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#### **APPROVED**

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NUMBER FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ALGONQUIN COLLEGE, HELD ON MONDAY, October 25, 2021 AT 4:00 PM, BY ZOOM WEBINAR VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE.

## **Present:**

Jay McLaren, Board Chair Claude Brulé, President & CEO Gail Beck, Board Vice Chair Andre O'Bonsawin Audrey Claire Lawrence Cyan Shields

Cyril McKelvie

Gabrielle Berard

Ikram Zouari

Jamie McCracken

Jeff Darwin

Rebecca Wakelin

Rodney Wilson

Sheilagh Dunn

Stephen Tudor

Steve Barkhouse

Valerie Sayah

## **Recorder:**

Victoria Tiqui-Sanford, Executive Assistant, Board of Governors

## **Algonquin College Executive Team:**

Chris Janzen, Senior Vice President, Academic
Diane McCutcheon, Vice President, Human Resources
Duane McNair, Vice President, Finance & Administration
Laura Stanbra, Vice President, Student Services
Mark Savenkoff, Vice President, Advancement
Ron Deganadus McLester, Vice President, Truth,
Reconciliation and Indigenization
Tracy McDougall, Director, Communications &
President's Office

# **Presenters/Guests:**

Charlene Miller, Project Manager, Private
College Partnerships
Ernest Mulvey, Director, International
Education Centre
Grant Perry, Chief Financial Officer
Krista Pearson, Registrar & Business CoLead of the R3 Project
Lois Pollock, Chief Digital Officer &
Business Co-Lead of the R3 Project

# **Changemaker Awards:**

Sherryl Fraser, Chair, Design Studies Jed Looker, Professor, Design Studies Robyn Heaton, Dean, Faculty, Arts, Media and Design

## Students:

Amarjeet Singh (Computer Programming)
Anna Ranger (Victimology)
Cathy Matovu (Graphic Design)
Shelby Richardson (Public Relations)

# **External Guest Presenters:**

Paul McConville, Chief Executive Officer, Thesis

Francis Quinn, Vice President, Global Professional Services, Thesis

## **External Guest Observers:**

Curt Sawyer, Senior Director, Gartner Consulting

Laura Lea Rand, Business Lead, Thesis Nicholas Lal, Senior Managing Partner, Gartner Consulting

## WELCOME REMARKS

Governor McLaren, Board Chair, welcomed members, new Governors, and observers to the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

R. McLester, Vice President, Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenization opened the meeting with Indigenous Teachings.

# **0.** Celebrating Student Success – Changemaker Award: <u>Aim for Change - New Ways to Address Youth and Gun Violence Campaign</u>

C. Janzen, Senior Vice President Academic introduced J. Looker, Professor, Design Studies to provide a brief overview and introduce the student presenters. For the campaign, students A. Sing (Computer Programming), A. Ranger (Victimology), C. Matovu (Graphic Design) and S. Richardson (Public Relations) worked together to design after school programming that tasks youth with creating a zine that speaks to the gun violence they experience in their communities. The programming was developed for the International Action Network on Small Arms, which seeks to address gun violence and masculinity among youth. The team's workshop was piloted in Cape Town, South Africa, with regional partners Gun Free South Africa, after which the team presented the project's outcomes to the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons. The team worked collaboratively and drew on their individual strengths to complete this project.

Board Chair McLaren and President and CEO Brulé congratulated and thanked students for all the work and leadership through this initiative. Chair McLaren informed students that they will each receive a Changemaker Award certificate in the coming days.

#### 1. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Governor McLaren, Chair Board of Governors, constituted the meeting at 4:18 p.m. and asked whether any Governors wished to remove or add an item to the agenda. No items were removed or added.

#### RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: S. Barkhouse & S. Tudor

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the meeting agenda of October 25, 2021. **CARRIED.** 

## 2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Governor McLaren asked members to declare any conflicts of interest with items on the agenda. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND THE CONSENT AGENDA

# 3.1 Minutes of the Board of Governors' meeting of June 7, 2021

Approval of the Board of Governors Meeting minutes of June 7, 2021.

