, but felt that there might be a more appropriate model to include Governor representation.* The President added that the request for a new model came from feedback from the Board Chairs who did not want to be involved in the operational aspects of the College. *The Chair felt that there should have been more opportunity for Governors to attend and that she has learned a lot from these meetings.* The President responded that Colleges Ontario is trying to address these needs.
- *Governor Williams questioned if the Board should vote.* The President agreed that the vote would not be unanimous and that the Board's misgivings will be noted. Governor Armit and the Chair agreed that there is a lack of sharing and feedback from the community. The President responded that the current model has been tested for fifteen years and it has not worked. It was the Board Chairs who expressed concerns with the existing model.
- *A Council of Governors was considered, but there was a lack of unanimity.* The President asked Governors to submit any additional suggestions to the Board Office so that they could be noted by the President at the meeting.
- *Governor Robblee felt that the problem with the model as it existed is that it is a hybrid model and the issues facing Governors may have been shifted to the side.* A more effective model would include a Council of Governors and a Council of Presidents with each operating separately. The President will bring this comment forward to Colleges Ontario.
- *Governor March questioned if whoever was preparing the agendas were not accommodating the Governors.* The President responded that the agendas for the General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings are prepared by both Presidents and Board Chairs.
- The President added that colleges have been faced with difficult financial situations and it is hard to achieve commonality.
- The Chair suggested that part of the challenge is that once Governors understand the background information surrounding the Board, their six-year term is up and they are not eligible for renewal. She asked that Governors review the options to continue their membership beyond the six-year term.

08-04 PRESENTATION (cont'd)**Colleges Ontario Proposed Governance Model / Colleges Ontario Governance Review (cont'd)*****Questions/Comments: (cont'd)***

- It was confirmed that a vote would be held on February 10th.
- It was commented that the meeting does not have the level of feedback from Governors that it should. *Governor Williams added that it depends on the purpose of Colleges Ontario and requested the mandate.* The President responded that Colleges Ontario is an advocacy association for the 24 colleges in Ontario. It is a voluntary organization that has no regulatory or statutory role in the governance of individual colleges.

08-05 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported the following:

Algonquin's Proposed Construction Trades Facility Receives Union Support

The President and Richard Corcoran, President of the Building and Construction Trades Council, signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the College's proposal for a Centre for Construction Trades and Building Sciences (CCTBS) on December 18th. The MOU outlines the future collaboration between Algonquin College and the Building and Construction Trades Council and how the two groups will utilize the leading-edge facility to address the current skilled-trades shortage.

The Chair added that she wrote a letter to Minister Baird supporting the CCTBS and asked any Governor who wished to support the proposed Trades building, to submit a letter to the Minister's office.

Hydro One

The President welcomed Paul St. Denis, Hydro One Superintendent, for a tour of the College's Electrical Engineering Technician and Technology programs' facilities on the Woodroffe Campus on January 4th as part of a partnership that will address the skilled trade's shortage in this industry. Algonquin and Hydro One recently signed an agreement that is designed to attract students for the electrical transmission and distribution utility sector.

The President added that the colleges are aligning curricula since some students have the kind of skills they need to work in that sector. Governor Quinn has requested a copy of the agreement, which will be provided by the President.

Colleges Ontario Annual Conference

Governors wishing to attend the annual Colleges Ontario Conference that will be held in London on February 10 & 11, 2008 are requested to advise the Board Office no later than Tuesday, January 15th.

08-05 REPORT OF THE CHAIR (cont'd)**Governance Committee**

A friendly reminder that Governors are asked to submit their names and availability in January, 2008, to the Board office, if interested in joining the Governance Committee. The Chair thanked Governors March, Hartley and Bhindi, for putting their names forward and recommended that Governor Robblee be appointed to the committee as Vice Chair and the President as Ex Officio. Governor Blackstein submitted his name for the Governance Committee.

