



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

Items 14.4 Athletics Announcement and 14.5 United Way Campaign were added.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None was noted.

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Vanessa Fusco commented that she had asked a question during the Investing in Students Task Force presentation which had not been noted. She had asked what the ages were of the students involved in the round tables in the Investing in Students Task Force. Wendy Joyce advised all ages were involved. Louise Farr then noted that her comments regarding the Government referred to the Provincial Government.

**Action:** Cathy to amend the minutes as noted above.

There being no other errors or omissions in the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 11, 2001, the Chair declared the minutes accepted as amended.

## **ACTION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Chair noted that Items 7.1 and 7.2 had been completed and Item 7.3 was currently being researched, as noted.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

### **Report of the Electoral Officer**

Don Sinclair noted that an internal election had been held for the Support Staff position and there were two candidates, Betty-Anne Blyth and Carol Beam. Don advised that 49.6% of the Support Staff had voted and that Carol Beam had 54.7% of the vote, followed by Betty-Anne Blyth with 45.3%. Don commented that electronic voting was available this year and that 95% of the votes had been placed electronically. Doug Wilson asked if the response rate was higher due to the availability of electronic voting. Don advised that only 49.6% voted, which includes part-time and contract, and when these positions were removed, the full-time support staff voting rate was higher this year. Louise Farr noted that it was nice to have a race and that this was a compliment to the staff. She felt that the staff positions had a lot to offer the Board. Don also noted that the Board had met the acclaimed Student Governor, Lynda Bondsfield, at a previous Board meeting but there did need to be a motion put forth to recommend her appointment to the Council of Regents.

Moved by Lori Connor

Seconded by Winnie Gordon

MOTION #4545 “That the Board of Governors recommend Lynda Bondsfield to the Council of Regents for appointment to the Board of Governors as the acclaimed Student internal representative for a one year term beginning September 1, 2001.”

CARRIED

Moved by Louise Farr

Seconded by Dave Broadbent

MOTION #4546 “That the Board of Governors recommend Carol Beam to the Council of Regents for appointment to the Board of Governors as the Support Staff internal representative for a three year term beginning September 1, 2001, in accordance with the election results of May 1, 2001, and that the ballots for the election be destroyed.”

CARRIED

#### **Election for Chair and Vice-Chair**

Gail MacKenzie noted that there was a nomination for Doug Wilson as Chair and Bob Strickert as Vice Chair. She then called three times for nominations from the floor for Chair. No further nominations were put forth and Gail declared nominations closed for the Chair. Gail then asked for nominations from the floor for Vice Chair three times. No further nominations were received and she declared nominations closed for the Vice-Chair. Doug Wilson then questioned why a vote had to be conducted in light of the fact there were no further nominations. Gail stated a vote must take place. Gail and Cathy Pitcher left the room to count the ballots. Gail returned and noted that the votes were tallied and both Doug Wilson and Bob Strickert were accepted as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. She then asked if Doug and Bob would like to say a few words. Doug Wilson stated that this was very exciting for him and he was looking forward to the challenge. He thanked the Governors for their support and noted that Bob Strickert would be an excellent support as Vice-Chair. Bob Strickert noted that he was “just delighted” and thanked everyone for the support.

Moved by Winnie Gordon

Seconded by Lori Connor

MOTION #4547 “That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Doug Wilson as Chair of the Board for a one year term beginning September 1, 2001 in accordance with the election results of May 9, 2001, and that the ballots for the election be destroyed.”

CARRIED

Moved by Garry Cubitt

Seconded by Peter Bagnall

MOTION #4548 “That the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Bob Strickert as Vice-Chair of the Board for a one year term beginning September 1, 2001 in accordance with the election results of May 9, 2001, and that the ballots for the election be destroyed.”

CARRIED

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REPORTS**

None was noted.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The items on the consent calendar were accepted as presented.

#### **INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

Don reviewed the interim report and noted that it was a comparison of the first month of the fiscal year to the budget. He advised there were no variances.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Continuous Learning Enrolment**

MaryLynn West-Moynes noted that the Governors had a handout, which noted how Continuous Learning fared in the provincial survey. She advised that Continuous Learning was not required to participate in KPIs, but that the Heads of Continuous Learning had implemented this survey. MaryLynn commented that Durham continued to do well in customer service. As well, the overall success of instructors was up to 79%, which is an increase of 9% from three years ago. Louise Farr asked if we knew who would replace Donna Crawford, Director of Continuous Learning. MaryLynn replied that as the Governors were aware, Donna retires May 31st. Barry Stedman-Smith, the Director of International Education, has added Continuous Learning to his portfolio. She also advised that the officers for credit programs were now placed in the Schools, which was viewed as a successful and positive announcement.

Kirsti Kavanagh arrived at 6:20 p.m.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2001 Women's Opportunity Award Winner**

Margaret Greenley introduced first year Nursing student, Kirsti Kavanagh, the recipient of the Oshawa/Whitby chapter Soroptimist International 2001 Women's Opportunity Award. Kirsti also went on to win the award at the Eastern Canada level. She has advanced to the final level where she is a contender for the \$10,000 U.S. award.