# **RESOLUTION**

MOVED & SECONDED: A. Lawrence & J. McCracken

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes.

CARRIED.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

# **4.1 Board Executive Committee Report (verbal)**

Governor McLaren provided members with a verbal report of agenda items discussed at the October 12, 2021 Board Executive Committee meeting. Meeting highlights included:

- Board Members' Generative Discussions Opportunities;
- Debrief 2021 Fall Board of Governors Retreat (September 12 & 13, 2021); and
- Planning for 2022 Spring Board Retreat (March 26, 2022).

Members accepted this report for information.

## 4.2 Academic & Student Affairs Committee Report

Members accepted this report for information. Board of Governors approvals were requested for the following:

<u>Cooperative Education Option: Business – Management Entrepreneurship, Ontario College Diploma</u> **RESOLUTION** 

## MOVED & SECONDED: C. McKelvie & S. Barkhouse

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves of a cooperative education delivery option for the Business – Management & Entrepreneurship, Ontario College Diploma program, effective Fall 2022. **CARRIED.** 

# <u>Program Proposal: Financial Services – Canadian Context, Ontario College Graduate Certificate</u> **RESOLUTION**

## MOVED & SECONDED: C. McKelvie & R. Wilson

**THAT** the Board of Governors the approved of the Financial Services - Canadian Context, Ontario College Graduate Certificate program, effective Fall 2022. **CARRIED.** 

A detailed presentation and Board of Governors approval was requested separately in the In Camera meeting for the following agenda item:

• 11.1 Public College Private Partnership (PCPP) Update

## 4.3 Audit & Risk Management Committee Report

Members accepted the June 14 and September 22 reports for information. A detailed presentation and Board of Governors approval was requested separately in the In Camera meeting for the following agenda item:

• 11.1 Public College Private Partnership (PCPP) Update

## **4.4 Governance Committee Report**

Members accepted this report for information. Board of Governors approval was requested for the following:

## Governors in-Waiting – Wind-Down Practice

Governor McCracken provided members with a brief overview of the Governors in-Waiting practice and process, and its background.

#### RESOLUTION

## MOVED & SECONDED: J. McCracken & S. Barkhouse

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves:

- a. the Governance Committee of the Board winds down the Governor in-Waiting practice and associated processes effective immediately; and
- b. the identified individuals be notified that their Governor in-Waiting term will come to an end immediately.

CARRIED.

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

## 5.1 R3 Project Update

L. Stanbra, Vice President, Student Services informed members that the last update on the project's progress to the Board of Governors was on April 19, 2021, where approval of a \$21.8 million expenditure for fiscal year 2021-22 from College funds to continue the implementation work for the R3 Project was received. She introduced external guest presenters:

- F. Quinn, Vice President, Global Professional Services, Thesis;
- P. McConville, Chief Executive Officer, Thesis;

L. Pollock, Chief Digital Officer & Business Co-Lead of the R3 Project reported on key activities of the project and details of the quality assurance program that Gartner provided in May 2021. She provided a breakdown of the approved project budget of \$21.8 million which included a 15% contingency for fiscal year 2021-22. This funding allows for the continuation of the implementation work for the R3 Project consisting of the contracted work by the third-party vendor, Thesis.

P. McConville and F. Quinn informed members that as of January 2021, Unit4 Student Information System was headed by a private equity firm Advent International. Advent sold its Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning assets to TA Associates in March 2021. Thesis was established as the new brand name for Unit4 in July 2021. They provided members with their methodology, project plans/phases, and key factors for the project's success.

K. Pearson presented the R3-Thesis key milestones. The next milestone is on November 30, 2021 where the organization change management knowledge transfer plan is to be completed. The Functional Business Design and Technical Plan, along with the Personalized Assessment Readiness, both part of the project's Phase 2 – Familiarize Phase is also set to be completed on November 30, 2021. Phase 3 – Personalize Phase of the project will commence on December 1, 2021.

Questions from members were answered. Members accepted this update for information.