Governor Armit asked that the Governance Committee meet via email or teleconference prior to the February Board meeting. She suggested that the meeting focus on finalizing the Code of Ethics as well as additional issues that were brought forward by the Executive Committee in its report.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – March and Joynt

that the membership of the Governance Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

08-06 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported on the following:

- The main focus of college efforts is on the funding advocacy given the limited operating grant support for 2008/09. Colleges Ontario is seeking 140 million dollars at the operational and capital level.
- The Ancillary Fees Class Action lawsuit has been extended to include all colleges. The judge has reserved judgement on whether or not she will allow it to proceed as a Class Action lawsuit with a decision expected in two months.
- The 2008/09 Budget will be presented to the Board in April, 2008. The College is facing space and equipment challenges; however, a balanced budget will be presented with internal reductions implemented as required.
- The College is focusing on student success and retention as well as examining what can be done to ensure students graduate successfully. This will continue to be a major focus for the College.
- The College will present the third quarter results of the 2007/08 Business Plan at the February Board meeting.
- In terms of the Centre for Construction Trades and Building Sciences (CCTBS), it is anticipated that funding decisions will be made in February, 2008.
- The Health Care Expansion Plan will be completed February 14th.

08-06 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (cont'd)

- The three major projects are the Centre for Construction Trades and Building Sciences, Health Care and the new Algonquin College campus in the Ottawa Valley. A major campaign to promote these projects is being developed.

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS**TUITION FEE INCREASES 2008/09**

D. Rowan-Legg, Registrar presented the fees schedules for approval for the 2008/09 academic year, effective fall, 2008, in accordance with the Ministry binding policy directive.

D. Rowan-Legg highlighted some of the proposed increases:

- The maximum allowable tuition fee increase for full-time post-secondary and Graduate Certificate programs with standard regulated tuition fees has been applied.
- Percentage increases for High Demand programs with high demand tuition fees, for Bachelor Degrees in Applied Studies and Graduate Certificate programs, are within the maximum allowable. All criteria have been met.

The International fees are at the discretion of the Board with the exception that the International Student Premium is constant and does not vary from campus to campus, or program to program.

D. Rowan-Legg advised that the Ancillary Fees were also presented and that the categories of ancillary fees are approved by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and are outlined in the MTCU, Tuition and Ancillary Fees Operating Procedure. This includes fees for items not covered by the general tuition fees established for a course or program of instruction that student may be required to pay upon enrolment and compulsory ancillary fees are ancillary fees that students may be required to pay upon enrolment. Compulsory ancillary fees are ancillary fees that a student is required to pay in order to enrol or successfully complete any course or program of instruction eligible for general purpose operating grant support. This is subject to the protocol with the Students' Association. The 2008/09 ancillary fees are the same as last year.

Questions/Comments:

- *Governor Quinn questioned why the International Student Premium is not increased.* D. Rowan-Legg responded that this is following guidance from International Centres across the province.
- *Governor Williams questioned the process in past years.* D. Rowan-Legg provided a summary of the past three presentations to the Board, adding that the maximum allowable tuition fee increase has been requested in two of the three presentations.
- It was added that the proposed tuition fee increases are also in light of limited government funding and the College taking into consideration all of its fiscal

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS (cont'd)**TUITION FEE INCREASES 2008/09 (cont'd)**

- needs. All colleges are proceeding in a similar manner. The College is facing significant financial challenges and if there are any further reductions, this will further limit services available to students.
- *Governor Robblee questioned if there has been an analysis done to show the effect of an increased fee on students, in terms of their intention to enrol at the College.* D. Rowan-Legg responded that fees have not been a deterrent, since with any increase, a portion is held for students who are in financial need.
 - The President advised that colleges are facing several operating challenges using the current model and it will be difficult for the operations of the colleges to change. He added that when the five-year funding model was developed one-third of all funding went towards Financial Aid.
 - *Governor Blackstein questioned why all of the high demand programs have received the maximum allowable fee increase of 8% in the first year, with the exception of the Outdoor Adventure programs at Pembroke Campus.* D. Ouderkirk, Executive Director, Academic Operations and Planning, responded that this is following a review of the regional market for all high demand programs.
 - Governor McIntyre added that feedback from students indicates that they commend Algonquin for the services that are offered and they do not speak of the costs.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Robblee and Joynt

that the Board of Governors approve the proposed fees schedules as presented for the 2008/09 academic year.

CARRIED

PROGRAM MODIFICATION: SECURITY MANAGEMENT

R. Hanson presented the proposal to modify the title of the Security Management Ontario College Diploma program to Corporate Security and Risk Management and introduced Gerry Barker, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies. G. Barker introduced, John Harrison, Coordinator, Security Management, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies.

J. Harrison advised that the requested title modification is following a recommendation from the Program Quality Review (PQR) process. He added that although Security Management reflects the curriculum and it is a term that is understood in the security profession, it was identified that many students thought that the program was for security guards and they were surprised at the breadth and depth of the program when they enrolled.

