

**DURHAM COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY
MINUTES OF THE 356th REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

DATE: November 14, 2001
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Community Room
Oshawa Campus

IN ATTENDANCE:

GOVERNORS: Doug Wilson, Chair
Peter Bagnall
Carol Beam
Dave Broadbent
Garry Cubitt
Louise Farr
Winnie Gordon
Denise Jones
Gail MacKenzie
Mark Moorcroft
Bob Morine
Bob Strickert
Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann
Vaso Vujanovic
Beth Wilson

PRESIDENT: Gary Polonsky

SECRETARY: Cathy Pitcher
RECORDER: Pat Vale-Dougherty

TREASURER: Don Hargest

SENIOR STAFF: Bev Balenko
Catherine Drea
Margaret Greenley
Don Hargest
Ann Mars
Gerry Pinkney
Don Sinclair
MaryLynn West-Moynes

REGRETS:

GOVERNORS: Lynne Bondsfield

SENIOR STAFF: Ross Stevenson

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations were given to Mark Moorcroft and his wife Mary-Ann on the birth of their second child, a baby girl named Lauren and also to Don Sinclair on his recent marriage to Pat Clements.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

At the request of the Chair, MaryLynn West-Moynes introduced Phil Weinstein and Brad Johnson, Planning Partnership; Ambrose Samulski, Dean, School of Applied Science and Technology; Sue Todd, Professor, School of Applied Science and Technology; Melody Brewer, Director, Business and Industry Development Services; Don Murdock, Coordinator Fire and Emergency Services; John Woodward, Dean, School of Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship and Ralph Hoffman, Coordinator, Paramedic Program.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Item: 15.1 (f) Meeting with Branding Consultants on November 28 at 5:00 p.m. was added.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None was noted.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no errors or omissions in the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 10, 2001, the Chair declared the minutes accepted as presented.

DECISION ITEMS

Chemical/Environmental Technology Paper Processing and Recycling Program (3-Year Diploma and 8-Month Post-Graduate Diploma)

Moved by Louise Farr

Seconded by Dave Broadbent

MOTION
#4582

“That the Board of Governors approve the Chemical/Environmental Technology Paper Processing and Recycling Program (3-Year Diploma and 8-Month Post-Graduate Diploma), as presented.”

CARRIED

MaryLynn West-Moynes offered her support of the business plan and explained that the program would be the only one of its kind in Ontario now that Sault College has had to cancel its program. There is a growing shortage of highly skilled workers in this field and significant support from local and provincial employers. Students would only have nine semester courses over the three-year program that would be specific to the paper processing industry. The remaining courses would be common to either the chemical engineering or environmental technology program. The three-year program would have 71% of the course hours in common and the 8-month program would have 100% of the courses being common with the post-secondary program.

Ambrose Samulski responded to questions from Louise regarding equipment and their plan to follow a model such as Atlantic Packaging. Louise suggested looking for funding from the Ministry of the Environment and Ambrose agreed and would welcome linking with the pulp and paper industry. Louise extended congratulations on this environmentally important technology.

Advanced Care Paramedic Program (1-Year Post Diploma)

Moved by Garry Cubitt

Seconded by Beth Wilson

MOTION #4583 “That the Board of Governors approve the Advanced Care Paramedic Program (1-Year Post-Diploma), as presented.”

CARRIED

Bev Balenko reminded the group that both the Paramedic Program and the Firefighter Training Program are established programs and we're now seeking funding from the Ministry. Garry Cubitt commented on a Regional Council meeting he'd attended where the first graduating class of the Paramedic Program was in attendance. He congratulated the College on its leadership in this important area and felt reassured that this service is available to the community.

Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training Program (1-Year Certificate)

Moved by Beth Wilson

Seconded by Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann

MOTION #4584 “That the Board of Governors approve the Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training Program (1-Year Certificate), as presented.”

CARRIED

Ambrose Samulski, Sue Todd, Melody Brewer, Don Murdock, John Woodward and Ralph Hoffman left the meeting at this time.

South of Conlin Road Campus Plan

Moved by Peter Bagnall

Seconded by Winnie Gordon

MOTION #4585 “That the Board of Governors approve in principle the location of the next building(s) and overall master campus plan south of Conlin Road as presented by Philip Weinstein and Brad Johnson.”

CARRIED

Gary Polonsky introduced planning/landscape partners Phil Weinstein and Brad Johnson, whom he complimented for their talent and enthusiasm. Phil expressed his excitement being part of the planning of the first university to be built in the last 40 years.

Phil and Brad presented slides of architectural drawings and aerial photographs of different universities showing the layout of university buildings and grounds dated as early as 1675. The slides were used to show both good and bad design concepts.