Governor Darwin joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

# 6. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business.

# 7. DECISION ITEMS & REPORTS

## 7.1 First Quarter 2021-22 Financial Report

G. Perry, Chief Financial Officer presented the First Quarter 2021-22 Financial Projection. Overall, student enrolments have increased by 5.3% over the approved annual budget. The First Quarter 2021-

22 Financial Projection reports an increase in net contribution of \$8.1 million from the 2021-22 Approved Annual Budget for a total projected deficit of \$1.9 million. The Internally Restricted Funds of \$30 million was used to fund Strategic Investment Priorities and Operations such as two new major capital projects: Campus Accessibility Project and the Salesforce Lightning Upgrade. Overall, a \$20.5 million decrease in the College's reserve balances is anticipated for this year, and included are draws in other projects and initiatives such as the R3 Project. With the continuation of the pandemic, the College will continue to monitor a number of factors, including international travel and the impact of vaccine mandates.

Members accepted this for information.

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

## 8.1 First Quarter 2021-22 Business Plan Performance

Members accepted this report for information.

# 8.2 People Plan - Year Five Update

Members accepted this report for information.

## 8.3 Report from the Board Chair

Governor McLaren provided the following highlights from his report:

- New Governor Orientation Part 1 & Part 2;
- 2021 Fall Board of Governors Retreat (September 12 & 13, 2021); and
- Governors attending the 2021 Higher Education Summit in Toronto (November 28 and 29).

Members accepted this report for information.

# **8.4 Report from the President**

President Brulé provided the following highlights from his report:

- Ningbo Polytechnic China virtual graduation ceremony;
- Interview meeting with the Auditor General of Ontario as part of a province-wide value-for-money college audit; and
- Discussion points of significance from Committee of Presidents meetings.

Members accepted this report for information.

## 8.5 Board of Governors Management Summary Report

Members accepted this report for information.

## 8.6 2021-22 Board of Governors Workplan

Members accepted the Workplan for information.

## 8.7 2021-22 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule

Members accepted meeting schedule for information.

## 8.8 Confirmation of Mandatory Government Remittances

Members accepted this agenda item for information.

## 9. UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Chair McLaren informed members that the Board Holiday Dinner will be in-person and other details of upcoming events will be provided closer to its date.

# **Indigenous Closing**

R. McLester provided the Indigenous closing.

## 10. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

# 11. IN CAMERA

#### RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: A. O'Bonsawin & C. Shields

**THAT** the Board of Governors moves into an IN CAMERA session.

CARRIED.

An In Camera session was held beginning at 5:46 p.m. to discuss the following agenda item:

# 11.1 Public College – Private Partnership (PCPP) Update

E. Mulvey, Director, International Education Centre and C. Miller Project Manager, Private College Partnerships presented the Private Partnership Update. Since the Board of Governors approved the Public College-Private Partnership for an out-of-province partnership at the February 22, 2021 Board meeting, some major concerns were raised three months following the application submission to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities on March 2, 2021. When Algonquin College held follow-up inquiries, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities informed Algonquin College in June 2021 that the Ministry would require further steps not stated in the Binding Policy Directive to approve an out-of-province partnership. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has not been able to resolve the questions and plans to review the Directive in Fall 2021 with a focus on providing more guidance on out-of-province partnerships. The International Education Centre recommends that the PCPP application be immediately amended for a launch in Ontario, within the Greater Toronto Area, while continuing to pursue out-of-province partnerships.

Questions from members were answered.

## **RESOLUTION**

# MOVED & SECONDED: C. McKelvie & J. McCracken

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves a Public College - Private Partnership (PCPP) with Vancouver Career College (Burnaby) Inc. for a five-year term to launch in the Greater Toronto Area of Ontario with a total estimated gross revenue contract value of \$80 million.

**OPPOSED: S. Barkhouse** 

CARRIED.

## **MEETING WITHOUT MANAGEMENT**

An In Camera meeting with Governors only was held beginning at 6:29 p.m.