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS (cont'd)**PROGRAM MODIFICATION: SECURITY MANAGEMENT (cont'd)**

The motion to support the program title modification was passed unanimously by the Advisory Committee on October 24th.

Questions/Comments:

- Governor Armit questioned if there is a separate program for Security Guards. J. Harrison responded that a one-week course is currently offered.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Williams and Hartley

that the Board of Governors approve the request to seek approval from the Credential Validation Service to modify the program title of the Security Management program to Corporate Security and Risk Management effective Fall 2008.

CARRIED

PROGRAM MODIFICATION: REGISTERED NURSE – PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

G. Barker introduced Marlene Tosh, Chair, Allied Health, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies. M. Tosh advised that funding was received from Citizenship and Immigration which presented an opportunity for Internally Educated Nursing (IEN) professionals. In addition, this program is funded through the Connections Ottawa Mentorship Program (COMP). Additional opportunities will be explored to create bridging programs for graduates.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Williams and Hartley

that the Board of Governors approve the request to seek approval from the Credential Validation Service to modify the program title of Registered Nurse – Psychiatric Nursing to Registered Nurse – Mental Health effective January, 2008.

CARRIED

PROGRAM APPROVAL: SPA MANAGEMENT

R. Hanson, Vice President, Academic, provided background information on offering a Spa Management Ontario Graduate Certificate program and introduced Dave Donaldson, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Hospitality. D. Donaldson acknowledged Céline Perrier for preparing the Spa

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS (cont'd)**PROGRAM APPROVAL: SPA MANAGEMENT (cont'd)**

Management, Esthetician and Hair Stylist program proposals. The significant growth of the Canadian spa business can be attributed to an increase in the number of Canadians seeking stress relief and a healthier lifestyle. The concept of a Spa and Wellness Centre is replacing Beauty Salons in many facilities. He added that Algonquin is proposing to offer a Spa Management Ontario Graduate Certificate program which will provide students with the business and management skills required to excel in the rapidly expanding worldwide spa service industry.

Questions/Comments:

- In response to a Governor inquiry, D. Donaldson responded that there is a large demand for this program and research indicates that Seneca is oversubscribed.
- *Governor Robblee questioned whether there are any concerns with employment and if there are figures to support the findings.* R. Hanson advised that feedback from high school marketers indicate that there is a demand for the Spa Management program. M. Donohue, Executive Dean, Academic Development, added that the following surveys and extensive research were conducted: Labour Market Analysis, Employment Demand Analysis (200 employers), and an Applicant Demand Analysis (for individuals in the specific market). It was confirmed that in the future, management would include more research information when presenting future program proposals to the Board.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Williams and Armit

that the Board of Governors approve the offering of the Spa Management Ontario College Graduate Certificate program effective Fall, 2008, and seek validation of the program title and outcomes from the Curriculum Validation Service and approval for funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

CARRIED

PROGRAM APPROVAL: ESTHETICIAN

D. Donaldson advised that the purpose of the proposal is to offer an Esthetician Ontario College Diploma program in the non-semestered diploma program (NSDP) format. A labour market analysis study was conducted by the Sheldon Polowin Consulting Group Inc. using current, available information and an employment demand study was conducted by Altitude Marketing Research. This revealed that there is a significant demand for graduates of the College's

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS (cont'd)**PROGRAM APPROVAL: ESTHETICIAN (cont'd)**

proposed Esthetician program and the program learning outcomes are clearly of interest to potential employers. He added that thirteen Ontario community colleges offer Esthetician diploma programs, but Fleming College is the only other college to offer the program as a non-semestered diploma program.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Williams and Armit

that the Board of Governors approve the offering of the Esthetician Ontario College Diploma program effective fall, 2008, and seek validation of the program title and outcomes from the Curriculum Validation Service and approval for funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

CARRIED

PROGRAM APPROVAL: HAIR STYLIST

D. Donaldson presented the proposal to offer a Hair Stylist Ontario College Diploma program in the non-semester diploma program (NSDP) format. Fanshawe College is the only college to offer a Hair Stylist diploma program. This program would be offered in three, fifteen-week semesters over a one year period. The Hair Stylist program would share space and facilities with the Hairstylist apprenticeship program which is offered at Algonquin's off-site location at the Adult High School. This apprenticeship program has been offered at Algonquin for over 25 years.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Williams and Armit

that the Board of Governors approve the offering of the Hair Stylist Ontario College Diploma program effective fall, 2008, and seek validation of the program title and outcomes from the Curriculum Validation Service and approval for funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

CARRIED

PROGRAM APPROVAL: DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION

R. Mills, Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts, Media and Design, advised that the offering of an Ontario College Graduate Certificate program, entitled Documentary Production, was designed to prepare students for positions within existing production companies or as self-employed entrepreneurs within this growing field.