Kirsti introduced herself and remarked that she was a first year Nursing student and it was a grueling program. She advised she was a widowed single mom and recognized the importance of education to build a secure life for her and her family. She decided to attend academic upgrading with the goal of getting into the Nursing program. She noted that she had also won a scholarship award. Kirsti thanked all those who supported her at Durham College, both faculty and administration. She commented that this support was very much appreciated and instrumental in her success. She advised that she was starting a summer job in the health centre. The Board offered its congratulations to Kirsti. Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann introduced herself as a nurse and noted that this was Nursing Week. She then read a Nursing Week message from the Office of Nursing Policy, which noted that nurses are the "champions" for health. Lorraine welcomed Kirsti to the profession and noted that everyone was very proud of her accomplishments.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **E-learning Enrolment**

MaryLynn West-Moynes noted that Durham College was taking the lead in getting students to enrol on-line. She advised that Durham had 3,441 on-line enrolments, first in the province, as compared to the next leading college with 2,506 enrolments.

### **Business Plan for E-learning**

Gerry Pinkney noted that the detailed business plan had been distributed with the Board package. He also recognized all those individuals who participated in putting the plan together. Gerry stated that the plan focused on post-secondary programs and was very conservative because we cannot guarantee revenue. He noted that the goal was to improve the quality of learning and that demand was increasing for e-learning. He stated that the plan was comprehensive but "do-able" and provided a sense of what to do for the future, including a framework for O.I.T. Bob Morine commented that this was a very good plan but felt now with O.I.T. we should go further faster. MaryLynn advised that the O.I.T. business plan calls for a more aggressive plan. We will bring the current culture along and will develop, where appropriate, programs to use the tools. Louise Farr asked Gerry to keep everyone apprised of the benchmarks and how we are doing. She congratulated him on the plan.

## **A New Charter for Ontario Colleges**

MaryLynn noted that the Provincial Government will introduce a new charter for colleges to allow them to become more flexible, entrepreneurial, responsive and market-driven. She advised that we would continue to try and influence its content so that it will work for Durham College and all colleges. She predicted lots of publicity on this item and that it might help some other colleges in the entrepreneurial arena. MaryLynn felt we were already doing this. Louise Farr commented that the announcement mentioned human resource management and it would be interesting to see if they actually move on this item (e.g., if the Government would give up the control).

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **SuperBuild Update**

Don Hargest noted that Oshawa SuperBuild is moving along well. He stated there was a meeting tomorrow to approve and finalize items such as the architect's plans, site work, etc. The next step is to have the architect prepare the final document.

### **Chronicle Award**

MaryLynn stated, as per Gary's memo, that the Chronicle had won two awards. It was exciting to note that one of these awards was in recognition of an individual student's writing. She commented that the first year students had put the last version of the Chronicle together and that it had been very well done.

### **Announcement of Chair, Quality Assessment Board**

MaryLynn stated that the new Chair of the QAB lives in Whitby. She also commented that the entire college system is gearing up with new proposals to bring forth to the QAB. MaryLynn advised that we do not know yet what relationship O.I.T. will have with this Board, but we do believe that the O.I.T. programs will have to receive QAB approval.

### **Athletics Announcement**

Bonnie Ginter-Brown advised that the Board might recall we have been lobbying the Ontario College Athletic Association to allow university students to play varsity sports. Bonnie reported that the Association had voted 27-0 this week to change and allow university players. She also advised that Ken Babcock would be chairing this Association for the next two years.

### **United Way Campaign**

Bonnie remarked that this year's Committee had done an outstanding job and had raised over \$11,000, the best to date. She recommended that the Board send a letter of congratulations to the Committee, in particular Tara Blackburn. The Board agreed.

**ACTION:** A congratulatory letter will be sent to Tara Blackburn from the Chair on behalf of the Board.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

### **Upcoming Events:**

The Chair noted a number of upcoming events are scheduled: Nominating Committee Meeting on May 23; ACCC Conference on May 27-29; Bonnie Ginter-Brown's retirement on June 5; Audit & Finance Committee Meeting on June 5; Foundation Board Meeting on June 12; Convocation on June 15 and a Holdco Committee Meeting on June 26.

It was noted that Governors would be given information on Convocation closer to the date. Winnie Gordon questioned if we had confirmed the speakers at Convocation. MaryLynn advised we would know within one week, now that O.I.T. has been confirmed.

**Governor Volunteers to sit on Board Retreat Planning Committee**

Doug Wilson advised that volunteers were needed to plan the next Board Retreat scheduled for October 19-21. Governors Doug Wilson, Louise Farr, Bob Strickert, Gail MacKenzie and Vaso Vujanovic will sit on this committee. Doug also asked that any suggestions or issues for the Retreat be sent to Cathy.

**Action:** Cathy Pitcher to arrange a lunch meeting in June.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Chair noted a number of attachments for information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Terry Hing, Chair

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Gary Polonsky, President