## 12. IN CAMERA MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Jay McLaren, Chair

Victoria Tiqui-Sanford, Recorder

#### APPENDIX A - Observers:

Adele Yamada, Professor, Academic Access Centre

Alanna McDonell, Director of Marketing, Student Services

Amarjeet Singh, Student, Computer Programming Program

Anna Ranger, Student, Victimology Program

Ben Bridgstock, Director, Student Support Services, Student Services

Bobbie Gormley, Budget Officer, School of Advanced Technology

Brett Thoms, Student/Journalist, School of Media and Design

Bruce Hickey, Support Officer, Communications

Bryan Eburne, Manager, Fees, Curriculum and Reporting, Enrolment Management Services

Carolyn McCluskey, Business Administrator, School of Advanced Technology

Cathy Matovu, Student, Graphic Design Program

Charlene Miller, Manager, Private College Partnerships, International Education Centre

Chris Lackner, Communications Manager, Communications

Cindy Verch, Instructor, Clinical Nursing, Health and Community Studies

Claire Ramsay, Manager, Workday Support, Information Technology Services

Colin Symonds, Employee and Labour Relations Specialist, Labour Relations

Cresdelle Zubrycki, Senior Financial Analyst, Financial Services

Curtis Sawyer, Senior Director, Gartner Consulting

Dan Pihlainen, Chair, Media Studies, Faculty of Arts, Media and Design

David Soltis, Director, People Culture, Human Resources

Doreen Jans, Manager, Financial Planning, Finance and Administrative Services

Emily Woods, Director, Financial Planning, Finance and Administrative Services

Eric Marois, Dean, School of Advanced Technology, Academic Services

Erin Langevin, Director, Labour Relations, Human Resources

Ernest Mulvey, Director, International Education Centre

Farbod Karimi, Chair, Learning and Teaching Services, Academic Development

Fatima Matar, Executive Support Clerk, Board of Governors

Francis Quinn, Vice President, Global Professional Services, Thesis

Grant Perry, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Administration

Ian Lewer, Director of Philanthropy, Advancement

Jamie Bramburger, Manager, Community and Student Affairs, Pembroke Campus

Jane Trakalo, Dean, Faculty of Health, Public Safety and Community Studies

Janet Hunter, Communications Manager, Registrar's Office

Jed Looker, Professor, Design Studies

John Ellis, Manager, Learning Resource Centre, Student Support Services

John Weerdenburg, Governor in-waiting

Julie Beauchamp, Dean, School of Business

Katherine Leyton, Communications Officer, Communications

Keltie Jones, Dean, Pembroke Campus

Kina Simmonds, Administrative Assistant, Finance & Administrative Services

Krista Pearson, Registrar, Registrar's Office

Kristine Dawson, Associate Vice-President, Experiential Learning and Innovation

Laura Lea Rand, Business Lead, Thesis

Linda Nguyen, Senior Financial Analyst, Academic Operations and Planning (Manager's Office)

Lois Pollock, Chief Digital Officer, Finance and Administration

Louise Boudreault, Professor, Nursing Studies

Maggie Cusson, Dean, Academic Development

Marina Spivak, Senior Financial Analyst, Financial Services

Mark Leduc, Executive Director, Academic Operations and Planning, Academic Services

Michael Qaqish, Manager, Government Relations and Special Advisor to the President, President's Office

Michelle Tait Eburne, Manager, Business Relationship Management, ITS Delivery

Nicholas Lal, Senior Managing Partner, Gartner Consulting

Patrick Devey, Associate Vice-President, Global, Online and Corporate Learning, Academic Services

Paul Kuchar, Senior Project Manager, ITS

Paul McConville, Chief Executive Officer, Thesis

Rahul Sharma, Business Solutions Advisor, Workday Support

Robyn Heaton, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Media and Design

Ryan Southwood, Acting Executive Director, Facilities Management

Sasinthini Kanagaratnam, Treasury Analyst, Finance

Shelby Richardson, Student, Public Relations Program

Sherryl Fraser, Chair, Design Studies, Faculty of Arts, Media and Design

Tara Vicckies, Manager, Operational Accounting

Teri Kinnunen, Manager, Corporate Budgeting, Financial Planning

Vicki Marcille, Accounts Receivable Analyst, Operational Accounting

Wadhah Al-Monaifi, Coordinator, Student Learning Centre, Academic Manager

Yen Do, Associate Director, IT Service Delivery, Information Technology Services