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS (cont'd)**PROGRAM APPROVAL: DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION (cont'd)**

This program would be offered in two, fifteen-week semesters and classes would be offered in the evenings and on weekends to accommodate people working in related industries who wish to update their skills. The Documentary Production program would share space and facilities with the Professional Writing program.

An ad hoc Advisory Committee was established to provide input and guidance into the development and positioning of the program. Membership included people from the employment sector who have the necessary areas of expertise.

R. Mills advised that the curriculum is based on the skills demanded from graduates in this area. He added that sixty percent of students in related programs have expressed an interest to obtain an additional credential.

The College intends to hire an acting coordinator and part-time faculty members for the first year. A full-time faculty hire is planned for year two assuming acceptable enrolment levels. R. Mills reported that the capital equipment requirement is for \$65,800 and is designed to limit the demands for increased space.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Joynt and Quinn

that the Board of Governors approve the offering of the Documentary Production College Graduate Certificate program effective, Fall, 2008, and seek validation of the program title and outcomes from the Curriculum Validation Service and approval for funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

CARRIED

PROGRAM PROPOSAL: WIRELESS MOBILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN AND TECHNOLOGY

R. Hanson introduced Claude Brulé, Executive Dean, Faculty of Technology and Trades. C. Brulé advised that the purpose of the proposal is to offer an Ontario College Diploma (Technician) and an Ontario College Advanced Diploma (Technology) in Wireless/Mobility Telecommunications Engineering.

C. Brulé reported that there is a growing market and that the College commissioned three surveys from two companies as follows:

- A Labour Market Analysis conducted by Sheldon Polowin Consulting Group Inc.
- An Applicant Demand Analysis Survey conducted by Altitude Marketing Research Inc.

08-07 DECISION ITEMS AND REPORTS (cont'd)**PROGRAM PROPOSAL: WIRELESS MOBILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN AND TECHNOLOGY (cont'd)**

- An Employment Demand Survey conducted by Altitude Marketing Research Inc.

Proposed staffing includes the use of five full-time faculty members currently teaching in the suspended Electronics Engineering programs as these programs are phased out. Each of the faculty members will require professional development and technical training tailored to bridge their own specific knowledge gaps.

Questions/Comments:

- *Governor Joynt questioned if the Wireless Mobility program offering ties into the video that was shown during the Strategic Plan update. He also presented concerns with the Cash Flow Analysis that was presented suggesting that the grants offered in the second year are limited. Governor Joynt also questioned why more grants would not be available for wireless.* R. Hanson responded that this particular program offering is uncommon because the College initially has a higher number of faculty and must go through the process of balancing the appropriate faculty complement. The grants for the technology programs are higher because of the requirement for additional equipment.
- *Governor Bhindi questioned whether this program is being marketed for International students.* C. Brulé responded that if the program is approved, the International Education Centre will be contacted so that they may advocate to the International students.
- *Governor Quinn requested confirmation on which department this program would fall under.* C. Brulé responded that it would fall under the School of Advanced Technology, Electronics/Electrical Mechanical Studies Management.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Blackstein and Hartley

that the Board of Governors approve the offering of the Wireless/Mobility Telecommunications Engineering Technician and Technology programs effective, Fall, 2008, and seek validation of the program title and outcomes from the Curriculum Validation Service and approval for funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

CARRIED

08-08 INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were on the table:

- Colleges Ontario, College Voice – December 2007 Edition
- Colleges Ontario, College Voice – January 2008 Edition

08-09 OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked that a letter be forwarded to the Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies commending them for the development of the Animal Health Care Facility and thanking them for the tour. Governor Quinn asked if a tour of the Z building could be scheduled prior to a future Board meeting.

The Board moved In Camera at 7:02 p.m. resuming the regular meeting following this discussion.

RESOLUTION

MOVED AND SECONDED – Robblee and Armit

that meeting #432 of the Board of Governors of Algonquin College adjourn for the evening at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Shirley Westeinde
Chair

Miranda Wilson
Recording Secretary