The South Campus Preliminary Master Plan design recognizes principles such as the green space of the Oshawa creek valley, distinct entrances with memorable gateways to the campus and safe, well-organized structures to improve orientation on campus.

Phase I of the plan includes the construction of a building or buildings directly north of the Willey Building, the Durham Common area and the removal of the Simcoe Building. The building(s) creating a strong frontage will frame the Durham Common, the heart of the campus. Eventually, focal points such as the library and administration building will create site-lines leading into the campus.

Louise Farr questioned whether the physically challenged would have accessible parking and Phil assured her the closest parking spots and vehicle access on pedestrian walkways had been planned for.

Gail MacKenzie questioned how students would be enticed to live in the southeastern residences after the new residences are built along the scenic creek valley area. Brad noted the plan for a new gathering space behind the Student Centre and landscaping with canopy trees will help to enhance the existing residences, which are already attractive by comparison with many residences elsewhere.

Dave Broadbent thought the plans looked great and didn't think there'd be a problem for the physically challenged. He suggested that perhaps golf carts could be made available to transport people around the campus.

Peter Bagnall wondered about access for supply/service vehicles and Brad indicated that all walkways throughout the campus would accommodate delivery vehicles.

Carol Beam inquired about the storm water area and how it might be kept a wetland even in dry seasons. Phil indicated there'd be sufficient runoff from the parking lots and surrounding areas to keep the area lush.

Beth Wilson asked about the plan's parking allotment and Brad stated that they had used the 25% reduced size parking area. He added, the parking requirements would have to be monitored.

Doug Wilson noted that the sports fields were missing from the South Campus Plan. Brad replied the City of Oshawa had indicated interest in creating new recreational facilities on the north campus.

Bob Morine reiterated how important the first impression of the university campus will be and was very pleased with the plans as presented. He also spoke on behalf of the Building Committee and conveyed its excitement and enthusiasm about the new university campus plan.

Bob Strickert liked with the landscaping plans and inquired as to the type of trees that would be planted. Brad stated that a forest mixture of appropriate coniferous and deciduous common to this region would be used. Specific types of trees will be planted along the bordering roads to help to buffer the winter winds and street noise.

Gary assured the group that architects would plan for wheelchair accessibility throughout the campus. As for phases 2, 3 and 4, Gary remarked that future Boards may alter our plans, as they deem necessary and could decide to begin building on the north campus before the south campus is complete. Gary spoke about costs, corporate partnering, and that a public, outdoor skating rink at the Durham Common might be a great way to link with the community.

Gerry Pinkney suggested that he'd like to see laptop access perhaps in gathering areas and even out-of-doors considered in the plans. Brad reminded the group that this sort of detail planning would begin soon and would involve the Board in decision-making.

Doug Wilson thanked Phil and Brad for a very exciting master plan and on behalf of the Board, extolled the confidence held in the planners to go ahead with the plan as shown. Phil and Brad thanked the Board in return.

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Don Hargest reported that we are in good shape, with the general slow down not yet affecting revenues.

Dave Broadbent questioned whether consideration should be given to eliminating the 'small fees' and saving students a few dollars when the College finds itself ahead of budget. Governors were reminded that anything extra goes into SuperBuild and infrastructure expenses. However, Doug Wilson agreed it was a point well taken and worthy of debate. Bob Morine suggested that it was PIC dollars that have kept us ahead of budget and he felt students were not overtaxed.

Gary reminded all that the College's guarantee to ensure lower income students access to a college education is being put to use. The student's dignity is maintained because they actually earn their tuition by doing work around the campus. Margaret Greenley agreed that the College has been proactive with regards to bursaries and reiterated that there's been no increase in fees to students this year for which the DCSA has expressed appreciation. Gary felt that PIC and BIDS may not carry on forever in their current state, and that it was important for each unit to live within its means.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grands Lacs Students Transfer to Durham College

Gary reported that no one from Grands Lacs would lose his/her year and that two had enrolled at Durham College.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Upcoming Events:

Doug reminded Governors of the Executive Team orientation for new Governors on Wednesday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

ACAATO Action Summary Meeting of General Assembly

Doug reported on the meeting he and Gary attended, October 17th, that focused on issues such as funding and the lack of it, as well as the proposed Charter. As part of the Charter, the role of the Council of Regents may change.

Dave questioned whether a change in the role of CoR would affect our nominating process and slow it down. Doug Wilson answered that he felt because of our dual role as one Board for DC and OIT, and also that this would be addressed in the Act, it would not affect us.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Doug Wilson, Chair

Gary Polonsky, President